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Information Paper 2: Pacific Preparations for the UNFCCC COP 20

Purpose of Paper

1. To inform Members of the key issues and preparations undertaken by the Secretariat on behalf of Members for the 20th Conference of the Parties (COP 20) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Background

2. COP 20 will be held in Lima, Peru, from 1st to 12th of December 2014. The High Level component of this meeting will be held from December 9th to the 12th.

3. There will be a series of preparatory meetings for the Pacific, Least Developed Countries and the Alliance of Small Island states, also to be held in Lima, immediately before the COP.

4. Additional meetings of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies have been held this year, including meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Action (ADP) (March 2014)) as well as the 40th meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies (June, 2014). An additional session of the ADP has also been scheduled in October 2014, to also be held in Bonn, Germany.

Key issues on the COP agenda or 2014 will be:

5. Under the **ADP** the focus is on (a) raising the ambition of mitigation pledges, prior to 2020; and (b) the negotiation of a new universal climate change agreement, by the end of 2015, to enter into force in 2020.

6. Under **Loss and Damage**, countries will be looking to adopt a decision on the composition of the Executive Committee for the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage, as well as its initial two-year work plan.

7. **Finance** negotiations in Lima will be focusing on further operationalizing of the Global Climate Fund (GCF). There will also be a push to generate additional funding for the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund, noting that the AF Board have set a goal of fundraising 80 million USD per annum. Additional finance will also need to be raised to cover the costs of new requirements under the Convention, including Biennial Update Reports (BURs) and Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).

8. Negotiation under the **Mitigation** agenda items will focus on further defining the elements of INDC's, as well as further elaborating the rules and procedures relating to the carbon mechanisms.

Activities undertaken by SPREP to prepare for COP 20

9. Ministers from Pacific Island countries who are signatories to the UNFCCC will be invited to a two-day session, which will focus on key strategic issues on the COP 20 agenda. This will be held directly after the SPREP meeting (in Majuro), in conjunction with the pre COP Strategy meeting, together with climate change focal points. This is funded through the High Level Segment Mechanism (HLSM) in partnership with SPREP and Climate Analytics.

10. Back to back with the above mentioned HLSM, a strategy meeting will be held, which will focus on further developing Pacific positions leading into the COP.

11. Communications training will also be provided for Pacific Island climate change focal points, as a part of the pre COP strategy meeting.

12. To help aid countries with their national implementation of UNFCCC requirements; SPREP is updating the Donor Director, initially developed in 2012.

13. SPREP is also holding a training workshop for national focal points and representatives from finance ministries, on accessing funding through the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund (in partnership with APAN, PIFs and SPC).

14. In Lima, a one day strategy session will be convened for Pacific Island country delegates, to allow the Pacific to further refine their positions ahead of the preparatory meetings convened by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

15. Briefing documents will be produced, ahead of the COP, on key issues related to the COP agenda.

16. SPREP will also be working with other CROP agencies, to provide an on site technical team in Lima, who will be available to provide countries with technical and policy advice. Additionally, a Media Officer will be accompanying the team, to ensure that information on the COP feeds to Pacific based media.

Recommendations

17. The Meeting is invited to:

- **Note** the planned activities in support of Pacific Island delegations; and
- **Note the two upcoming** COP 20 preparatory meetings, the first to be held in the region (Majuro) from 4 to 8 of September, and the second to be held in Lima, directly ahead of the COP.