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1. PURPOSE

This Work Programme (WP) sets out the main activities to be undertaken by the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division (WMPC) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to implement the Pacific Hazardous Waste Management (PacWaste) project funded under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF). It is the Second Year Work Programme for the PacWaste project covering the period 17thMay 2014 to 16thMay 2015.

The overall objective of the project is to help build a healthy, economically and environmentally sustainable Pacific for future generations; the purpose or specific objective being to help PACP countries adopt **cost-effective and self-sustaining priority waste management systems** to protect human health and the environment while at the same time encouraging economic growth. The result expected is the integrated management of priority hazardous waste streams (medical waste, asbestos and E-waste) across the region which are not currently managed through other means in the Pacific. This project will identify and implement cost-effective solutions in each target country by building local capacity to implement and manage technically-feasible and environmentally and financially sustainable solutions within each waste stream.

2. BACKGROUND

Poor waste management is a major threat to sustainable development in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) as it has negative impacts on the region's biodiversity and environment, as well as on public health, water resource quality, fisheries, and tourism. Whilst significant progress has been made, or is underway in the management of solid wastes generated by households in many Pacific island communities, hazardous solid wastes such as asbestos, E-wastes and medical waste remain essentially unmanaged. These poorly managed hazardous wastes pose significant human health risks, and when disposed of inappropriately, also present a significant environmental hazard. The 10th EDF RSP/RIP identifies waste and pollution as main issues deserving particular regional attention under Focal Sector 2: "Sustainable management of natural resources and environment". Result 2.6 of the Pacific RIP intervention framework foresees support to initiatives to address waste and pollution issues through adopting a whole-of government approach, including promotion of public/private partnerships and the use of economic instruments.

Specifically, disposal of hazardous medical wastes including expired pharmaceuticals, soiled bandages and dressings, contaminated sharps and other medical waste is often carried out through low temperature combustion in pits within hospital compounds, or by uncontrolled dumping in landfills. Improper disposal of medical wastes can result in contamination of water supplies or aquatic environments and burning of medical wastes at low temperatures results in the release of toxic persistent organic pollutants to the air. Landfill dumping of medical waste results in unacceptable community health risks and expired drugs may be acquired by children or scavengers if disposed in a landfill. An integrated framework to manage pharmaceuticals and

progressively implement routine medical waste disposal through controlled high temperature incineration (or other regionally appropriate mechanism) is essential for infection control and protection of the health of many smaller Pacific island communities. This will include key inputs from hospital managers, health departments, local government and community healthcare workers.

Asbestos containing wastes are also a major issue for many Pacific island countries with a history of use of asbestos containing building materials in island construction. All forms of asbestos are carcinogenic to humans and inhalation of asbestos fibres that have become airborne can cause serious lung disease or cancer. Natural disasters and building deterioration releases asbestos fibres into the atmosphere. An integrated framework to progressively assess and stabilize, and then collect and dispose of asbestos containing materials in selected countries the Pacific region is essential to minimise further asbestos exposure and protect human health. This will include critical involvement of health and environment departments, national and local government, local construction companies and community leaders and environment groups.

In addition, the use of electrical and electronic equipment is increasing rapidly in Pacific island countries. Electrical and electronic equipment may contain a range of hazardous substances including heavy metals, brominated flame retardants and other toxic substances. Discarded electrical and electronic equipment which no longer serves its original purpose (E-waste) is considered a hazardous waste due to the presence of these substances, and if improperly managed, poses significant environmental and human health risks. The coordinated collection, storage and disposal via export for recycling of E-wastes are essential activities required to manage this type of Pacific island hazardous waste. This will require critical involvement from key stakeholders including electronic goods retailers, government regulators and environment departments, as well as private recycling companies and community environment groups.

3. OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE and SUMMARY of KEY RESULT AREAS (as per FINANCING AGREEMENT)

3.1. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to building a healthy, economically and environmentally sustainable Pacific for future generations.

3.2. PROJECT PURPOSE

The project purpose is to support Pacific ACP countries' efforts to adopt cost-effective and self-sustaining priority waste management systems by focusing on three hazardous waste streams (asbestos, e-waste and medical waste) that are considered priority regional waste streams and are not currently adequately funded through other management programmes.

3.3. KEY RESULT AREAS

The PacWaste project has 4 key result areas:

- **Result 1:**Pacific regional hazardous waste status and management options are assessed and prioritized for asbestos, E-waste and medical (healthcare) waste.
- **Result 2:**Best available practices in priority hazardous waste (asbestos, E-waste and medical waste) management are implemented in demonstration Pacific countries.
- **Result 3:**Capacity is enhanced and appropriate policies and regulatory frameworks are adopted to mitigate and better manage hazardous waste streams achieved in Pacific island countries.
- **Result 4:**Regional collaboration and information exchange on hazardous waste management practices is improved.

The detailed description of planned project activities and indicators, means of verification and the timeline involved against the four key result areas (KRAs) are outlined in the logical framework below. In addition, the following activities are not reflected in the logical framework, but they are integral activities to all four KRA's:

- Inception meeting of various stakeholders to finalise annual work plans, inception reports and overall implementation strategy and directions
- Meetings of the project Steering Committee
- Meetings of the project Technical Advisory group;
- Monitoring and evaluation of project progress

It is the project's intention to share and disseminate its outputs widely to all PACPs, including Timor Leste within the provisions of intellectual property rights and commercial confidentiality issues associated with private entrepreneurship.

4.1 2ND YEAR WORK PROGRAMME RESULTS, ACTIVITIES and INDICATORS for PERIOD 17thMay 2014 to 16thMay 2015 (Logical Framework Matrix)

Log Frame Reference	Activity Description	Indicators	Means of Verification			
Result 1: Pacific	1.1. Ongoing SPREP Project	Reporting documents to EU	Annual report, yearly work plans	June 2014-May		
Priority hazardous and solid waste status and management	Management Unit a. Regular Reporting to EU achieved	prepared Annual SC held	and 3 monthly progress reports provided	2015		
options assessed and prioritized	b. Execute Year 2 Steering Committee Meeting c. Continue with TAP	Quarterly TAP meetings held	SC Meeting Summary	October - November 2014		
	meetings and activities		TAP meeting summaries	June 2014-May 2015		
Result 1: Pacific Priority hazardous and solid waste status and management options assessed and prioritized	1.2. Hazardous waste management awareness campaign a. communication strategy implemented b. Further Prepare campaign material prepared c. Print and distribute materials	Public awareness campaigns for asbestos and atoll waste management implemented	Awareness material distributed through national environment departments and educations systems	June 2014 - May 2015		
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific countries	2.1. Ongoing Establishment of National Co-ordination Committees	Functioning NCCs established in each beneficiary country	NCC inception and ongoing reports	June 2014-May 2015		
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific	2.2. Purchase and provision of hazardous waste management equipment (PPE) a. Prepare tender specifications	Proportion of hazardous waste handled in a safe manner is increased	Equipment distribution logs, audit reports demonstrate appropriate use and a reduction in incidents.	Nov 2014-May 2015		

countries	 b. Select supplier c. Purchase approved equipment d. Distribute in the region 			
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific countries	2.3. Establishment of E-waste storage facilities a. Prepare tender specifications b. Select supplier c. Purchase approved equipment d. Finalise construction	Proportion of E-waste collected and processed is increased	Construction and installed equipment. Reports on quantities of E-waste received and processed .	Sept 2014-May 2015
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific countries	2.4. Improvement of Port Infrastructure to safely ship asbestos and E-waste a. Prepare tender specifications b. Select supplier c. Purchase approved equipment d. Finalise construction	Port infrastructure in place to effectively ship asbestos and E-waste	Port Audits & Convention (IMO, Basel, Waigani) and Health and Safety reporting	June 2014-May 2015
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific countries	2.5. Atoll Landfill and equipment upgrade a. Prepare tender specifications b. Select supplier c. Purchase approved equipment d. Finalise construction	Capacity to manage solid waste, the landfill and related operations is increased.	Upgrades finalised and verified as operational	Sept 2014-May 2015
Result 2: Best solutions in priority hazardous and solid waste management implemented in demonstration Pacific	2.6. National E-waste Day Co- Ordination and Collection a. Prepare of publicity campaign for E-day b. Prepare logistical arrangements for receipt	E-day successfully held	Increased volume of E-waste collected	Oct 2014-May 2015

countries	of collection			
	c. Launch of E-day			
Result 2: Best	2.7. Asbestos Stabilization of	Exposure of asbestos fibres to	Number of buildings containing	Dec 2014-May
solutions in priority	Priority Buildings	the community is reduced	asbestos encapsulated with	2015
hazardous and solid	a. Prepare tender		proprietary paints	
waste management	specifications			
implemented in	b. Select supplier			
demonstration Pacific	c. Purchase approved			
countries	equipment			
	d. Finalise works			
Result 2: Best	2.8. Asbestos Collection &	Exposure of asbestos fibres to	Quantity of asbestos disposed off	Dec 2014-May
solutions in priority	Disposal	the community is reduced	in an environmentally acceptable	2015
hazardous and solid	a. Prepare tender		manner	
waste management	specifications			
implemented in	b. Select supplier			
demonstration Pacific	c. Purchase approved			
countries	equipment			
	d. Finalise works			
Result 2: Best	2.9. Atoll Waste Diversion &	Plans finalised and implemented	Developed or enhanced	Oct 2014-May 2015
solutions in priority	Collection Programmes		programmes verified as	
hazardous and solid	a. Development of the	Quantity of recyclable materials	operational	
waste management	detailed plans	going to landfill reduced		
implemented in	b. Sustainable funding			
demonstration Pacific	mechanisms identified	Quantity of recovered		
countries	c. Logistical arrangements	recyclables increased		
	organised			
	d. Equipment purchase			
Result 2: Best	2.10. Ongoing monitoring of	Development of monitoring	Development of monitoring	Oct 2014-May 2015
solutions in priority	hazardous waste & atoll	plans is completed	plans and submission of finalised	
hazardous and solid	management and impacts		monitoring reports provided for	
waste management	a. Monitoring Plan is	Reports of progress of	hazardous waste.	
implemented in	developed	hazardous wastes projects and		
demonstration Pacific	b. Field and virtual	impacts in the field are		
countries	monitoring is conducted	submitted.		
	c. Reporting, review and			
	project adjust (if needed)			
	is undertaken.			

Result 3: Capacity is	3.1. Training in hazardous waste	Training needs assessment	Final training materials	Oct 2014-May 2015
enhanced and & atoll solid waste re		report endorsed by the TAP and	developed	00010111110, 1010
appropriate policies	management conducted	national authorities.		
and regulatory	a. Training plans and		Reports on training implemented	
frameworks are	scheduled are developed	Training plans and schedule	provided	
adopted to mitigate	b. Locations and personnel	finalised.	·	
and better manage	to be trained are		Audits on effective waste	
hazardous waste	identified	Personnel are trained for	management conducted.	
streams achieved in	c. Training is implemented	routine and emergency		
Pacific island		hazardous and solid waste		
countries		handling		
		Relevant personnel handle		
		hazardous and solid waste in		
		accordance with best practice		
		and operate facilities		
		successfully		
Result 3: Capacity is	3.2. Best practices implemented	Hazardous and solid waste	Management supportive of	Oct 2014-May 2015
enhanced and	at government. public and	management policies, strategies	changing practices in hazardous	
appropriate policies	private sector levels through	and regulations endorsed by	and atoll solid waste	
and regulatory	training in hazardous and	national authorities	management	
frameworks are	atoll solid waste			
adopted to mitigate	management	Port waste reception facility,	Adequate national institutional	
and better manage	a. Model institutional	hazardous and atoll solid waste	resources and commitment for	
hazardous waste	measures are developed	audit conducted	training	
streams achieved in	to prevent the re-			
Pacific island	occurrence of hazardous		National authorities willing to	
countries	and solid waste stockpiles		make institutional	
	b. National officers are		changes/improvements	
	applying the requirements			
	of the Waigani and Basel		Government commitment to	
	conventions		hazardous and atoll solid waste	
	c. All trans-boundary		management continues	
	movements of hazardous		Annual audits of national	
	waste accompanied by		hazardous waste management	
	Basel/Waigani		related activity completed	
	notification papers		related activity completed	

	d. Port waste reception facilities audit approved to IMO standards. Training is implemented		Port reception facilities and infrastructure are suitable for upgrade as necessary	
Result 4: Regional collaboration and information exchange on hazardous waste management practices is improved.	4.1. Profile website and project publications developed and distributed	Ongoing Public awareness campaigns for asbestos, E-waste and atoll waste management implemented in concert with interventions	PacWaste web site live Awareness material distributed through national environment departments and educations systems Published documents, website statistics	June 2014-May 2015
Result 4: Regional collaboration and information exchange on hazardous waste management practices is improved.	5.1. EU Project profile maintained across 4 work areas	Public awareness campaigns for PacWaste implemented that feature EU branding	PacWaste web site live Awareness material distributed through national environment departments and educations systems	June 2014-May 2015

5. BUDGET (Consolidation of all main activities for year 2)

The budget for the second year work programme, (from 17th May 2014 to 16th May 2015) is estimated at Euro 2,317,467. A breakdown of the budget is provided below.

Result Area	Project Result	Activity	Year 2 (Euros)
R1	Project Management	Ongoing SPREP project management unit (PO level 11)	112,971
R1	Project Management	Ongoing SPREP project management unit (PO Level 9)	92,696
R1	Project Management	Ongoing project steering committee (Annual Meetings@SPREP Meeting)	3,152
R1	Project Management	Ongoing 4 person technical advisory committee, meets quarterly	9,456
R1	Awareness Raising	Annual atoll waste awareness programme	4,728
R1	Awareness Raising	Annual E-waste awareness programme	11,032
R1	Awareness Raising	Annual asbestos waste awareness programme	11,820
R2	Equipment	Medical PPE	275,800
R2	Equipment	E-Waste PPE	15,760
R2	Equipment	Asbestos PPE	35,460
R2	Equipment	Atoll PPE	2,364
R2	Infrastructure	E-waste storage	215,124
R2	Infrastructure	Port Facilities upgraded (E-waste)	27,580
R2	Infrastructure	Short term asbestos storage facility	16,548
R2	Infrastructure	Asbestos Ports (3)	59,100
R2	Infrastructure	Atoll Landfill Upgrade	126,080
R2	Operations	National Waste Coordination Committee Travel (Annual meetings)	20,487
R2	Operations	EDAY expenses (4 countries)	27,580
R2	Operations	Prioritised Asbestos Stabilisation (13 Countries)	242,310
R2	Operations	Asbestos collection and export (3 Countries)	315,200
R2	Operations	Atoll waste diversion programme	88,800
R2	Operations	Landfill Equipment maintenance costs	17,880
R2	Operations	Medical Incinerator monitoring	27,850
R2	Operations	Asbestos monitoring	7,880
R2	Operations	E-waste monitoring	5,516
R2	Operations	Atoll monitoring	3,940
R2	Training	Consultant Fees E-Waste Training	31,520
R2	Training	Customs Officers trained in E-waste management	3,150
R2	Training	Medical training	135,930
R2	Training	Officers trained in medical waste management (in country costs 15 countries)	34,672
R2	Training	Implement best practices at government, public and private sector levels through ongoing training (healthcare waste)	27,580
R2	Training	Consultant fees asbestos waste training	7,880

R2	Training	Officers trained in asbestos waste management (in country costs 3 countries)	7,880
R2	Training	Implement best practices at government, public and private sector levels through ongoing training (asbestos)	2,364
R2	Training	Consultant fees atoll waste management training	14,000
R2	Training	Officers trained in atoll waste management (in country costs)	2,165
R2	Training	Implement best practices at government, public and private sector levels through ongoing training for atoll country	14,000
R3	Information Exchange	Website	462
R4	EU Project Visibility	EU Project profile maintained across 4 work areas (Medical, E-waste, Asbestos and Atoll Waste Management)	23,250
	Sub-total eligible costs		2,081,967
	Contingencies (5%)		107,112
	Direct eligible costs		2,189,079
	Administrative Costs (7%)	Overheads	128,388
	CA With SPREP Total		2,317,467

The budget for the second year of this work programme, (from 17thMay 2014 to 16thMay 2015), consolidated by project areas is presented below.

Project Area	Total Estimated
	Cost (Euro)
Project Management	200,939
Travel and subsistence costs	316,431
Equipment and services	329,384
Infrastructure	355,546
Operations	596,956
Training Costs	231,419
Awareness Programmes	27,580
Dissemination of Results/EU Visibility	23,712
Contingencies	107,142
Total Direct Costs	2,189,082
Indirect costs: Overheads (7%)	128,388

5.1 Long-term Project Management(Staff costs)

A total of Euro 200,939 is provided under this budget line to fund two long-term, internationally recruited hazardous waste management experts and related support mechanisms via the PacWaste steering committee and technical advisory committee..

5.2 Travel and Subsistence Costs

A total of Euro 37,823 is provided towards expenses associated with travel and related subsistence costs for the two professional officers recruited to SPREP. This covers all travel undertaken by the two project staff in the second year of implementation of the project. A total of Euro 278,608 is provided towards expenses associated with travel and related subsistence costs for short-term Consultants employed in the second year implementation of the project.

5.3 Equipment and Services

A total of Euro 329,384 is <u>estimated</u> to be provided for the provision of personal protective equipment for the best practice management of asbestos, healthcare waste, E-waste and atoll solid waste management in all beneficiary countries.

5.4 Training Costs

A total of Euro 231,419 is <u>estimated</u> to be provided for training in best practice hazardous waste management (healthcare, asbestos and E-waste) and atoll solid waste management, which will include the provision of training materials, physical instruction and related logistical costs (ie venues, presentation aids etc).

5.5 Awareness Programmes

A total of Euro 27,580 will continue to provide a recurrent public awareness programmes and information dissemination on best practice, community involvement and human health and environmental concerns related to asbestos, E-waste and atoll waste management.

5.6 Dissemination of results/visibility

A total of Euro 23,250 is provided to ensure that the EU Project profile is maintained across the four work areas (Medical, E-waste, Asbestos and Atoll Waste Management) via an up-to-date website and regular media releases and briefings as per the project's communication plan.

5.7 Indirect costs (overheads)

A total of Euro 128,388 is provided for indirect costs to cover the compulsory 7% Project Management Fee levied by the Implementing Agency, (the Secretariat of the regional Environment Programme (SPREP)).

5.8 Year 2 Consolidated Schedule & Activities Breakdown 2014-2015

									Tir	neframe	(12 Mc	nths)					
Activity	Logframe	Yr 1 Work	Activities					2014					20	15			
No	ref	Plan ref		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		
1	1	1.1 a	SPREP Project Management Unit Reporting	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х		
2	1	1.1 b, c.	Steering Committee and Technical Advisor Panel Continued	x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х		
3	1	1.2	Hazardous waste management awareness campaign	х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	Х	X	Х		
4	2	2.1	National co-ordination committees established for key intervention areas	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	х							
5	2	2.2	Medical waste solutions adapted to the national health care situation including establishment and use of installed medical waste equipment						х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х		
6	2	2.3, 2.6	End of life electrical and electronic goods stockpiles collected and stored in secure, dedicated medium term storage facilities prior to recycling or export for safe disposal				х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х		
7	3	2.4	Reception facilities of Pacific ports exporting hazardous wastes upgraded to use best practices	х	х	x	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х		
8	2	2.5	Best available waste management practice demonstrated for an atoll country				х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х		
9	2	2.7, 2.8, 2.9	Asbestos containing materials stabilised in occupied dwellings and asbestos containing waste stockpiles stored prior to disposal, and disposed in accordance with best practice							х	х	х	х	х	х		
10	2	2.10	Hazardous and atoll waste interventions are monitored to ensure quality control and positive impact.					х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х		
11	2	3.1	Ongoing training in hazardous waste best management practices a core requirement for all relevant personnel					х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	х		
12	2	3.2	National customs and environment officers trained to apply the requirements of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х		
13	3	4.1	Profile website and project publications developed and distributed. Twinning within	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х		

			Pacific ACPs and between Pacific ACPs and OCTs established												
14	4	5.1	EU Project profile maintained across 4 work	х	х	х	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	х	х
			areas												

^{*}Schedule and activities are indicative and adjustments may occur through project progression from baseline to intervention stages.

6. CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT – COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PROJECT

The project duration is for 4 years (17thMay 2013- 16thMarch 2017), and is to be implemented with a total budget of Euro 7,850,000, with an estimated allocation as follows:

Project Result	Budget (€)
Project Management, Technical Assistance, Capacity Building, Awareness Raising	1,300,000
Equipment, Infrastructure, Operations and Training	5,200,000
Regional Collaboration, Information Exchange, Twinning-like Arrangements,	315,000
Workshops	
EU Project visibility	93,000
Indirect Costs (7%)	513,551
Contingencies (5%)	428,449
CA with SPREP TOTAL	7,850,000

7. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The project will be managed through a SPREP team consisting of a senior Project Adviser (project management and technical expertise) and a Project Officer (project administration and technical support) recruited to the project. In agreement with the backbone strategy, these long-term Advisers/Managers will be based in SPREP and become an integral part of SPREP's waste management team and will report to the Director of the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division. The implementation team will also work closely with SPREP's Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Advisers to access their specific waste management expertise.

The Project Adviser and Project Officer will be assisted by a small Technical Advisory Committee which will meet quarterly. The Project will also be guided by a Steering Committee will meet annually. The Steering Committee will be responsible for project oversight and validation of the overall direction of the project. It will review the outcomes of the previous year's work and review/modify the Logical Framework if needed. It will also agree on the work programme for the following year. The PSC will be composed of:

- The SPREP project team
- A representative of the RAO (PIFS)
- A representative (where possible) from each country covered by the project
- A representative from the Delegation of the European Union
- Other stakeholders (other donors, regional organisations, private sector, national ministries, etc) may be invited as observers if deemed relevant.

Establishment of (or the co-operation of pre-existing) in-country management and advisory groups involving relevant government and non-government stakeholders will also be critical to the success of the project and will also be an important project governance and implementation component.

8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Continuous technical and financial monitoring of the project is the Beneficiary's responsibility. The Beneficiary shall establish a technical and financial monitoring system within the project which will generate progress reports and safeguard internal control. The project will monitor the transition from a baseline condition identified by a regional priority hazardous and solid waste status and management options assessment, through documentation of implementation of identified best available practices in hazardous waste management demonstration projects in Pacific countries.

8.1 Performance Monitoring and Reporting

The Waste Management and Pollution Control Division of SPREP will undertake regular monitoring of project indicators and will report these to the Technical Advisory committee and the project Steering Committee. Monitoring will include both financial and technical aspects of the project. Detailed three -monthly project reports will be compiled covering activities against milestones and indicators as described in the logical framework. Completed reports will be sent to the Suva-based EC Delegation within 30 days of completion of each six-month period. A consolidated annual report will be presented to the Steering Committee. These reports will be prepared pursuant to the rules and procedures set out in the special and general conditions of the Standard Contribution Agreement, ie Annex II of the Contribution Agreement for this project.

8.2 Monitoring Indicators and Milestones

The IACT logical framework matrix identifies specific indicators against which progress will be monitored. Associated indicators will include annual monitoring programme results from demonstration sites, as well as evaluation reports of regional and national coordinating committees and from participants on training and capacity building activities.

8.3 Audit and Evaluation

The accounting regulations and rules of the Beneficiary shall apply. Financial transactions and financial statements shall be subject to the internal and external auditing procedures laid down in the Financial Regulations, Rules and Directives of the Organisation. A copy of the audited financial statements shall be submitted to the European Commission by the Beneficiary.

In conformity with its financial regulations, the EC may undertake checks related to the actions financed by the EC. The Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the EU will launch external evaluations (via independent consultants) as follows:

- A mid-term evaluation mission

- A final evaluation at the beginning of the closing phase

PIFS and the EU shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the mid-term evaluation and jointly decide on the follow-up action to be taken and any adjustments necessary, including, if indicated, the reorientation of the project. The reports of the other evaluation and monitoring missions will be given to the Beneficiary, in order to take into account any recommendations that may result from such missions.

9. APPROVAL OF THE WORK PROGRAMME AND COST ESTIMATES

The work programme and costs estimate is signed by the organisation, approved by the Regional Authorising Officer and endorsed by the Head of Delegation for the Pacific.

Signed by: the Organisation

Director General, SPREP

Approved by:

Regional Authorising Officer

Endorsed by:

Head of Delegation for the Pacific