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FILE: SPM 27/2 **TO:** SPREP Partner Organisations
DATE: 8 June 2023
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SUBJECT: **31st SPREP Meeting (31SM) of Officials and associated meetings: Invitation and Meeting Arrangements, 4-8 September 2023, Apia, Samoa**

Dear SPREP Partners,

I am pleased to extend to you an invitation to attend the 31st SPREP Meeting and associated meetings as Observers.

- i. Partnership Dialogue, 4th September 2023
- ii. 31st SPREP Meeting (31SM) of Officials, 5th – 7th September 2023
- iii. Environment Ministers High Level Talanoa 8th September 2023.

Kindly advise the Secretariat of your interest to attend and indicate whether your organisation intends to provide an Observer Statement at the meeting. Detailed information on the latter will be provided in due course once we receive your confirmation. Regarding attendance at the meeting, please complete the attached nomination form per delegate and submit it to the Secretariat by **23 June 2023**.

31 SPREP Meeting of Officials: Working Papers and Provisional Agenda for the SPREP Meeting

The updated Provisional Agenda is attached for your information. All working documents for the 31st SPREP Meeting of Officials, and associated meetings will be available on the SPREP website (www.sprep.org) and we will inform you once they are ready. The meeting papers will be in English and French in accordance with the SPREP Meeting Rules of Procedures.

SPREP Partnership Dialogue

The SPREP Partnership Dialogue will be held prior to the Officials meeting on 4 September. The Theme for this year's Partnership Dialogue "**SPREP@30: Strengthening our Partnerships for a resilient Blue Pacific**". Please refer to SPREP Circular 23/22. Additional information including the detailed programme will be circulated in due course.

Environment Ministers High Level Talanoa

The Environment Ministers High Level Talanoa will be held on Friday 8 September 2023. Further information will be circulated in due course.

Venue

The Partnership Dialogue, 31SM, and the Environment Ministers High Level Talanoa will be held at Taumeasina Island Resort (<https://www.taumeasinaislandresortsamoa.com>), Apia, Samoa.

Accommodation

Meeting participants are responsible for organising their own accommodation in Apia. Below is the accommodation package offered by Taumeasina Island Resort for the 31st SPREP Meeting and associated meetings:

Rooms	No. occupants	WST
Ocean View King	2 adults – king bed	380.00
Ocean View double	4 adults – 2 double beds	380.00
Deluxe Ocean view king	2 adults – 1 king bed	380.00
Deluxe Ocean View double	4 adults – 2 double beds	380.00
2 bedroom Villas	2 adults per room – king size beds	860.00
3 bedroom Villas	2 adults per room – king size beds	1,200.00

If you are interested in the Taumeasina Island Resort package, please send your request directly to Latoya on email group@taumeasinainislandresortsamoa.com to Taumeasina Island Resort for reservations and must quote SPREP 31st Meeting (31SM). We stand by to assist if needed. You may also visit the Samoa Tourism website <https://www.samoa.travel/plan-book/samoa-accommodation/> for other options.

You are highly encouraged to make reservations and secure accommodation and flights at your earliest as August and September are busy months in Apia.

Official Languages

The official languages of the SPREP Meeting are English and French. Thus, simultaneous interpretation into English and French will be provided.

Liability for Personal Injury

SPREP shall not accept liability for any injury suffered by a person attending the 31 SPREP Meeting and associated meetings. We strongly recommend that every nominee should take out personal travel insurance (at his/her own expense) for the duration of the Meetings.

Further Information

For further information relating to the logistics of the SPREP Meeting, please contact Apiseta Eti on email: apiseta@sprep.org and Rosanna Galuvao on rosanna@sprep.org.

For information on Meeting Working Papers, Agenda, and other non-logistical matters, please contact Ms. Easter Chu Shing, Deputy Director General easterc@sprep.org

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Sefanaia Nawadra
Director General

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