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DATE: 26 June 2023

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SUBJECT: **Nomination Form and Template for National Country Reports to the Seventeenth Meeting of the Noumea Convention: 31 August 2023, 8:30am to 5:00pm (Samoa Time), Taumeasina Island Resort, Samoa**

Dear Contracting Parties,

The Secretariat wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Parties that participated in the recent Ad Hoc Meeting of the Parties to discuss and unpack the findings and recommendations from the review of the Noumea Convention completed in November 2021. A draft record of the Ad Hoc Meeting in English and French versions will be shared to all Parties as soon as possible.

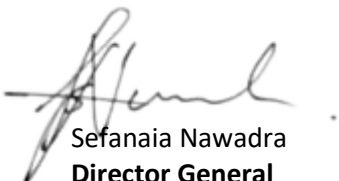
Further to SPREP Circular 22/97 dated 28 October 2022, notifying SPREP Members including the Contracting Parties, of the 17th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention on 31 August 2023, the Secretariat would like to inform Parties as follows:

1. The 17th Meeting of the Contracting Parties will be an in-person meeting in the official languages of the Convention (English and French).
2. In accordance with Article 19 of the Noumea Convention, the Secretariat invites Parties to transmit information on the national measures adopted to implement the Convention and its Protocols. To assist with the transmission of this information, the Secretariat attaches a template to report on various national measures and transmit to the Secretariat any time prior to the commencement of the above meeting of the Parties.
3. In addition, the Secretariat invites nominations of one (1) representative to attend in-person and participate in the Conference of the Parties. Kindly refer to the attached Nomination Form to be completed by your nominated participant and endorsed accordingly.

Airfares and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be covered by the Secretariat for the duration of the Conference. Kindly email your nomination forms to the Secretariat by **14 July 2023** to comply with internal processing of travel arrangements for your participant. Nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

For further information and assistance, please contact Mr Jope Davetanivalu, Director of Environment Monitoring and Governance (EMG) Programme at joped@sprep.org or Ms Anastacia Amoa-Stowers, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Coordinator at anastacias@sprep.org or Ms Flavia Vaai, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Support Officer at flavias@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,


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