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TO: Pacific Islands GEF Focal Points

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SUBJECT: GEF Pacific I2I Regional Project: Ocean Health for Ocean Wealth – The Voyage to a Blue Economy for the Blue Pacific Continent

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat wishes to update you on the status of the above-mentioned project and to request your participation at a virtual regional consultation workshop on **Thursday 20th July at 1pm to 3pm (Apia time)**.

Zoom link: <https://sprep.zoom.us/j/95502115811?pwd=dzJFTUZiVke0OUdoMHVhMU04eIRldz09>

In partnership with the Implementing Partners UNEP and ADB, the Secretariat is working towards finalising the revisions to the CEO Endorsement Request and related documentations for resubmission to the GEF Secretariat in September 2023. The regional consultation seeks to reaffirm countries commitment to the project and address any outstanding matters and queries. We will also discuss proposed arrangements and key actions to complete the submission on time.

In regards to key information outstanding, one is the confirmation of co-financing. On this note, your kind assistance is requested to submit a Letter of Co-financing commitment towards the project. A template is provided for convenience at Annex A.

Kindly note that we are working within a very tight timeframe to complete and collate all the necessary documentation to resubmit the CEO Endorsement Request and associated documentations to the GEF Secretariat. In this regard, your usual support and cooperation will be greatly appreciated to provide the Secretariat with the information requested including your participation in the virtual regional consultation.

For convenience, the project documents can be found at this link: [Pacific i2i Regional Project](#).

Please confirm attendance and country representative names and contacts at projectcoordinatingunit@sprep.org, copy Vitolina Samu at vitolinass@sprep.org

You are also encouraged to send any matters you would like to raise ahead of the meeting as well.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Your sincerely,



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