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To: SPREP National Focal Points
SPREP CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS FOR REVIEW OF THE CORE FUNDING STRUCTURE OF SPREP AND TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS FINANCE & RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Dear SPREP Members and Partner Organisations,

Last year, the third SPREP Executive Board meeting endorsed and supported the review of core funding and drafting of an appropriate Finance & Resource Sustainability Strategy for SPREP. The Secretariat, through our procurement process awarded the consultancy contract to David Sheppard Global Environment Consulting Pty Ltd. to conduct the review and to develop the draft finance and resource sustainability strategy for SPREP.

The consultant is expected to:

- i) Carry out a comprehensive review and assessment of all existing practices, policies and structure(s) relevant to the review of the Core Funding Structure and make appropriate recommendations to support Organisational Goal 3 for a reliable and sustainable funding base.
- ii) Conduct a diagnosis assessment of the current funding structure of SPREP to understand the financial constraints, needs and opportunities to the core operations of SPREP. As well as considering funding needs and gaps, this should also consider other financial enabling conditions and barriers, including policy, and institutional aspects as well as SPREP members which forms part of the core funding structure for SPREP.
- iii) Provide a financial projection of the funding requirements to fully implement and deliver the priorities especially for Core Operations of SPREP in respect of the Strategic Plan 2017-2026 for the remaining period of the Strategic Plan.
- iv) Consider Funding Structure and Financing Strategies widely adopted in international organisations especially other CROP agencies similar to SPREP and make recommendations.
- v) Assess donor and funding landscape within and outside the Pacific islands region and based on this identify and prioritise strategies to access and mobilise funding sources to generate sustainable financing for SPREP particularly for the Core.
- vi) Assess and recommend the need for improvement or change to any existing policies and practices or for development of new ones.
- vii) Provide advice on any other matter relevant to the above work that requires attention of the Secretariat.
- viii) Provide a clear way forward for the Secretariat via the development of the Finance & Resource Sustainability Strategy and roadmap for SPREP. The strategy will lay out the broad strategic goals and guiding principles for sustainable finance & resource, while the roadmap will suggest milestones and key actions to develop, pilot and implement the selected financing solution(s).

- ix) Prepare a policy brief summarising the finance and resource strategy, roadmap and prioritised/selected financing/resourcing mechanisms.
- x) Assess and recommend relevant methodologies for future reviews.

The overall expected outcome of the review is to provide recommendations for Members to help strengthen SPREP's Core Funding Structure and thus address the issue of sustainable financing for SPREP through the development of the Secretariat's Finance & Resource Sustainability Strategy.

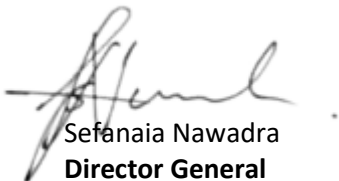
The Secretariat, therefore, seeks the support and availability from members and partner organisations, in the review of its Core Funding Structure. Mr Sheppard will be contacting focal points of SPREP members and partners to arrange for consultations on this matter. Mr Sheppard will take the opportunity provided by the SPREP Meeting in September to arrange meetings with SPREP Members, Donors and Partners that will be present.

We look forward to your support to the review work undertaken by Mr Sheppard.

Please contact our Secretariat through Mrs Petra Chan Tung, Director Finance and Administration on petrac@sprep.org, for any queries. Alternatively, you can reach us by telephone at +685 21929.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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