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To: **National Focal Points of:**
Kiribati
Niue
Tuvalu

SUBJECT: Invitation to attend the 17th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention as Observers

Dear Focal Points,

The 17th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention (Noumea COP17) will convene on 31 August 2023 at the Taumeasina Island Resort in Samoa. This will follow the 12th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Waigani Convention on 1 September 2023.

As non-Parties to the Noumea Convention, the Secretariat invites a representative from your respective countries to attend the Noumea COP17 Conference as Observers. Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention makes provision for the Secretariat to invite non-Parties to attend as Observers.

Observers invited to the Conference shall be permitted to speak on any matter only after the Contracting Parties have spoken. In addition, Observers at the invitation of the Chairperson and with the consent of the Conference may participate without vote in the deliberations of the Conference.

The Provisional Agenda of the Conference and working papers are available on the SPREP website for further perusal and information: [31st SPREP Meeting 2023 | Pacific Environment](#).

The Secretariat of the Noumea Convention looks forward to your attendance and participation in the Noumea COP17.

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Yours sincerely,



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