

## Twenty Third SPREP Meeting of Officials

4-6 September 2012  
Noumea  
New Caledonia

### **Agenda Item 5.1: Presentation of Annual Report for 2011 and Director General's Overview of Progress since the Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting**

#### **Purpose**

1. To provide an overview of progress at SPREP since the 2011 SPREP Meeting.

#### **Background**

2. Over the last 3 years SPREP has implemented an ambitious change management process which has aimed to increase the level of practical and tangible support to SPREP Pacific island Members. The results of this change management process are now clearly evident and include:

- (1) Increasing SPREP support to Member Countries and Territories during the past year, as can be clearly seen through the list of all projects SPREP implemented in Member Countries in 2011 (refer Annex A of the Director General's report);
- (2) Doubling SPREP's direct financial and technical support for member countries over the 2009-2011 period, with SPREP's direct financial support to Pacific island countries and territories increasing from USD2.4 million in 2010 to USD4.3 million in 2011, while support for SPREP Member regional level activities increased from USD7 million in 2010 to USD8.3 million in 2011;
- (3) Increasing the SPREP budget from USD7.6 million in 2009 to USD14.3 million in 2012, with another significant increase anticipated in 2013. Over this period, salary costs as a percentage of the total SPREP budget have dropped from 49% in 2009 to 33% in 2012. The major increase in the funding for SPREP has thus been mostly allocated to practical programmes in Pacific Island countries and territories; and
- (4) SPREP has responded clearly and effectively to the directions from members, including through implementing the majority of decisions from the 2012 SPREP meeting.

3. Specific achievements and practical outcomes from the SPREP change management process are detailed in the attached Director General's report.

#### **Recommendations**

4. The Meeting is invited to:

➤ **Note** the report