

Twenty-Fourth SPREP Meeting

17th -19th September 2013
Apia, Samoa

AGENDA ITEM 9.3.2: GEPAS and EDF10 Waste Management Funding Update

Purpose

1. To provide an update on progress towards securing additional hazardous waste management funding for the Region

Background

2. The 21st SPREP Meeting held in 2010 placed a priority on the improvement of the management of hazardous waste in the Pacific. The SPREP budget for this intervention activity in 2010 was \$US42,529.

3. In response, SPREP has sought funding for hazardous waste management between 2011 and 2013. Funding was successfully confirmed from UNEP and the EU, and awarded in 2013.

i. UNEP/GEFPAS Pacific POPs Release Reduction through Improved Management of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2013-2018)

4. The project is funded by the Global Environment Facility, Implemented by UNEP and FAO and Executed by SPREP.

5. Fourteen Pacific island countries are partners in this project (Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu).

6. The aim of this 5 year project is to reduce the release of Unintentional Persistent Organochlorine Pollutants (uPOPs) in the Pacific region through the integrated management of solid and hazardous wastes. This project will provide funding for 5 years to: develop pilot projects; and provide training in international convention requirements, in "best practice" management for pesticides, and in management of laboratory and school chemicals. The project will also assist countries to improve management of used oil management.

7. The total value of the 5 year project is \$US 9,221,450 (\$US 2,796,000 cash plus in kind support). The contract was signed in June 2013.

8. Major activities in the later stages of 2013 will be the recruitment of a Project Officer and the hosting of an inception workshop to finalise project activities.

ii. EDF10 Pacific Hazardous Waste Management Project (2013-2017)

9. The project is funded by the European Union and Executed by SPREP.

10. Fourteen Pacific island countries are partners in this project (Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) as well as Timor Leste.

11. The aim of this 4 year project is to improve the management of priority hazardous wastes (asbestos, E-waste and health care waste) across the region.

12. This project will provide funding for 4 years to assist Pacific island countries to better manage hazardous wastes through technical assistance programmes regarding: health care waste disposal infrastructure and training; stabilising and removing asbestos from island communities and developing mechanisms to sustainably recycle E-waste.

13. The total value of the 4 year project is 7,850,000 Euros. The contract was signed in May 2013.

14. Major activities in the later stages of 2013 will include: recruitment of a Project Manager and a Project Officer; investigation of the status of hazardous waste management in the region; and identification of priorities to better manage asbestos, E-wastes and health care wastes.

Recommendations

15. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the additional resources being allocated to the improvement of hazardous waste in the Pacific region over the next 5 years, in direct response to the request from SPREP members; and
- **direct** Members to provide in-kind support to the Secretariat to implement these two hazardous waste management projects over the next 4-5 years.