Purpose

1. To present an annual summary of collated regional and national waste management related initiatives

Background

2. Coordination of waste management priorities is an ongoing challenge for the region.

3. The 24th SPREP Meeting (Apia, 2013) directed the Secretariat to continue sharing best practice information on waste management in coordination with other partners.

4. It was agreed that Members and the Secretariat would provide annual updates of national waste management projects and programmes in advance of each SPREP Meeting using a simple reporting format (Attachment 1) from 2014.

5. The Secretariat would then collate this information and present it under a recurring agenda item at each SPREP Meeting to be endorsed for accuracy/completeness. The endorsed information would then be uploaded to the SPREP website for general information.

6. It was further determined that this information collection exercise will be evaluated after 3 years to assess its usefulness. The proposed metrics for evaluation are:

   a. Response rate (proportion of Members that complete and submit an annual report as per Attachments 1 and 2);
   b. Number of projects and programmes that duplicate or overlap in assistance;
   c. Number of new donor efforts in areas in which duplication or overlapping had been identified;
   d. Number of new efforts in areas identified as gaps; and
   e. Website usage statistics (including number of visits, and repeat visits).
7. The Meeting is invited to:

- note the compiled regional and national summary of waste management activities for 2013-2014;
- direct the Secretariat to continue annual waste management information collation and reporting; and
- encourage Members and relevant partners to actively participate in annual national waste management information collection and reporting.

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