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## Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Majuro, Marshall Islands  
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### Agenda Item 10.4: Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division Overview 2015

#### Purpose

1. To provide an overview of major 2015 work programme activities for the division to contribute to the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Strategic Priority of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

#### Key Areas of Work for 2015

#### 2. Enabling Frameworks

- Finalise draft Regional EIA Guidelines and Training Manual.
- Pilot EIA guidelines and training in 3 countries with the view of incorporating lessons learnt and consideration and adoption of guidelines and manual at 26th SPREP Meeting
- Finalise in consultation with SPC and SOPAC - EIA Guidelines for Deep Sea Minerals
- Finalise EIA Guidelines on Coastal Tourism Development
- Complete regional review of enforcement and compliance with national laws
- Update review of national environmental legislation for 14 PICs carried out by International Waters Project
- Provide training on implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- Assist countries to draft legislation for national implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- Finalise the GEF Project “Enhancing Capacity to Develop Global and Regional Environmental Projects in the Pacific.”
- Complete GEF Regional Project Document Formulation for ‘Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement MEAs by Strengthening Planning, State of the Environment Assessments and Reporting for Pacific Islands’.”
- Support National Planning and Prioritization for GEF-6.
- Develop concepts for regional umbrella projects under GEF 6.

### 3. **Mainstreaming**

- Complete National Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS) formulation in Vanuatu and Tuvalu
- Start NEMS formulation in Tonga, Marshall Islands and Palau
- Integrate NEMS into National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) through active participation in the “NSDS Support Partnership.”
- Integrate gender indicators from SPC’s National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDI) Database into SPREP’s National Minimum Environment Indicators (NMEI) Database
- Address gender issues as part of NEMS formulation

### 4. **Building Capacity**

- Develop Regional Monitoring Guidelines for Protected Areas
- Piloting of capacity development based on guidelines in 2 PICs
- Incorporate lessons learnt from pilot and submit for endorsement at the 26SM
- Establish regional network of environmental assessment and planning professionals and link to the NZAIA and other relevant professional networks.
- All EMG activities implemented through the ACP MEAs project address identified capacity gaps.

### 5. **Monitoring and Reporting**

- Develop template for regional SoE reporting
- Develop template data sharing arrangements
- Finalise SoEs for Cook Islands and Vanuatu.
- Start SoE for Marshall Islands and Nauru
- Baseline indicators completed and NMDI database populated with data from 3 pilot countries
- Start formulating regional SoE for publishing in early 2016
- Regional workshop on marine spatial planning
- Publish technical reports on marine spatial planning including policy recommendations and data findings.
- SPREP On-line GIS system (Environmental Spatial Information System) established

### 6. **2015 Challenges/Opportunities**

- Securing funding for the GEF Adviser position beyond 2015
- Secure funding for Sustainable Development Adviser position
- Continue successful implementation of the ACP MEAs project
- Strengthen existing and establish new partnerships to address EMG strategic priorities