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Agenda Item 10.3.1: Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025)

Purpose

1. To seek endorsement of the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025)

Background

2. Cleaner Pacific 2025 is a comprehensive, long-term strategy for integrated sustainable waste management and pollution prevention and control in the Pacific islands region for the period 2016-2025.
3. The strategy document was developed under contract from JICA between May-July 2015, and this involved four consultation workshops in Nadi, Apia, Guam and Suva with 20 SPREP Member countries and territories in June and July 2015, that progressively refined and improved the final document.
4. Cleaner Pacific 2025 integrates strategic actions addressing priority waste and pollution issues, and incorporates lessons learnt from the implementation of regional strategies that it replaces, specifically: the Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy 2010-2015 (SPREP, 2010); An Asbestos-Free Pacific: A Regional Strategy and Action Plan 2011 (SPREP, 2011); Pacific E-waste: A Regional Strategy and Action Plan 2012 (SPREP, 2012); Pacific Health Care Waste: A Regional Management Strategy and Action Plan 2013-2015 (SPREP, 2013); and the Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention (PACPOL) Strategy 2015-2020.
5. The Cleaner Pacific 2025 is expected to provide the blue-print that guides integrated waste and pollution management actions in the Pacific region for the next 10 years.

Contents of the Strategy

6. Cleaner Pacific 2025 provides a strategic management framework to address waste, chemicals, and pollutants that will reduce associated threats to sustainable development of the region. Priority areas for management include municipal solid waste, asbestos, electrical and electronic waste (E-waste), healthcare waste, chemicals (such as persistent organic pollutants, ozone depleting substances, and mercury), used oil and lubricants, marine litter, ship-sourced pollution, disaster waste and liquid waste (such as sewage and trade waste).

7. The strategy will commence implementation through an associated four-year Implementation Plan (2016-2019) that was also developed in consultation with 20 Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

8. Implementation of the Cleaner Pacific 2025 Strategy is based on six key steps:

- **Regional data collection:** The status of priority waste and pollutant issues will be assessed at the national level and prioritised at the regional level. This will enable targeted interventions to improve the management of waste and pollutants through an integrated and coordinated process. Governments and other Parties will be supported by the provision of high quality scientific and management advice for national (and regional) waste and pollution management.
- **Development of policies and regulations:** National integrated waste and pollution management policies and regulations are required to support long-term, financially sustainable waste and pollution management solutions. National governments will be assisted to identify model institutional arrangements to implement such solutions.
- **Promotion of public private partnerships (PPP):** Promotion of PPP will contribute to the development and use of improved and sustainable economic models for management of waste and pollution in the Pacific. This will include development of both the private and public sectors through professional and technical exchanges within and outside the region.
- **Implementation of best practice:** Cost-effective and sustainable solutions to waste and pollution management issues will be implemented at priority locations determined through regional data collections and assessment. Best-practice options will be promoted through regional guidelines developed for Pacific island and atoll conditions.
- **Improvement of human capacity:** Integrated training in waste, chemical and pollutant best management practices will be a core requirement for all relevant country personnel at project sites using, where possible, the 'train the trainer' model. This will facilitate practical, relevant and on-going training for waste management workers and waste management professionals over the longer-term.
- **Promotion of best practices through regional exchange and community education:** Twinning within and between Pacific ACPs and OCTs will be expanded. Information exchange will also help to promote public-private partnerships and informed communities to ensure sustainable financing for waste management related activities. This will include maintenance of a network of Pacific waste recyclers to promote exchange of best practices and dissemination of regional lessons learned.

Strategy Review

9. Cleaner Pacific 2025 will undergo a participative mid-term review in 2020, coordinated by SPREP, with the active involvement of PICTs and other stakeholders. The main purpose of the mid-term review is to verify and evaluate the relevance of the 15 strategic actions to the waste, chemicals and pollution agenda in the Pacific. The mid-term review shall also identify necessary corrective actions and strategic recommendations for the second half of the strategy period (2021-2025).

10. Key performance indicators (linked to each of the four strategic goals of the Strategy), will be used to measure performance of Cleaner Pacific 2025.

Recommendations

11. The Meeting is invited to:

- **endorse** the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025); and
- **work** with SPREP and other Partners to improve the regional management of waste and pollution over the next 10 years using the Strategy Implementation Plan.

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