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Agenda Item 10.3: Waste Management and Pollution Control Division Overview 2016

Purpose

1. To provide an overview of major work programme activities in 2016 to improve management of solid and hazardous waste and marine pollution for the region. Detailed activities are outlined in the WMPC Work Plan and Budget.

Key Areas of Work for 2016

2. Solid Waste Management Support

- Implement the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025)
- Improve waste management donor coordination through a Waste and Pollution Management Donor Roundtable
- Collate and disseminate information on regional waste management activities
- Prepare a regional Waste to Energy position paper
- Prepare a regional Scrap Metal Strategy
- Complete an integrated solid waste management pilot project in Niue (composting and recycling)
- Complete a model integrated atoll waste management pilot project (RMI)
- Continue solid waste management training for Pacific waste management workers
- Develop draft regional waste and water quality environmental indicators and monitoring frameworks and protocols

3. (Marine) Pollution Management Support

- Implement a focused intervention programme on the management of marine plastic and its consequences including the impacts of ALDFG
- Commence a project on assessment of GHG carbon footprint of major ports
- Assist in the development of coastal resource mapping at the national level
- Assist in the development of national maritime profiles
- Provide support for the regional management of marine invasive species

- Provide support for the development of national NATPLANs and marine pollution response strategies
- Assess existing port reception facility operations and develop additional port reception plans
- Provide training in the use of oil spill response equipment for the Government of Fiji
- Provide technical assistance to assist in the development of PSSAs

4. **Hazardous Waste Management Support**

- Commission high temperature incinerators for improved healthcare waste management across 15 countries
- Implement associated training in infection control and healthcare waste management
- Implement regional (mobile phone and uLABs) and country specific E-waste management programmes
- Develop a regional recyclers network (with a focus on E-waste and ULAB management)
- Implement a regional asbestos management programme based on regional audit results
- Complete a model used pesticide container management programme (in Tonga, Samoa and Fiji)
- Complete chemical management training (in 17 countries and territories) and associated community awareness programmes
- Complete DDT contamination assessment in Vanuatu
- Implement improved used oil management programmes across 14 countries
- Complete a review of the operations of the Pacific Regional Centre for the Waigaini Convention
- Provide ongoing assistance to Members for implementation of MEA obligations for improved hazardous waste management

5. **Challenges**

- Regional and national waste management and pollution control improvements are critically dependent on prioritisation of national in-kind support to the Secretariat to successfully complete project implementation
- Additional capacity in the areas of recycling and water quality monitoring and reporting are critically needed within the Division to ensure delivery of the SPREP Strategic Plan
- Formalisation of the Waste and Pollution Management Donor Roundtable will be critical to the successful implementation of the Cleaner Pacific 2025 strategy and this will require the involvement of SPREP members

Recommendation

6. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the 2016 work programme for the SPREP Waste Management and Pollution Control Division.