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## Twenty Sixth SPREP Meeting of Officials

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### **Agenda Item 10.4.1: Role of SPREP in Implementation of SAMOA Pathways and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

#### **Purpose**

1. To seek advice and endorsement of SPREP's role in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathways and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

#### **Background**

2. The SAMOA (SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action) Pathways was the agreed outcome of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference for Small Island Developing States: it articulates the sustainable development pathways and aspirations for SIDS over the next 10 years. The Post 2015 Development Agenda will be agreed at the end of the year and includes new global Sustainable Development Goals. The final draft outcomes document for the Post 2015 Development Agenda has been released and this includes the draft SDGs.

3. SPREP has provided support to members for both the 3<sup>rd</sup> SIDS Conference and for the Post 2015 Development Agenda. This has included technical advice and briefings for Pacific Island Country missions in New York throughout the negotiations process. In our capacity as Co-Chair (with PIFS) of the CROP Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) we have also led the coordination of support to members from CROP, UN agencies and NGOs. The SDWG will continue to provide coordinated support to members for the implementation, monitoring and reporting of the SAMOA Pathways and actions towards achieving the SDGs.

#### **Role of SPREP in Implementation**

4. The SDWG has carried out an assessment of existing regional platforms against what is required to implement the SAMOA Pathways and has indicated lead agencies in all thematic areas. SPREP will lead in addressing the environment pillar and will play a support role in the economic and social pillars. (Attachment 1).

5. SPREP has identified the areas where it has lead responsibility within the SAMOA Pathways and also assessed its existing programmes against implementation requirements (Attachment 2). Over the last two years SPREP has been formulating a number of key strategic planning documents that contribute towards the SAMOA Pathways and SDGs. These include:

- Framework for Nature Conservation 2014-2020;
- Strategy for Resilient Development in the Pacific;
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 Framework; and
- Strengthening environmental monitoring and reporting through the ACP MEAs Capacity Building Project and the proposed GEF Project for MEA Capacity Building

6. There are two key areas we have identified as implementation gaps. These are "green economy" and "sustainable consumption and production". SPREP has already started a partnership with UNEP on promoting and facilitating a green economy approach and will also work with UNEP on sustainable consumption and production. In 2016 SPREP will formulate its next Strategic Plan and our contribution towards the implementation of the SAMOA Pathways and SDGs will be fully incorporated.

7. SPREP will continue in its role as Co-chair of the SDWG to ensure effective CROP and region wide coordination and implementation. We are also members of a number of other key working groups including the Marine Sector Working Group (MSWG), Land Resources Working Group and also the Working Arm of the CEO Subcommittee on Climate Change and Disaster Resilient Development (WARD). SPREP also coordinates a number of key partnerships within our mandated areas of responsibility (Attachment 3).

### Recommendation

8. The Meeting is invited to:

- **endorse** SPREP's defined role in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathways and the SDGs;
- **note** these areas will be proposed for integration within SPREP's new strategic plan; and
- **endorse** SPREP's work with UNEP and other partners to fully address the identified gaps in green economy and sustainable consumption and production.