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Twenty Seventh SPREP Meeting of Officials

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Agenda Item 9.3.1: Outcomes of the 2016 Clean Pacific Roundtable

Purpose

1. To update the Meeting on the successful outcomes of the inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable and to endorse the *2016 Clean Pacific Roundtable Outcomes Statement* and the Secretariats plans for progressing actions identified through the Clean Pacific Roundtable.

Background

2. The *Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025* (Cleaner Pacific 2025) endorsed during the Twenty-sixth SPREP Meeting in Apia, Samoa, envisions moving to a cleaner Pacific environment through implementing practical and sustainable solutions for preventing and managing waste and pollution in the region.
3. The Cleaner Pacific 2025 includes the following strategic activities will be undertaken to achieve this goal:
 - a. Regional data collection;
 - b. Development of policies and regulations;
 - c. Promotion of public private partnerships;
 - d. Implementation of best practices;
 - e. Improvement of human capacity; and
 - f. Promotion of best practices through regional exchange and community education.
4. In order to initiate regional and national cooperation a Clean Pacific Roundtable was identified as a major activity to be organized to facilitate networking and dialogue, improve donor coordination, mobilise technical and financial resources and to develop monitoring and reporting methods to monitor progress of the Cleaner Pacific 2025.
5. The inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable was held from 25-28 July, 2016 in Suva Fiji. The roundtable was coordinated by the Secretariat with financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the European Union. A total of 96 representatives from SPREP Member countries and territories, donors, development partners, private sector, academic institutions and other relevant CROP agencies relevant sectors actively participated in the roundtable activities. The feedback from participants at the inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable was very positive.

6. Two major outcomes of the Clean Pacific Roundtable were the *2016 Clean Pacific Roundtable Outcomes Statement* (attached) and the establishment of seven Technical Working Groups in areas which need greater focus, namely: marine debris, green waste management, disaster waste management, regional recycling networking, waste collection systems, landfilling and human capacity development.
7. It is proposed the Clean Pacific Roundtable is held biennially, with the next Roundtable to take place in 2018. It is further proposed that a Steering Committee is established to provide advice and direction on issues arising from the Roundtable. The Steering Committee would be comprised of a SPREP Member representative from each sub-region (Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia), a representative from each of the CROP agencies, civil society, private sector, development partners and donors, with SPREP acting as the Coordinator and Roundtable Secretariat.

Recommendations

8. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **note** the successful outcomes of the inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable;
 - **commend** the financial support provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the European Union towards the inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable;
 - **endorse** the *2016 Clean Pacific Roundtable Outcomes Statement*; and
 - **endorse** the proposal for the Clean Pacific Roundtable to be held every two years, under the direction of a Cleaner Pacific Steering Committee.

Annex 1: Clean Pacific Round Table Outcome Statement

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