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Agenda Item 9.3: Waste Management and Pollution Control Division Overview 2017

Purpose

1. To provide an overview of major work programme activities in 2017 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 2017

2. Waste and Pollution Management

- Implement the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025) and activities identified in the Clean Pacific Roundtable
- Refine waste and pollution indicators through the Cleaner Pacific 2025 (Regional Strategy) and the PacWaste and GEPAS programmes
- networks, disaster waste management, green waste management
- Improve waste management donor coordination through a Waste and Pollution Management Donor Roundtable
- Complete the EDF11 regional waste management proposal and identify other sources of funding

3. Solid Waste Management Support

- Develop a database, collate and disseminate information on regional waste management activities through country waste profiles
- Assist countries in the development of national waste and pollution management strategies and plans
- Finalise the Waste to Energy information paper as part of a range of waste management options
- 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

4. Pollution Management Support

- Implement a focused intervention programme on the management of marine plastic and its consequences including the impacts of ALDFG
- Establish a Maritime Technological Coordinating Centre with the Pacific Community on low carbon transport

- 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 technical assistance to assist in the development of PSSAs
- Conduct a regional risk assessment and cost benefit analysis for high risk derelict vessels and wrecks

5. Hazardous Waste Management Support

- Complete commissioning, training and operational support for high temperature incinerators for improved healthcare waste management in 10 countries
- Complete hospital improvements in infection control and healthcare waste management in 15 countries
- Complete regional and country specific E-waste management programmes and Launch regional recyclers networks (with a focus on E-waste and ULABs) in 7 countries
- Complete regional asbestos removal and training programme in 7 countries based on the regional baseline study results
- Provide policy and strategy support to 15 countries on healthcare wastes, asbestos and E-waste management
- 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 Waigani Convention
- Provide ongoing assistance to Members for implementation of MEA obligations for improved hazardous waste management

6. 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
- SPREP member engagement in developing regional projects will be critical to the successful implementation of the Cleaner Pacific 2025 strategy.

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the 2017 work programme for the SPREP Waste Management and Pollution Control Division.