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Twenty Seventh SPREP Meeting of Officials

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Agenda Item 9.4: Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division Overview 2017

Purpose

To provide an overview of major 2017 work programme activities for the division to contribute to the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Strategic Priority of the SPREP Strategic Plan.

Key Areas of Work for 2017

1. Enabling Frameworks

- EIA and SEA Training in Tokelau, FSM and Cook Islands
- Development of Regional EIA Training Manual
- EIA and SEA engagement with BBNJ process
- DSM engagement through International Seabed Authority
- Work with Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility members on environmental and social safeguards

2. Strengthening environmental legislation

- Development of compliance and enforcement training materials followed by a workshop in one PIC.
- Assessment of priority needs for environmental law

3. Mainstreaming

- Progress development of NEMS in RMI
- Start process for NEMS development for Niue, FSM, Palau

4. Building Capacity

- Continue building capacity to integrate waste and biodiversity cluster monitoring data into MEA reporting, SOEs and NEMS

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- Ensure the uptake and use of SOE report in RMI and Cook Islands
- Start process for SOE development and build SOE capacity for Niue and Vanuatu. Introduce SOE process with Palau
- Spatial analysis and online development under ACPMEA, BIOPAMA, GOBI, MACBIO

6. **2017 Challenges/Opportunities**

- Continue successful implementation of the ACP MEAs project, Phase 2;
- To successfully conclude, in conjunction with BEM, the BIOPAMA Project and to negotiate a second Phase;
- To commence, in conjunction with BEM, the regional GEF Nagoya Protocol project on Access and Benefit Sharing;
- Awaiting approval of GEF Regional Project Document for 'Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement MEAs by Strengthening Planning, State of the Environment Assessments and Reporting for Pacific Islands; and
- Secure funding for Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Adviser and Sustainable Development Adviser positions

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the 2017 work programme for the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division.

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