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TO: SPREP Collaborative Agencies
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Wildlife Conservation Society,
Birdlife International,
Conservation International, Greenpeace,
Pacific Islands Round Table Secretariat,
Pacific Invasive Partnership,
UN Agencies

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SUBJECT: **Pacific Region Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 10 – 13 August 2012, Rotorua, New Zealand**

Dear Collaborative Agencies,

This is to inform you that SPREP with funding from the EU-ACP MEA Capacity Building Project and in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD) will convene a Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties (Pre-COP11) to the CBD from the **10th – 13th August 2012 in Rotorua, New Zealand**. The Pacific Regional Pre-COP11 Meeting will be held straight after the SCBD *Regional Workshop for the Pacific region on Updating NBSAPs* which is from the 6 – 9 August 2012 in Rotorua, New Zealand.

The main objective of the Pacific Regional Pre-COP11 meeting is to provide a forum for Pacific Island Countries that are party to the CBD to identify and discuss key priority issues and prepare regional positions for the Pacific in preparations for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Hyderabad, India from the 8 – 19 October 2012. The *“Pacific Voyage – One Pacific”* which was effectively and successfully delivered at COP10 will continue to be the mechanism to coordinate and enhance Pacific engagement and participation at COP11. Many of you contributed substantively to the Pacific Voyage success at CoP10.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite a representative from your organization to participate in the Pacific CBD Pre-CoP11 preparatory meeting. Your participation and input will be greatly appreciated to assist with the preparations for effective engagement at the 11th Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Hyderabad, India in October 2011. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, we are not able to fund your participation. However, we do hope that you will be able to find funding to support your participation.

The draft Provisional Agenda for the pre-CoP11 meeting is attached for your information. Further information will be circulated in advance of the meeting. To confirm your participation, please contact Ms. Makerita Atiga email: makeritaa@sprep.org and copy Ms. Easter Galuvao easterg@sprep.org

Thank you for your usual cooperation and continuous support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Sheppard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

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Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting
for the
11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
10 – 13 August 2012, Rotorua New Zealand

Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Opening
2. Introduction of Participants and Resource People
3. Meeting Objectives
4. Adoption of Agenda and organization of work
5. Overview of the CBD
6. Country Presentations
7. COP11 Priority Issues for the Pacific
8. Key Messages for COP11
9. Pacific Voyage Communication and Media Plans
10. Negotiation Refresher Training
11. Pacific Voyage Roadmap to COP11
12. Closing