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FILE: AP 6/5/6 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Invitation to attend the Inaugural Cleaner Pacific Roundtable event to be held from the 25th to the 28th of July 2016 in Fiji.**

Dear Focal Points,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) I have the pleasure of inviting your government's participation in the Inaugural Cleaner Pacific Roundtable event from the 25th – 28th July 2016 to be held in Fiji.

The *Pacific Regional Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2025* (Cleaner Pacific 2025) was adopted by the 26th SPREP Meeting held in Apia, Samoa in September 2015. The Strategy outlines a vision of "A cleaner Pacific environment" and a mission of "To implement practical and sustainable solutions for the prevention and management of waste and pollution in the Pacific". It also outlines 15 strategic actions in 6 thematic areas towards the achievement of 4 strategic goals.

The Cleaner Pacific 2025 recognizes six common approaches to implementation as follows:

1. Data collected across the region;
2. Policies and regulations developed;
3. Public Private Partnerships will be promoted;
4. Best practices will be implemented;
5. Human capacity will be improved; and
6. Best practice will be promoted through regional exchange and community education programmes.

With the progress being made in waste management and pollution control in the region, largely through donor-funded projects, Cleaner Pacific 2025 seeks to further strengthen regional cooperation and collaboration in line with the above approaches and understandings.

In addition, there is also a need for a more concerted and coordinated approach to monitoring and reporting on the implementation progress of the Cleaner Pacific 2025, which must involve the main waste management stakeholders in the Pacific region. This will assist in minimizing duplication and improving coordination between similar programmes and activities at the national and regional levels but at the same time, revealing how the implementation of the Strategy is making an impact on the ground at both the regional and national levels.

This will occur primarily through an endorsed "Cleaner Pacific Roundtable" mechanism that will facilitate waste management and pollution control (WMPC) dialogue and networking in the region. The Roundtable will also provide a forum to share experience on WMPC and to disseminate information on new and existing opportunities.

It is envisaged (budget allowing) that one participant from each of the following countries will be sponsored to attend the roundtable: American Samoa, Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.

The participants will be required to complete a high volume of pre-reading in preparation for the Cleaner Pacific Roundtable. We will also request a brief presentation from each participant.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached Nomination Form for your representative no later than Friday the 27th of May 2016.

Please note that the PacWaste will be holding their annual Steering Committee Meeting and Integrated Waste Management Workshop the week prior to the Cleaner Pacific Roundtable in the week of 18th to the 22nd of July. If your country is participating in the PacWaste project you may want to consider sending one representative to both events.

I look forward to receiving your early response. Once participants have been identified all finer details will be communicated directly with the nominated participants.

Thank you for your consideration of this valuable roundtable.

Yours sincerely,



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