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We would like to introduce JICA's "Regional Multilayer Partnership" on Solid Waste Management in the Pacific SIDS under J-PRISM project initiated in 2011.

Since year of 2000, JICA has conducted various cooperation activities on waste management both bilaterally and regionally in collaboration with SPREP. Currently, J-PRISM has taken full advantage of these regional good practices and human resources accumulated over the past fifteen years.

The J-PRISM Partnership is consisted of three levels, of which are the partnerships with "Eleven (11) Pacific SIDS", "Donor Agencies", and "Private Sectors".

JICA's principle of technical cooperation is the "Capacity Development" to tackle with specific challenges for the Pacific SIDS. J-PRISM has supported 3Rs and waste management activities in individual countries targeting especially for the capacity development of the officers in charge through the activities.

In the same time, we are also promoting South-South Cooperation that are designed to share outcomes and best practices among the Pacific SIDS through providing a variety of regional and sub-regional training programme like Workshop, Site visit, OJT and Dispatching local experts who gained technical knowledge and skills to the expert level through current and previous JICA/SPREP projects, and Training in the past conducted by JICA and other donors.

Knowledge and expertise gained from regional activities are then fed back to national activities for further improvements in individual countries. For the purpose of managing and sustaining this system for the purpose of capacity pooling and development in the region, J-PRISM/SPREP has developed the regional directory of capacity development activities and human resources on solid waste management so called "PIDOC"

At last we also would like to introduce some other activities with privates sectors. We are providing opportunities the training for recycling companies to learn basic techniques like preliminary processing of recyclables and financial management. In addition we have done the Data Collection Survey on Reverse Logistics in the Pacific SIDS, which objectives are the Collection of basic data of waste material flows from import to export/disposal, Examination of the possibility of a reverse logistics network with port development in the view of promotion of the recycling business, and Identification of problems for creating a recycling oriented society in the Pacific PICs for the further collaboration with regional and international recycling companies, shipping companies, and Port Authorities.

It is our desire to strengthen and expand the current J-PRISM/SPREP regional cooperation framework as a model through "Multi-stakeholder, Triangular, and South-South Partnership" to accelerate a positive spiral process of learning and capacity development through closely intertwined activities at both national and regional levels.

Thank you very much for your attention.