



2nd Executive Board Meeting

2 – 4 September 2020

Agenda Item 11.4.2: Draft Regional Guidelines on Regional Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment reports for Pacific island Countries and Territories

Purpose of paper

1. To seek the endorsement of the Executive Board of the draft regional Guidelines for the production of Regional Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) reports for Pacific island Countries and Territories.

Background

2. Development of SEA Regional Guidelines is a priority action specified in the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 under Regional Goal 4.
3. The Twenty Ninth SPREP Meeting considered progress in developing the SEA Guidelines and endorsed the process proposed for their completion.
4. In November 2019 the Secretariat drew on support from the UNEP-Swedish fund to hold a regional workshop in Auckland New Zealand for consultation with Members on the draft SEA Guidelines.
5. A final consultation was undertaken via SPREP Circular 20/43 Review of the Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Guidelines.
6. The draft Regional Guidelines on SEA for Pacific Island Countries and Territories are appended as Attachment 1.

Recommendations

7. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
 1. **Approve** the Regional Guidelines on Strategic Environmental Assessment for Pacific island Countries and Territories; and
 2. **Urge** Members to promote and use the approved Guidelines as a planning tool to systematically evaluate the environmental and socio-economic impacts of Members' policies, plans and programmes.

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