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SUBJECT: 2nd IMPACT Project Workshop – invitation

TO: SPREP National Focal Points
from Pacific Island Countries
Climate change focal points
IPCC focal points
CROP Organisations

Dear Colleagues,

SPREP will be organizing the Second IMPACT Project Implementation Workshop from 16 to 19 July 2018. A notification was sent out earlier this month. This letter serves as the official invitation to nominate participants. Please be advised that SPREP can only fund participation of two participants from each Pacific Island Country that is a Party to the UNFCCC. Additional participants are welcome but may attend at their own cost.

This year's workshop will be four days in length and have two distinct but closely connected components:

1. The first two days will focus on capacity in project development and implementation. Through sessions on climate science, climate finance and UNFCCC negotiations, we will discuss how to utilize this information to strengthen your project proposals and hence their implementation. We shall also update you on how IMPACT is supporting regional capacity and highlight some of the tools and resources being developed through the project. We would like to highlight that there is an opportunity for countries to share their GCF experiences and encourage you to contact us if this is of interest to you.
2. The second two days will focus on the IPCC's special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C which is the key input for the Talanoa dialogue. During this part of the workshop experts from the IMPACT team will highlight the key messages and aspects of most relevance to PICs. It will also provide an opportunity for coordinated regional input into the Special Report by the deadline for the Final Government Review (24 July 2018). We would like to highlight that there is an opportunity for countries and researchers to share their climate change research and encourage you to contact us if this is of interest to you.

The agenda is attached as annex 1 to this letter. Given these two components, we are hoping to bring together experts from policy and science backgrounds. Our target audience therefore includes IPCC focal points, National Met Directors, and scientists, in addition to climate change policymakers and implementers. While the discussions will likely lead to inputs relevant to the UNFCCC negotiations process, we are not targeting the main negotiators from the Pacific, as we will also convene a pre-COP24 negotiations preparatory meeting later in the year. We hope that this mix will help with the exchange of ideas and improve the outcomes for participants.

Funding will be provided for 2 nominated experts from each Pacific island country Party to the UNFCCC only to participate in the workshop. Kindly use the attached nomination form (annex 3) and also include the passport photo page in the submission of nominations.

The workshop will be held at the Training and Education Centre at the SPREP Campus. Participants are requested to make their own bookings for accommodations. A list of hotels can be found in annex 2 to this letter. Please note that due to restrictions by the funder, we can only provide EUR 100 for any transit stopovers, and for EUR 85 (WST 256) for accommodation in Samoa as refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please keep receipts for transit costs as well as taxi fares from the airport to your hotel and to SPREP for the workshop, as these will be reimbursed.

For the latest from the IMPACT project, including the Pacific regional page, please see <http://climateanalytics.org/projects/impact-climate-action.html>. For any immediate questions please contact Espen Ronneberg, Climate Change Adviser (espenr@sprep.org).

We look forward to welcoming you in Samoa.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cornforth', written in a cursive style.

Roger Cornforth
Acting Director General