



Dear SPREP Focal Points,

The Republic of Palau, the Government of the Philippines, Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Environmental Programme (SPREP) are pleased to invite you to participate in:

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network Forum**  
***“Enabling Resilience for All: Avoiding the Worst Impacts”***

The Forum will be held in the **Asian Development Bank Headquarters in Manila, Philippines from October 15-19, 2018.**

Both the Philippines and Palau as APAN Adaptation Forum hosts are uniquely positioned conduits as they straddle at the edge of Asia and the Pacific.

Building on the foundation of previous Forums, the 6th APAN Forum will bring a sharper focus on learning from action towards climate resilience development. The emphasis on action reflects the views of participants in previous forums and the wider network of APAN partners, and thus, respectively will focus on four streams: 1) Resilience in Human and Social Systems, 2) Resilience of Natural Ecosystems, 3) Resilience of Industry and the Built Environment, and 4) Resilience of Island Communities.

**Forum Objectives**

- Address the capacity building needs and priority issues in the Asia Pacific regions that would enable the scaling of tools and the means to resilience that will equip our human systems and communities with the capacity to withstand and moderate the worst-case scenarios;
- Facilitate the “how” part of adaptation knowledge and programs, with actionable, scalable “next step” guidelines for communities, stakeholders, and governments;
- Report on the specific actions taken since the last APAN Forum regarding progress on addressing the priority knowledge, policy and funding gaps; and
- Act as a platform for discussions and outcomes that would accelerate action and provide the basis for complementary and concrete groundwork for the 2018 Global Stocktake facilitative dialogues, as well as for both ASEAN and Pacific country contributions leading to COP 24 in Katowice, Poland at the end of the year.

Our oceans and the private sector are some of the emerging issues as means to build resilience. APAN participants will have the Forum as a platform for sharing, learning and diving deeper into these respective areas, thereby, further unlocking knowledge and actions to bridge and build their momentum as enablers for resilience.



We hope that you will be able to join us for this important opportunity. We would appreciate it if you could confirm your participation by filling in the attached form to this letter and sending it back to Espen Ronneberg at this email address: [espenr@sprep.org](mailto:espenr@sprep.org) no later than 15 September, 2018. Funding for participation is being sought for at least one delegate from each Pacific Island Country that is a Party to the UNFCCC, and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

With highest considerations,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "X. Matsutaro".

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