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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Agencies
SPREP Partners

SUBJECT: Clean Pacific Roundtable Outcomes

Dear Partners,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), I would like to thank the delegates and participants for their active role in the recently held Clean Pacific Roundtable (CPRT 2018). We received very positive feedback about the conduct and the whole proceedings of the event (feedback report attached). Again, I convey our sincere appreciation for the support we received from you.

The enriching discussions led to significant outcomes and provided beneficial guidance on priority aspects of the broad waste and pollution sector. An Outcome Statement was endorsed during the Roundtable meeting. It was later presented at the Pacific Forum Leaders' meeting in Nauru this month along with the Executive Summary Report. The Executive Summary Report (English and French versions) with the Outcome Statement annexed is attached for your reference.

The CPRT also provided an opportunity for fruitful dialogues and to establish and/or strengthen networks in the region, particularly among the Pacific governments, the private sector, donors and partners, civil society, academe and non-government organisations, among others. The Roundtable also allowed closer collaboration among the CROP agencies, which were all represented at the event.

A concerted and coordinated approach from waste management stakeholders in the Pacific region is central to the success of the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy (Cleaner Pacific 2025) – the CPRT is a key enabler for this process. It assists in minimising duplication of effort and improving coordination between similar programmes and activities at the national and regional levels.

Following the success of the 2018 CPRT, the next Roundtable in 2020 will be run by a Steering Committee endorsed during the event. More information about the Steering Committee will be detailed in a separate Circular. Likewise, there were four technical working groups (TWG) created for marine debris, recycling, disaster wastes and hazardous wastes. The TWGs are expected to provide technical advice on relevant interventions identified in the CPRT Outcome Statement and the Cleaner Pacific 2025.

The Roundtable was most productive and succeeded in achieving its overall objectives. The experiences shared and the information disseminated were well received and opened up new opportunities for the waste and pollution sector in the region.

For any further relevant information, please contact the Waste Management and Pollution Control (WMPC) Programme at SPREP c/o Dr. Vicki Hall (WMPC Director) vickih@sprep.org or wasteteam@sprep.org.

I look forward to your continued support to enable sustainable waste and pollution management systems for a cleaner Pacific

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments: 1) CPRT Executive Summary Report with the Outcome Statement
 2) CPRT Feedback Report