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TO: GEF Focal Points

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SUBJECT: Update on SPREP GEF Support

Please be advised that in the absence of a GEF Support Adviser, the newly established Project Coordinating Unit Team will provide the support required. The team is as follows:

1. Ms Melanie King – Manager, PCU
2. Mr Rupeni Mario – Project Development Specialist (climate change mitigation)
3. Mr Manasa Katonivualiku – Project Development Specialist (climate change adaptation)
4. Ms Vitolina Samu – Project Implementation Support officer.

Melanie will provide direct support to the Pacific Representative on the GEF Council. She has extensive GEF experience at a number of levels.

We would like to thank Meapelo for all the support he has given you, and his enthusiasm for accessing GEF funds for the region. Unfortunately the funding source for the GEFSA position could not extend that support to SPREP past Meapelo's end of contract. We wish Meapelo well in his new consulting role.

Update on GEF-7 projects

1. Healthy Oceans
 - Implementing Agency – UNEP (to be joined by UNDP as co-IA)
 - Executing Agency/ies – SPREP and participating countries
 - Status:
 - concept documentation (PFD) still in development internally with UNEP.
 - Once UNEP have a draft document SPREP will initiate a member consultation
 - As part of this consultation it is intended to hold a workshop (best estimate likely to be in March 2019).
 - We have proposed to Ambassador Chigiya that this workshop be back-to-back with a GEF Constituency meeting to also follow up on the outcomes of the December 2018 Council Meeting, and to prepare for the June 2019 Council Meeting.
2. CBIT
 - Status:
 - In concept design

55th GEF Council Meeting – 17-20 December

- Please contact the PCU team for any information or briefings relating to the meeting and its agenda. Melanie will be providing direct support to Ambassador Chigiya.

Thank you for your patience I am confident that the new PCU Team will provide you with enhanced support as we move into the 7th replenishment cycle.

I attach for your information introductory details of the PCU team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cornforth', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Roger Cornforth
Acting Director General

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