

Introduction to PacWaste Plus – January Circular Attachments

PacWaste Plus Project staff

The PacWaste Plus Project Team will consist of a Project Manager, Technical Project Assistant, Finance & Procurement Officer, Communications Officer, 3 Waste Project Technical Officers and three local based Project Officers to assist with delivery in each sub-region (Officers to be based in Fiji, Vanuatu and the Republic of the Marshall Islands).

To date SPREP has engaged Mr. Bradley Nolan (an Australian National) as the Project Manager, and currently has three project positions advertised to support the core team in Samoa. These positions are: Project Technical Assistant; Procurement & Finance Officer; and Communications Officer. A further 3 technical waste positions will be advertised in the coming months to support project delivery. To facilitate the delivery of projects in the sub-regions, the project will be looking to recruit 3 local positions, to be based in Fiji, Vanuatu and the Republic of Marshall Islands.

Project Design

The PacWaste Plus project will work with SPREP's 14 member Countries (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) and Timor Leste to address management issues related to 3 waste streams with 8 target waste sub-streams:

- Hazardous wastes
 - asbestos
 - E-waste
 - healthcare waste
- Solid wastes
 - recyclables
 - organic waste
 - food packaging waste
 - plastic waste
 - disaster waste
 - bulky waste
- Related solid wastes found in wastewater (pollution effluent from poor waste management)

Project Activities will be delivered through the following 4 major thematic project actions:

- Improved data collection, information sharing, and education and awareness
- Policies and regulatory frameworks developed and implemented
- Best practices, including enhanced private sector engagement and infrastructure development, implemented
- Human capacity enhanced

The next 5 months will see the Project Management Team establish the project and work with participating countries and existing national working groups to undertake a process of determining priorities for project activities under the PacWaste Plus project. It will include participation in the Project Inception meeting to be held in the week commencing 28 May 2019. Specific details of the inception Meeting process will be provided in the coming weeks.

Initial Project Activity

Over the next 6 months the project team will undertake a number of project establishment activities including:

- Establishment of the Project Steering Committee, Project Working Group, Technical Advisory Committees and National Committees. As well as seeking nominations for members to a Research Advisory Group (RAG).
- Complete development of the project administrative planning requirements (Monitoring & Evaluation Plan, Procurement Plan, Knowledge Management Plan, Reporting Plans, Risk Management Plan, Gender & Human Rights Plan, Project Exit Strategy).
- Planning and hosting of a project inception workshop (likely week of 28 May)
- Engagement of consultants to complete PacWaste I activities:
 - commission 2 (previously purchased) healthcare waste incinerators (1 in Solomon Islands and 1 in Kiribati)
 - Repair or 4 healthcare waste incinerators (various countries)
 - Provision of healthcare waste handling training to hospitals in Timor-Leste
 - Complete Asbestos clean ups from government buildings and private residences in Niue
- Engagement of consultants to travel throughout the region to work with countries to collect relevant, up-to-date, waste data and waste management information to inform the development of a regional project waste data strategy and enable development of project baselines and profiles, and set National waste management indicators
- Commence work with the University of the South Pacific to assess existing accredited and vocational waste courses and commence development of new courses to fill gaps (look to incentivise participation)
- Develop and release Gender and Human Rights Based Adaptation (HRBA) surveys to ensure the project improves opportunities for women, men, and youths.
- Investigate opportunities for officer exchanges in region and with metropolitan members (Australia, New Zealand, UK, France, US).

Country Contact and Project Introduction

In the coming weeks Bradley Nolan (Project manager) will contact all Countries to arrange initial teleconferences to discuss the project, key deliverables, and introduce the planning and prioritisation work each Country should undertake prior to attending the Project Inception Meeting. In addition, those Countries awaiting completion of PacWaste I projects will have the opportunity to engage on the development of consultant contracts to deliver these outstanding actions.

National Project Committees

As with the PacWaste project, PacWaste Plus will be seeking Countries to either re-establish waste committees, or add the waste agenda to existing group meetings. Given the expansion of the project scope past hazardous waste, the National Committee process should assist with ensuring the Country priorities are appropriate, and implementation of activities occur as easily as possible.

Project Steering Committee

The PacWaste Plus project will establish a Project Steering Committee with a representative from each of the participating Countries, and a number of CROP agencies. We will be seeking formal nominations for Steering Committee members in the coming weeks.

Project Inception Meeting

The bulk of the specific in-country projects will be determined at the Project Inception meeting in the week commencing 28 May 2019. We will be in touch with all Countries in the coming weeks with details of the opportunities and process for determining projects and priorities for Countries and the region, as there will be work that each Country needs to do prior to attending the inception meeting.

Project Management Unit

Feel free to contact Bradley to discuss the project further if required. Once we have the main project administration set up completed, we will provide detailed information to each Country.

We look forward to working with everyone on the implementation of this project over the next 5-6 years.