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TO: SPREP National Focal Points.

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Project Inception and Planning Meeting - Intra-ACP GCCA + Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) Project.

Dear Focal Points,

The PACRES project aims to ensure better regional and national adaptation and mitigation responses to climate change challenges faced by Pacific ACP countries. It will be implemented in close alignment with the GCCA+ SUPA project.

SPREP, SPC, PIFS and USP will work collaboratively to implement PACRES activities under six Key Result Areas (KRAs):

- **KRA 1** - Regional organisations in the Pacific region have dedicated operational and institutional capacity serving the needs of Pacific ACP countries in relation to relevant Intra-ACP GCCA+ concentration areas, climate negotiations and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- **KRA 2** – Regional and national climate change strategies and priorities responding to Intra-ACP GCCA+ priorities and serving the implementation of the Paris Agreement by Pacific ACP countries have been strengthened and supported in their implementation. Support to the implementation of NDCs will be sought throughout the Action, without losing sight of the Intra-ACP / regional vocation of the programme.
- **KRA 3** - Pilot adaptation projects including ecosystem-based solutions, implemented and tested in ACP regions and in particular Pacific ACP countries, serving as references for further replication in the Pacific, have been scaled-up.
- **KRA 4** - The Pacific regional organisations and Pacific ACP countries share information, results and knowledge about climate action and strengthen their capacity to intervene to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change.
- **KRA 5** - The capacity of technical institutions, universities and regional centres providing services in capacity building, research and innovation at regional/national level in support of climate change adaptation and mitigation is strengthened, with staff trained and capacity built.

- **KRA 6** - Innovative approaches and climate actions associating private and public sectors making Pacific economies more climate resilient are developed and prepared with a view to direct access to Climate Finance and Climate Investment Funds.

It is envisaged initial discussion about the design of the PACRES project will be held with Pacific ACP country representatives in the margins of the GCCA+ SUPA inception and planning meeting in Suva 4-6 March 2019.

The purpose of this circular is to invite you to participate in a PACRES inception and planning meeting in Apia on 1-3 April 2019.

The PACRES project will fund one representative from each Pacific ACP country to travel to Apia and participate in the meeting. All country representatives travelling on SPREP sponsored travel must cover their own health and travel insurance. All insurance is the personal responsibilities for those travelling or their employers. You are welcome to send more than one participant at your own expense.

We will provide more information about the PACRES project and a draft agenda for the meeting in the coming days. If you are likely to be able to send a representative to the PACRES inception and planning meeting, please advise the PACRES Project Manager, Dr. Martin Sharp, at martins@sprep.org. It would be appreciated if you could indicate your interest in participating by Friday 15 February 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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