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Meteorological Directors for:
Cook Islands, Federated States of
Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the
Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau,
Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon
Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

SUBJECT: Invitation to attend the pre-PMC workshops on the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) and Next Generation Climate Change Projections

I have the pleasure of inviting two nominated representatives, your IPCC focal point and your climate change focal point to attend two back-to-back workshops namely:

- IMPACT Workshop on IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) – 29 to 30th July
- Next Generation Climate Projections for the Pacific Workshop- SPREP/CSIRO– 31 July to 1 August.

Together with Climate Analytics and The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), SPREP is pleased to host two separate but complementary workshops that will be held the week prior to the 5th Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-5) in Apia, Samoa. These workshops are scheduled in succession in order to reduce travel demands for participants, some of whom will be staying on for PMC-5 and Pre-PMC events organised by WMO.

1. IMPACT workshop on the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC)

This workshop will focus on the chapters of the IPCC report that are likely to be of great significance to Pacific SIDS In particular, chapters concerning Sea Level Rise and Implications for Low Lying Islands, Coasts and Communities; Changing Ocean, Marine Ecosystems, and Dependent Communities and; Changing Ocean, Marine Ecosystems, and

Dependent Communities will be critical to understanding the latest climate science and its implications for Pacific nations.

Given the importance of these issues, a broad engagement and participation is desirable during the final Government review round (14 June to 9 August 2019) as well as in the approval plenary of the SROCC in September 2019. To this end, the workshop will bring together UNFCCC and IPCC focal points with representatives from the regional scientific community.

2. CSIRO Next Generation Projections 31st July-1st August

Next generation (CMIP5) projections for the Pacific workshop will be jointly coordinated by CSIRO and SPREP in partnership with the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS). The focus will be to communicate updates for the current CMIP5 projections for partner Pacific Island Countries in the context of the Paris Agreement 1.5 and 2 degree targets and implications for sectors, including agriculture case studies in Solomon Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu.

In addition the meeting also provides an opportunity for NMHS, sectors and scientists to discuss the observed impacts compared to the projected scenarios and discuss the information needs for decision-making to inform sectoral impact assessments, with emphasis on next generation (CMIP5 and CMIP6) projections and map next steps for prioritizing and implementing Pacific climate change science and services Research Roadmap.

Your two nominations will be fully funded (i.e. airfare and per diems provided) and we kindly request that you fill in the online nomination form through this link www.pacificmet.net/pmc/meetings/pmc-5/registration/nomination-funded-participant for each participant and submit to us before the **14th June 2019** to assist with the logistics of the two workshops. For selected participants who intend to stay on for WMO events and PMC-5, SPREP will ensure that logistical arrangements are fully coordinated. Detailed agendas for the two workshops will be sent out in June.

In addition, you can also find attached a schedule of all events held during the Pre-PMC and PMC-5 weeks (29 July to 9 August 2019)

Should you have further queries regarding the meetings please do not hesitate to contact PacMetDesk@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Annex 1: Schedule of Fifth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-5) and Pre-Events

Dates	Events
Monday, 29 th - Tuesday 30 th July 2019	IMPACT Workshop on IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC)
Wednesday, 31 st July - Thursday 1 st August 2019	Next Generation Climate Projections for the Pacific
Friday 2 nd - Saturday 3 rd August 2019	Women leadership in hydro-meteorology workshop (morning and afternoon parallel session)
Friday 2 nd August 2019	Media Masterclass for Social Media and Radio for Met Directors (parallel session)
Saturday 3 rd August 2019	CREWS Pacific SIDS Project Steering Committee meeting (afternoon parallel session).
Sunday 4 th August 2019	-
Monday 5 th August 2019	PMC Expert Panel Meetings
Tuesday 6 th August 2019	Donors and Partners Tanoa Session
Wednesday 7 th - Friday 9 th August 2019	PMC-5