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Pacific Island Countries and Territories

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SUBJECT: **Survey to gauge Capacity Building and Training Needs on Environment Impact Assessment of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs)**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are important planning and decision-making tools which are critical to the achievement of national sustainable development priorities including SDGs and multilateral environmental commitments that countries in the region have signed up to. As you are aware, EIA focuses at the project level while SEA is applied at the strategic planning level and both tools mutually support and complement each other.

To enable SPREP to develop and deliver targeted EIA and SEA capacity building and training that meet your specific needs, we would like to hear from you on what those specific needs are. To facilitate this, we are conducting a survey using Survey Monkey to gather input and feedback on what your EIA and SEA capacity building and training needs/gaps are.

Your feedback will help strengthen SPREP's existing capacity building and training interventions and to ensure these meet your specific needs and respond effectively to emerging issues facing the region. Furthermore, the information provided will also assist SPREP identify relevant partners who could potentially work with us in delivering EIA and SEA capacity building and training in a more coordinated manner at national and regional levels.

The survey will take around 15-20 minutes of your time to complete and can be accessed through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIASEACapacityandPICTsTrainingNeeds> Kindly requesting your assistance to circulate the survey link to relevant government ministries and key stakeholders especially EIA practitioners and regulators to complete the survey.

For further information and clarification regarding the survey, please contact Mr. Jope Davetanivalu, SPREP Environmental Planning Adviser joped@sprep.org; and Mr. Gregory Barbara, Environmental Assessment and Planning Officer gregoryb@sprep.org

I look forward to your feedback and input and thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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