



## CIRCULAR

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**DATE:** 8 August 2019      SPREP Partner Organisations  
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**SUBJECT: Upcoming Meetings of the Parties to the Noumea Convention (29 August 2019) and Waigani Convention (30 August 2019) - Provisional Agendas and additional information**

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to provide further information on the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the *Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols* (Noumea Convention) and the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the *Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region* (Waigani Convention) that will be held in Apia, Samoa, on Thursday 29 August 2019 and Friday 30 August 2019 respectively, prior to the 29th SPREP Meeting. Both Meetings will be held at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel, Apia.

### ***Noumea Convention***

The Parties to the Noumea Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and the United States of America. Representatives of non-Party members are invited as observers to the Meeting and are encouraged to consider ratifying the Convention.

### ***Waigani Convention***

The Parties to the Waigani Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Representatives of non-Party members are invited as observers to the Meeting and are encouraged to consider ratifying the Convention. Funding is available to support the attendance of one representative from each of the following Countries – Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue and Tuvalu.

Please find **below** relevant information pertaining to the Meetings:

1. Please find **attached** the Provisional Agendas for the Meetings. I encourage the relevant Members to contribute to the agendas by identifying any key issues and papers you would like to raise at the Meetings. I would appreciate your inputs and comments to be submitted to the Secretariat by **12 August 2019**.

2. Parties to each of the Conventions are reminded of the requirements to produce National Reports under each Convention. The template for reporting under each of the Conventions is **attached** for ease of reference.
3. I am pleased to invite any additional working papers and National Reports for the Meetings to be sent to the Secretariat by **20 August 2019**.

The Working Papers for both the Meetings and any National Reports received by the Secretariat will be uploaded to the website in due course ([www.sprep.org](http://www.sprep.org)).

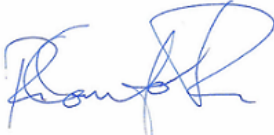
For those Members who have not already done so, I would like to invite nominations and appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised as soon as practicable of the name of the designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers to attend the relevant forthcoming Meeting. Please see the **attached** Nomination Form.

For further information relating to the logistical arrangements for the Meetings, please contact Apiseta Eti and/or Rosanna Galuvao at the addresses provided below. For information on Meeting Working Papers, the Agendas and other non-logistical matters, please contact Mr Clark Peteru, Legal Counsel ([clarkp@sprep.org](mailto:clarkp@sprep.org)).

Please note that any outstanding nominations should be sent by e-mail as soon as possible to Apiseta Eti ([apiseta@sprep.org](mailto:apiseta@sprep.org)) or Rosanna Galuvao ([rosannag@sprep.org](mailto:rosannag@sprep.org)).

I thank you kindly for your consideration and encourage your active participation in the two Meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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