

## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points  
 Waigani & Basel Convention  
 Competent Authorities – Cook Islands/  
 Palau/Kiribati/Tonga/Vanuatu

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**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI), consultant for Mercury inventory development using the UNEP mercury toolkit (Minamata Initial Project – MIA).

Dear Focal Points,

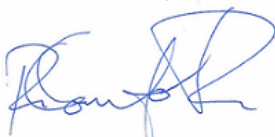
Greetings from SPREP,

Following on from our previous circular regarding the introduction of BRI and the work plan that they had developed to undertake the activities of the project as outlined in their contract; please find below for your ease of reference, the proposed timeline that BRI has drafted to undertake the activities in your respective countries. Staff from BRI will be in contact shortly to discuss whether the proposed timelines are convenient or if they need to reschedule.

Country	Date	Activity
Vanuatu	September 30 2019	Arrival in Vanuatu (whole team)
Vanuatu	October 1-2	Inception Workshop & Inventory Training in Vanuatu
Kiribati	October 3	travel day to Kiribati for Team 1
Tonga	October 3	travel day to Tonga for Team 2
Kiribati	October 4-5	Inception Workshop & Inventory Training in Kiribati
Tonga	October 4-5	Inception Workshop and Inventory Training in Tonga
Palau	October 6	travel day to Palau for Team 1
Cook Islands	October 6	travel day to Cook Islands for Team 2
Palau	October 7-9	Recovery day, Inception Workshop and Inventory Training in Palau for Team 1
Cook Islands	October 7-9	Recovery day, Inception Workshop and Inventory Training in Cook Islands for Team 2
USA	October 10-11	Departure back to US

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Yours Sincerely,



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