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from Pacific Island Countries
Climate change focal points

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SUBJECT: ‘Save the date’: Inaugural meeting of the Technical Working Group on Information and Knowledge Management (TWG-IKM) for Resilient Development, 29-31 October, 2019, Pacific Climate Change Centre, SPREP, Apia, Samoa

Dear Focal Points,

The first meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) for Resilient Development will convene at the Pacific Climate Change Centre in Apia Samoa from 29-31 October 2019.

In July 2019, the Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce endorsed the formation of the IKM TWG, under the auspices of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).

The IKM TWG will address the need for strategic coordination of information and knowledge management to ensure that adaptation and resilient development decision-making is targeted, brokered and aligned to national and regional priorities across the Pacific. The IKM TWG’s objectives align with the FRDP, including its advocacy for the adoption of integrated approaches to address resilience issues and achieve resource efficiency. With multiple agencies and stakeholders involved in disaster risk, climate change adaptation and resilience planning, regional collaboration with regards to climate change and disaster information is critical.

Terms of Reference (ToR) for the IKM TWG have been drafted in consultation with key stakeholders. The inaugural meeting of the IKM TWG will provide an opportunity for interested members to discuss and adopt the ToR, identify regional and national IKM needs, and finalise the work plan for the group for the next 12 months. The meeting will also serve as an opportunity for collaboration, knowledge brokering capacity development, and to share information on current and upcoming climate change and disaster IKM-related activities in the Pacific.

The event is financially supported by DFAT’s Australia Pacific Climate Partnership and the Regional Pacific NDC Hub. The organisers expect to fund participation of up to two delegates per country and will send a formal invitation with nomination and travel support details shortly. For queries in the interim, please contact Espen Ronneberg at espenr@sprep.org.

Kind regards,



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