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SUBJECT: **CBD Post 2020 Framework and SDG 14 Targets Workshop, 3 – 6 February 2020**

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will be convening a workshop related to the Post-2020 Framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the review of SDG 14 at the SPREP Campus in Apia on 3 to 6 February 2020.

The key components of this workshop will include a focus on:

1. 30 x 30 Marine Protected Areas meeting

One suggested target is to have 100% of the world's ocean under sustainable management which includes 30% of marine environments within protected areas with a high level of protection. Day one of the meeting will focus on this target in detail.

The workshop will discuss the science behind the target, the current status of Marine Protected Areas in the Pacific region and the modes of implementation of the target in the CBD post 2020 framework and other MEA's.

The purpose of this will be to develop countries' positions on this important target.

2. CBD Post 2020 Framework priority themes including Marine and Coasts, and Area Based Conservation Measures

The second part of the workshop hosted by SPREP will discuss the development of the Post-2020 Framework and priorities for the Pacific Island region.

The objectives of the meeting will be to:

1. Review the CBD Post 2020 process so far,
2. Develop regional and national inputs to the Post-2020 framework process

Background:

The current CBD Framework for Biodiversity and the Aichi Targets are due to expire in 2020. Following the resolution in Sharm el Sheik in 2018 at the 14th COP a new Post 2020 framework on biological diversity is currently being developed by the Parties to the Convention (CBD).

The new framework, will set the direction of conservation efforts under the Convention for the next three decades.

The new framework may have implications for future focus of conservation programmes. It may also incorporate national monitoring and reporting requirements under the Convention. It is important for Pacific Islands to provide textual input to the framework to ensure that targets and indicators are aligned with the interests of the Pacific Island Region.

A participatory process has been underway, which includes CBD open ended working groups, Thematic working groups and SBTTA meetings. The final Post 2020 framework will be drafted by the CBD

secretariat in time for the 15th COP in October 2020. The new framework will have important implications for all signatories to the Convention. Members are encouraged to engage with this process.

This regional Workshop will provide a forum for the Pacific Island countries to discuss inputs to the Post 2020 framework with the aim of developing a framework which aligns with the needs of PICS and the region as a whole. Outputs from this workshop will also inform the draft Declaration being developed for the 10th Pacific Island Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas which will take place in New Caledonia from the 19 – 24 April, 2020 (www.pacificnatureconference.com).

Attendance

SPREP invites nominations from Pacific Island Countries to attend this meeting. Two nominations from each country should include senior decision makers and officers who are involved with administration and negotiation of the CBD targets. We would welcome participation from both conservation and fisheries ministries.

We would appreciate receiving confirmation and the nomination form (Annex 1) at your earliest convenience but no later than the **6th December 2019**. Nomination forms can be sent to Juney Ward juneyw@sprep.org. A detailed agenda and additional information will be provided in due course.

For more information please contact Juney Ward juneyw@sprep.org or Peter Davies peterd@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cornforth', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Roger Cornforth
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ANNEX 1:

**CBD Post 2020 Framework and SDG 14 Targets Workshop
3 – 6 February 2020**

Please nominate **two participants**. Please email the completed nomination form no later than **1 December 2019** to Juney Ward juneyw@sprep.org with a copy to Peter Davies peterd@sprep.org

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