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Climate Change Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) User Requirements Workshop, 4-6 May 2020, and Intra-ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) Steering Committee Meeting, 7-8 May 2020, Pacific Climate Change Centre, Apia, Samoa**

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) through the EU-funded Intra-ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) will convene the Pacific Climate Change Portal User Requirements Workshop, 4-6 May 2020 at the Pacific Climate Change Centre at SPREP in Apia, Samoa.

One of the PACRES activities is to scale up regional and national climate change portals to increase access to and reach of climate change and disaster resilience information. Portals operate in a rapidly evolving environment. New technologies can enable better access to information through mobile applications; blogs provide an opportunity for practitioners to engage and exchange ideas; on-line tools enable users to plan activities and responses to the impacts of climate change; and there is an opportunity to create an updated and contemporary user experience.

To that end the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) User Requirements Workshop will enable national and regional representatives to provide input on future portal user requirements. This will include:

- Eliciting and recording national and regional requirements for additional functionality for climate change portals;
- Exploring options for a more user focused experience to access climate change and disaster resilience information;
- Opportunities for linkages to other portals, projects and technical assistance; and
- Reviewing options for new on-line tools to assist climate change planning and resilience building.

The Workshop will be held before the PACRES Steering Committee Meeting and recommendations from the Workshop will be forwarded to that meeting for consideration.

PACRES will fund two participants from each Pacific ACP country to participate in the workshop, with one of those representatives also invited to participate in the ***PACRES Steering Committee Meeting on 7-8 May***.

Formal invitations and a draft agenda for the workshop and PACRES Steering Committee Meeting will be circulated in due course.

Further information about the Pacific Climate Change Portal User Requirements Workshop will be disseminated to nominated attendees closer to the workshop date.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kosi Latu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kosi Latu
Director General