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TO: SPREP National and SWAP Project Focal Points (Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna)

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SUBJECT: Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP) Project Inception Meeting

Dear SPREP Partners,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), I would like to invite your designated focal persons to attend the Inception Meeting for the Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP) Project funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The meeting will be held virtually on the 9th, 11th, and 17th December 2020. Please see attached concept note with agenda for further details.

The four-year SWAP project will involve the following components: 1) regional training programmes; 2) implementation of pilot projects; and 3) sharing of good practices through a Community of Practice for PICs including French OCTs. The project will focus on four thematic areas: used oil management, marine debris, disaster wastes and an overarching issue on sustainable financing mechanisms.

Based on a feasibility study, prioritisation of beneficiaries of the project was done based on macro-economic situation, vulnerability of the environment and thematic interventions mentioned above. The following countries and territories are identified to benefit and participate in the project: Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, and French Polynesia with New Caledonia providing a backstop.

Central to the success of the project is good implementation that will optimise the benefit to participating countries, thus greater understanding of the SWAP Project is very valuable. We would highly appreciate full attendance of the focal and alternative representatives to the inception meeting.

Please confirm attendance to the meeting no later than 2nd December 2020 through Ma Bella Guinto, Solid Waste Management Adviser, bellag@sprep.org.

We look forward to receiving your early response.

Yours sincerely,

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Director-General