Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) through the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) will convene the Virtual PACRES Steering Committee Meeting 19-20 August 2020.

PACRES is being implemented jointly by SPREP, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Pacific Community and the University of the South Pacific and aims to ensure better regional and national adaptation and mitigation responses to climate change challenges faced by Pacific ACP countries.

The Steering Committee Meeting will review overall progress of PACRES since the Inception and Planning Meeting held in April 2019 and will be asked to provide national perspectives and strategic guidance on proposed changes to PACRES activities. The draft agenda will be circulated shortly and a paper canvassing issues for discussion will be circulated at least two weeks before the Meeting. These issues will include:

- PACRES activities and budget overview;
- PACRES approach to capacity development;
- Impacts of COVID-19 on project implementation and changes made in response; and
- Proposed changes to project activities.

It is recommended participants convene at a central location for the three-day meeting. SPREP can support internet costs for the Meeting, and requests focal points to make requests for support as soon as possible, including information on internet providers in your country, their contact persons and their rates.

Please indicate your country delegation participation no later than C.O.B on Friday 31 July to Laura Mitchell (Lauram@sprep.org) and copy to foinijanceyf@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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