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SUBJECT: Regional Online Training on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), Stakeholder Engagement (SEA) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) in the Pacific.

Dear SPREP Members,

The Secretariat, as part of its on-going capacity building and training assistance on EIA, and in collaboration with the World Bank, will be delivering virtual online trainings specifically on stakeholder engagement and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) as part of the EIA process. The series of virtual trainings also form part of the Pacific Learning Partnership for Environmental and Social Sustainability capacity building Programme. The first series of virtual trainings will be delivered as an open regional training and will start in November and end in December of this year with additional trainings planned for 2021.

The main objectives of the first series of trainings are to:

1. Improve understanding of the value and benefits of effective stakeholder engagement and social impact assessment within the context of the EIA process.
2. Improve understanding of legal requirements for stakeholder engagement and social impact assessment (SIA).
3. Provide basic tools for stakeholder engagement and SIA.

The training is intended for national government officers with EIA regulatory responsibilities in the 17 Pacific Island Countries and Territories. It also targets World Bank and Asian Development Bank Project safeguard officers.

The training will cover a total of eight modules with each module focusing on a specific topic and there will be two modules per week over four weeks. Each module will be delivered between 1 to 2 hours and it will comprise of presentations, case studies, examples of best practice, as well as questions and answers. Participants will be awarded with a certificate of participation at the end of each module.

The Secretariat will be grateful if you could kindly inform the National EIA administrators and regulators, and other relevant authorities in your respective countries to register and sign up for the online training through the following link: (<https://forms.gle/PPqdZipYXJg2xGV1A>).

Please refer attachment which contains a summary of the modules and additional information concerning the training.

Should you require further information and or clarification, please contact Mr. Jope Davetanivalu joped@sprep.org and Dr Gregory Barbara gregoryb@sprep.org.



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Att: Summary of Training Modules