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Pacific Meteorological Council and Part
Climate Change Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Invitation and Arrangements: *Next Generation Climate Projections for the Western Tropical Pacific Project Regional Workshop, 7 & 9 December 2020 (Virtual)***

Dear SPREP Focal Points and Partners,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) will jointly convene a regional virtual workshop on Monday 7 and Wednesday 9 December 2020; entitled:

Next Generation Climate Projections for the Western Tropical Pacific: supporting sectors through evidence-based decision-making

This initiative is supported by the Australian Government through the Australia-Pacific Climate Partnership (APCP) funded *Next Generation of Climate Projections for Western Tropical Pacific* (NextGen) project implemented by CSIRO and SPREP. This project is updating and reformatting existing (PACCSAP) climate change projections for the Pacific with standardized scenarios and storylines aligned to the Paris Agreement and other key regional priorities and agendas. This work is critical for sectoral decision-makers as it aims to combine scientific-based climate modelling with future country (impact) scenarios to inform development policy response for adaptation and mitigation at sectoral level across the region. The project has produced some draft data, projections-based scientific assessments and sectoral case study applications that require inputs from Pacific Island Country stakeholders to better understand end-user needs. This feedback will help inform the final project deliverables to hopefully enhance the utility and functionality of the projections, and thereby increase the uptake of the science for sectoral decision making. Therefore, a virtual workshop has been identified as a suitable modality to review these key draft outputs.

The primary objectives of the workshop are to:

- Provide an update on the Next Generation of Climate Change Projections for the Pacific, including the:
 - Draft national climate change scenarios and story lines; and the
 - Draft sectoral case studies and guidance materials for sectors
- Solicit feedback from participants on the project outputs to date which will inform the next steps and final reporting.



- Raise awareness of NMHS and key development sectors on the updated climate change projections for integration into national sustainable development planning and implementation across key sectors.

Invitations to this workshop are now open for nominations from Pacific Island Countries and technical partners. All interested participants are requested to complete registration form via [MS Forms link](#) no later than the **1 December 2020**. Upon receipt of your nominee, our office will liaise directly with your representative on the final arrangements for the workshop.

For additional information or enquiry regarding the workshop please contact PacMetDesk@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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