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DATE: 3 September 2021 **cc:** One CROP Plus (PIFS, SPC, FFA, USP, PIDF, UNEP (Apia Office), UNDP (Fiji Office))

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SUBJECT: **Invitation to the PSIDS COP26 ‘Profile Series’ of workshops on thematic priorities**

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in partnership with Climate Analytics and the One CROP+ team, is pleased to announce the PSIDS COP26 ‘Profile Series’ of workshops as a platform to further enhance PSIDS members’ knowledge and understanding for navigating the intricacies and nuances of negotiating.

The aim of the Profile Series is to better equip PSIDS negotiators with a comprehensive understanding of the current UNFCCC negotiating environment through an in-depth focus on three key areas of importance to the Pacific at COP26, namely:

- Loss and Damage and specific issues relating to Adaptation – 15 September 2021, 12noon – 3pm (Samoa Local Time)
- Article 6 (Markets) – 17 September 2021, 12 noon – 3pm (Samoa Local Time)
- Oceans and Climate Nexus – 23 September 2021 (tbc), 12noon – 3pm (Samoa Local Time)

The sessions provide the opportunity to go into greater depth on these issues and to discuss strategies and desired outcomes in order to enhance capacity of PSIDS Lead (and Support) negotiators prior to and during COP26. The specific objectives and expected outcomes of the 3 events are as follows:

- Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the Articles and Agenda items of contention.
- Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the positions of other Parties and Negotiating Blocs and areas of divergence.
- Better knowledge and understanding of existing and potential alliances and areas of convergence (rationale).
- Develop concise PSIDS elements to be reflected across Agenda items and seek to have these embedded in COP26 Decision texts.
- Develop a holistic PSIDS negotiating strategy for conveying regional priorities



The Profile Series approach slightly differs to previous traditional styled workshops in that it provides a half-day dedicated to specific PSIDS 'Thematic' priorities. This allows for greater time allocated to Negotiators for taking stock of the outcomes, address shortcomings, and build on successes of COP25. It will also highlight what worked well in terms of Pacific engagement, and to identify areas that need strengthening in the lead up to and during COP26. The Profile Series will complement the Pacific Pre-COP meeting which is scheduled for early October 2021 (details to follow).

The Secretariat therefore wishes to invite your representatives who are lead negotiators and support experts in the thematic areas highlighted above to participate in these sessions. The agenda for each of the sessions will be shared in due course. For more information kindly contact Sione Fulivai, FRDP Coordinator on email sionef@sprep.org and Filomena Nelson, Adaptation Adviser on email filomenan@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kosi Latu".

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