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FILE: AP_6/9/4 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
Maritime Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Regional Workshop on the Ratification and Effective Implementation of Conventions Relating to Oil Spill Response, Liability, and Compensation for the Pacific Island Region**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Pacific Community (SPC) are pleased to announce that the *Regional workshop on the Ratification and effective implementation of Conventions relating to oil spill response, liability, and compensation (OPRC) for the Pacific island Region*, will be hosted virtually by SPREP on 19, 20, 26 & 27 October 2021; and 15, 16, 22 & 25 February 2022.

The OPRC Workshop is jointly organized by IMO, SPREP and SPC under IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP).

You are cordially invited to nominate suitable senior officials who are familiar with the maritime sector issues relating to oil spill response, liability and compensation, policy makers and legislative advisors and drafters responsible for the legal and legislative implementation of the instruments into their domestic legislation. The attached Aide-Memoire contains relevant information and the provisional programme on the workshop.

Please note that completed nomination forms should be submitted no later than close of business on **Friday, 08 October 2021** to enable sufficient time to put in place the necessary arrangements. The nomination forms should be completed in electronic format provided in this link <https://forms.office.com/r/YKfcUbk9zE>

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Anthony Talouli anthonyt@sprep.org at SPREP or the IMO Asia and Pacific Section aps@imo.org.

Yours Sincerely,



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