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FILE: SPREP 2/23 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Final Report of the Third Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026

Dear Members,

Please find attached the Final Report of the Third Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 from the Independent Review Team of Natural Solutions Pacific.

As Members will recall, the recent 30th SPREP Meeting:

1. noted the update from the Secretariat on the Third Independent Corporate Review and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026;
2. noted the consultants' presentation on the Joint Reviews that includes the methodology, background and consultations;
3. endorsed the Special Meeting of SPREP Members to convene on 15 October, 2021 that shall consider the full report of the Third Independent Corporate Review and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 and Recommendations; and
4. established a working group to discuss governance and programmatic issues as an outcome of the reports in the first six months of 2022. The Secretariat will develop TOR for the Working Group.

The Final Report, link to Annexes (25 MB) and the responses from the Secretariat to the draft report received from Natural Solutions Pacific on 30 August including their responses to the Secretariat, are provided to Members in advance of the Special Meeting of SPREP Members that will convene virtually on Friday 15 October 2021. More information will be shared closer to the time, but it is expected to be a half day virtual meeting held from 12pm to 5pm (Samoa time).

As discussed at the 30th SPREP Meeting the implications of the Report are far reaching and require the due consideration of Members. Noting the outcomes of the Special Meeting of SPREP Members on 15 October 2021, a working group will be established in the first six months of 2022 to consider implementation of approved recommendations.



We welcome nominations to the Secretariat (executivesupport@sprep.org) for the Special Meeting by Friday 8 October 2021.

As always thank you for your continued support of SPREP. The due consideration of the Report and participation of Members in this upcoming Meeting is important in helping to navigate the future of SPREP.

Yours sincerely

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

Kosi Latu
Director General