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TO: PSIDS National Climate Change Focal Points

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SUBJECT: UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP26) Pacific Preparatory Meeting
5 – 8 October 2021
Virtually hosted at the Pacific Climate Change Centre, SPREP, Samoa

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in partnership with Climate Analytics, through the support of the IMPACT project, and One CROP will be convening the COP26 Pacific Preparatory Meeting from 5 - 8 of October 2021 virtually at the Pacific Climate Change Centre at SPREP in Apia, Samoa.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Officially launch of the Pacific Political Climate Change Champions initiative;
- Provide negotiators and Ministers with a forum to prepare for COP26 to be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 31st October -12 November 2021, considering outcomes at COP25 in December 2019 and the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies 52nd session held in June this year, as well as the UN Climate Change Week in September, and the findings in the IPCC Assessment Report 6, Working Group I report on “The Physical Science Basis”;
- Provide the delegations with a briefing on the state of the negotiations and the proposed Pacific SIDS positions on those agenda items that are important for the region for their discussion and consideration; and
- Prepare delegates and negotiators to engage effectively on the Pacific priorities and unresolved agenda items at COP26.

Strong engagement by Pacific SIDS will be critical at this year's COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland, given that COP25 in Madrid, Spain in 2019 did not see the full finalization of the Paris Agreement Work Programme. Several issues are still outstanding after the 52nd Subsidiary Bodies (SBI and SBSTA) sessions held virtually this year, as all outcomes from the virtual meetings were informal. Additionally, due to COVID-19, COP26 has been delayed



while climate change has continued, which will make this COP more crucial than ever to push for climate ambition as the window for action shrinks.

As the preparatory meeting will be virtual, we would like to welcome all negotiators planning to attend COP26 to participate in the IMPACT COP26 preparatory meeting.

All participants are required to register online through this link:
<https://forms.gle/ZgDN7rx5Azrj6pw76> before close of business on 29th of September 2021.

Additional information including the meeting agenda and link will be shared closer to the date.

For further information, please liaise with Filomena Nelson (filomenan@sprep.org) and Patrick Pringle (patrick.pringle@climateanalytics.org) and copy Ella Strachan (ella.strachan@climateanalytics.org).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ECS", is positioned above the typed name.

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Acting Director General