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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points:  
Cook Islands, Federated States of  
Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall  
Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua  
New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon  
Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

**SUBJECT: Invitation: Pacific Briefing Meeting in preparation for the CBD Informal Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3)**

Dear Members,

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) under the European Union (EU) African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP) Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEA) Phase III Project and in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will convene a **Pacific briefing meeting** to be held virtually on **4 March, 2021** from **2:00pm – 4:30pm (Samoa time)**.

This Pacific briefing meeting is in preparation for the upcoming Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) virtual informal session for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3) from the 8 – 12 March and 14 March, 2021 (Montreal time zone).

The main objectives of the briefing meeting are to:

1. Provide an overview of the issues discussed during the SBI 3;
2. Discuss key issues relevant to the Pacific related to the implementation of the Convention;
3. Strengthen regional network of CBD and SBI focal points in preparation for SBI 3;
4. Promote and strengthen regional preparations for the COP15.

Invitation to this meeting is now open for nominations from Pacific Islands Countries and we welcome participation from national CBD focal points, national non-governmental organisations and technical partners. We request that you complete the [online registration](#) no later than **1 March, 2021**. Upon receipt of nomination, we will liaise directly with your representative and provide the zoom link for the meeting.

The documents for SBI 3 can be obtained from the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbi-03/documents>. A briefing note is also attached for information.

On a separate related matter, we would also remind you of the upcoming CBD SBI 3 and SBSTTA 24 meetings as outlined in the CBD Notification dated 6 January 2021: (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2021/ntf-2021-005-sbstta-sbi-en.pdf>). Please address all enquiries to the CBD Executive Secretary e-mail to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or by fax at +1 514-288-6588. Your participation in SBI 3 and SBSTTA 24 is highly encouraged to ensure your views and inputs are considered.

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