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SUBJECT: **Webinar training: “How to get the best out of the PNEA”, facilitated by Environmental Monitoring and Governance”**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat, as part of its commitment to strengthening national sustainable development planning through use of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA), and spatial planning, will be hosting a virtual training webinar on how to get the best out of the Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA) portal on 08th October 2021, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Samoa time)

The Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA) is an initiative of the Secretariat’s Environmental Monitoring and Governance (EMG) programme to support government officials from Pacific Island countries and territories who work with EIA and SEA – collectively Environmental Assessment. The portal serves as a community of practice, complementing the current capacity building programme for environmental assessment in the region.

The objectives of the training include to:

1. Explain the objectives and benefits of the PNEA as a community of practice.
2. Provide participants with a training on the full complement of resources and functions on the PNEA portal.
3. Promote the PNEA portal to environmental assessment officers and regulators in the Pacific region.
4. Obtain feedback and inputs from participants on how the PNEA portal can better meet their needs and benefit their practice.
5. Facilitate and encourage regular engagement and discussions within the PNEA.

The training is targeted at government officials in the 17 Pacific Island Countries and Territories who are responsible for administering, managing, or engaged with the EIA process in other regulatory or development proponent capacities (e.g., officers working in areas such as planning, health, energy, water, transport, fisheries, agriculture, natural resources)



Training participants will receive a tutorial on how to register, navigate, seek assistance, use the Talanoa discussion forum, and how to access key resources and tools on the PNEA portal. The training will be comprised of series of presentations with a live demo of the PNEA portal, followed by a Q&A and group discussions with participants.

The Secretariat hereby cordially invites National EIA administrators, regulators, and other relevant stakeholders from member countries to register and sign up for the virtual training through the following link:

https://sprep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zr3q3yuGQhm7uKF9zPLvIA

Should you require any further information and or clarification, please contact Mr. Jope Davetanivalu (joped@sprep.org), Dr. Greg Barbara (gregoryb@sprep.org), or Mr. Ivan Diarra (ivand@sprep.org)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kosi Latu
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