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SUBJECT: **Action on 30th SPREP Meeting Paper 8.4.1**

Dear Members,

Following the decision by the 2021 SPREP Meeting on SPREP paper 8.4.1, the Secretariat would like to inform you that the Environment Monitoring and Governance Programme through the Inform Project is developing a full project proposal for the scaling up of the Inform Project and has outlined the key components of Inform Plus.

The key components of the Inform Plus project concept are:

1. Critical to the scaling up of environment data management and use in the Pacific:
 - a) Environmental standards: the need to set clear definitions, language and thresholds noting the need for a tiered set for varying capacity levels and ability in countries.
 - b) Data management and analysis: the maintenance and enhancement of the PEP network.
 - c) Environmental monitoring and field data collection for key indicators including environmental standards.
 - d) Enhancing GIS capacity for field sampling and planning including EIAs.
 - e) Capacity building to convert data to information and advocacy for use.

The next steps will be for your Secretariat to seek funding support from donor agencies and also is seeking the support of member countries on the GEF 8 Star Allocation.

The Secretariat through the Environment Monitoring and Governance (EMG) Programme will be communicating directly with you to seek guidance on development of the project proposal.

Please contact our Secretariat Mr. Jope Davetanivalu ((joped@sprep.org), Acting Director of the Environment Monitoring and Governance Program or Mr. Paul Anderson (paula@sprep.org), the Inform Project Manager.



We look forward to having your support as we develop the second phase of the Inform Plus project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kosi Latu", is positioned above the printed name.

Kosi Latu
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