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SUBJECT: **Webinar: “Moving from Promise to Action”**

Dear Members,

“Our Pacific Environment in a COVID-19 World” is the theme of the 2021 SPREP-led Webinar Series for which one webinar a quarter will be coordinated by each of our four programmes. These aim to empower our Pacific islands to build back from the impacts of COVID-19, while complementing a sustainable Pacific environment and to help bring our environmental concerns to the fore.

Our very first webinar – “Moving from Promise to Action” will be held on Thursday, 27 May 2021 from 2.00 – 4.00pm (Samoa Time).

This webinar will focus its climate change lens on what global climate targets means for our Pacific islands. It will explore the direction we must all travel to adapt and mitigate against the drastic impacts of climate change.

True transformational change will occur when actions are taken collectively by the big superpowers, along with our Pacific islands, to limit the global temperature rise to below 1.5°C.

At the end of 2019, the global community was given a rude awakening with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic which caused a “global standstill”. This skewed global priorities as the world channeled its resources into a desperate search for a vaccine to curb the wildfire spread of the coronavirus which is rapidly claiming countless lives across the globe.

Meanwhile, global warming is still here. Sea levels continue to rise, and our oceans continue to warm. Extreme weather events continue to be a daily, and weekly occurrence. Heavy GHG emitters continue to emit. COVID-19 global pandemic continues to claim lives.

Like the United States, most of the Pacific islands had pledged to de-carbonise their power sector through their Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitments under the Paris Agreement. This demonstrates their true leadership qualities in this climate change fight for survival.

You can learn more about the work undertaken by the Pacific Island region as we “move from Promise to Action” at this special webinar that features voices from across our Pacific islands, Climate Analytics, and the Pacific Regional Nationally Determined Contributions Hub (Pacific NDC Hub).



We invite you to join us and be part of the “Moving from Promise to Action” Webinar by clicking on: https://sprep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ILi7VKfDRymaltWjwrI13Q. Please visit our SPREP Social Media sites for further information and updates.

Yours sincerely,

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

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