Dear Members,

Further to Circular 21/47 on the update of the Third Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026, please find attached a welcome message from the SPREP Independent Review Team Project Director, Dr Russell Howorth of Natural Solutions Pacific.

If you would like to accept the invitation for an interview with Dr. Howorth or one of the sub-regional consultation leads, please contact Ashlee Poswell, Deputy Project Manager (ashlee.poswell@gmail.com) so that she may provide support with scheduling an interview.

These interviews may complement the various virtual consultation workshops including for:

- **Micronesia**: 6 July from 9am to 1pm, Pohnpei time
- **Melanesia**: 7 July from 8am to 12pm, Fiji time
- **Polynesia**: 20 July from 9am to 12pm, Samoa time
- **French Territories**: 22 July from 7am to 11am, New Caledonia time

For more information regarding the virtual consultations please visit the circular links, which are referenced above for each group. The importance of Members confirming their availability or making alternative arrangements directly with the Independent Review Team, is gratefully appreciated. In addition to the workshops, meetings and interviews, there will also be an online survey disseminated by the Independent Review Team.

Thank you for your support in what is an important strategic investment in the future of SPREP. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Secretariat (audreyp@sprep.org) or the Independent Review Team as noted in their letter of welcome attached.

Yours sincerely,

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