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TO: SPREP (PacWastePlus) National Foc
Points
& Timor-Leste Focal Point

SUBJECT: **PacWastePlus Project Steering Committee 2023 – Save the Date**

Dear Focal Points,

We are excited to inform you all that the European Union Pacific Waste Management (PacWastePlus) Programme Steering Committee meeting themed “*Turning Commitments into Action*” will be held in the week of **22-26 May 2023 in Rarotonga, Cook Islands**. SPREP acknowledges the support of the Government of Cook Islands for hosting this important meeting through the Ministry of Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI) as the meeting Chair to enhance sustainable waste management efforts in the Pacific.

We are cognizant of your involvement in many other national and international engagements over the coming year, but as the PacWastePlus programme moves into the fourth year of critical implementation, I encourage all PacWastePlus participating country focal points to attend this opportunity to meet in person, to explore the project outcomes, and learn from your peers’ experience after two years of virtual steering committee deliberations.


The Steering Committee Meeting provides an opportunity to:

- Present Programme highlights and feedback from 2022 activities
- Hold interactive Talanoa sessions on thematic activities, country projects, and regional projects to better implement 2023 commitments
- Hear from the European Union on the outcome of the Programme’s mid-term review
- Participate in capacity building opportunities
- Visit some waste management initiatives being undertaken in Cook Islands, and
- Engage with peers, SPREP staff, and the European Union’s Delegation to the Pacific

We would appreciate if the attached meeting registration form could be completed and returned by Friday December 16, to confirm attendance, and enable the Programme Management Unit to commence preparations for your travel. Should you require any further clarity or information, please contact crystals@sprep.org

I wish you all the very best for your deliberations during this Programme Steering Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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