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SUBJECT: **Invitation to the Pacific Islands Climate Change Forum (PICCF), 27 – 29 April 2022**

Dear Members and Partners,

Warm Pacific greetings from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Headquarters in Apia, Samoa. I trust this circular finds you well and in good health despite the challenges of COVID-19.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your representatives to the Pacific Islands Climate Change Forum (PICCF) that will be held from the 27-29 April 2022 at 10:00 AM – 14:00 PM, Samoa date and time (WST) or starting 26 April 2022 at 21:00, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

The PICCF is co-organised by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), with technical support provided by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), APEC Climate Centre (APCC), Meteo-France, US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Pacific Community (SPC) and the University of Hawaii as members of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre (RCC) Network Node for Long-Range Forecasting in partnership with the Pacific Islands Climate Services (PICS) Panel. The latter ensures that the needs of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) in the Pacific Countries and Territories (PICT), and their stakeholders are met. The other partners providing support to the event are the Pacific Island Development Program of the East-West Centre (EWC) and the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Center (PICAC) of the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

The Pacific Island Climate Change Forum (PICCF) is a 3-day event and will present objective, user-relevant information about the current and future climate as well as actions that agencies, organisations, and institutions are recommended to take to reduce climate-related risks and support sustainable development over the coming decades in the priority sectors.

Day 1 (27 April 2022, 10:00-14:00 WST or 26 April 2022, 21:00 UTC) of the PICCF will focus on the introduction of the Pacific Climate Change Monitor (PCCM), which is similar to the WMO State of the



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Climate Report. It draws on the latest hydro-meteorological and oceanographic data and information to describe historical climate variability and change in PICT expressed in terms of a fundamental set of indicators. This information about the trends in physical, biological, chemical, and ecological observations due to a changing climate is intended to facilitate communication among, and inform decisions of, a broad spectrum of public and private sector stakeholders in various PICT. This information will complement the IPCC report.

Day 2 (28 April 2022, 10:00-14:00 WST or 27 April 2022, 21:00 UTC) of the PICCF will focus on communicating the latest Pacific projections-based science and science-based climate change services that are incorporated into the Monitor. Attention will also be given to demonstrating the practical application of projections-based scientific assessments to inform hazard-based sectoral climate change impact and vulnerability/risk assessments.

Day 3 (29 April 2022, 10:00-14:00 WST or 28 April 2022, 21:00 UTC) of the PICCF will focus on communicating information about observed and expected impact of climate change on the key sectors in the Pacific. This will include a series of storytelling sessions, where representatives from agencies, organisations, and institutions within the region share lessons learned about the use of climate change related data and information to address impacts due to a rapidly changing climate.

Please register for the PICCF using this link:

https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hXjNcwK9QmKB_9GM20H-6Q

The meeting documents and link will be provided after your registration.

The audiences for the PICCF are the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), national governments, policymakers and domain experts, NGOs, regional/national organisations and universities, consultants and private sectors, donors and multilateral donor partners, community groups, knowledge brokers and other relative sectors. I urge you not to miss this opportunity and encourage your staff and others to participate in this 3-day event to harness their understanding of climate information and services to better support the resilience of communities and our Pacific peoples.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact pidp@eastwestcenter.org and pac-metdesk@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,

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