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TO: PIRT Members: Birdlife International, Change Pacific, Conservation International, GIZ, IUCN-ORO, Island Conservation, TNC, WCS, WWF, USP, SPC, Pacific Island Development Forum (PIDF)

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SUBJECT: **Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 17 – 21 October 2022, Nadi, Fiji**

Dear PIRT Members,

In preparation for the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will be convening a preparatory meeting for the Pacific islands region from **17 – 21 October 2022** at the **Novotel Hotel in Nadi, Fiji**.

At the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held in Nairobi, Kenya, delegates negotiated the [draft framework](#) with its 21 targets (now 22 targets with the addition of a specific target on gender):

- 8 targets deal with protecting the status of biodiversity,
- 5 targets address how we will use biodiversity sustainably and equitably, and
- 7 targets attempt to answer, ‘How do we provide the mechanisms to make sure these actions happen?’

The CBD COP15 is a major opportunity for ensuring that the special situation of **Small Island Developing States** are considered effectively in the design of biodiversity protections and monitoring as well as resourcing of biodiversity-related actions over the next decade.

All five of the principal direct drivers of biodiversity loss — land and sea use change, direct exploitation, climate change, pollution, invasive alien species and their interactions — are already occurring on islands and have substantial impacts on all dimensions of island biodiversity. Despite this fact, the draft Global Biodiversity Framework only uses the word ‘island’ three times in the goals, targets and approach to the framework.



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The main objectives of the Preparatory meeting are to provide a forum for the Pacific Parties to:

- discuss key regional priority issues and prepare regional positions, as appropriate;
- strengthen engagement at the COP meeting; and
- continue with the One Pacific Voice for top priorities for the Pacific which has been an effective approach adopted by Pacific Island countries at past COP meetings.

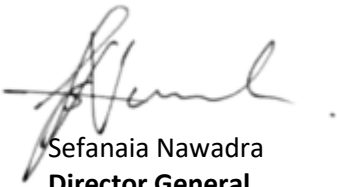
The Secretariat would like to extend an invitation to our PIRT Members to participate in the upcoming Pacific CBD Pre-COP meeting. The meeting will be held both in-person and virtually.

Please [register online](#) a link to the meeting will be provided by the organisers.

The agenda for the meeting will be shared in due course.

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Yours sincerely,



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