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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
Cook Islands, Democratic Republic
of Timor Leste, Federated States of
Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall
Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua
New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon
Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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SUBJECT: **Request for Expressions of Interest to Participate in the PacWastePlus Regional Disaster Waste Project**

Dear Members,

The PacWastePlus Programme is commencing development and delivery of project activities addressing Disaster Waste Management and invites member countries to participate in the Regional Disaster Waste project through an expression of interest (EOI) process.

The PacWastePlus Programme Management Unit developed a series of draft resources to assist Pacific Island Countries to manage waste generated from natural disasters in 2022, the resources are:

1. National and Community Disaster Waste Management Plan with Drafting/Guiding Instructions
2. Operational Guide on the Establishment of an Environmental Sector Working Group
3. Methodology for Estimating and Recording of Disaster Waste and Environmental Damage in Pacific Islands

These resources are aligned to the Regional Disaster Waste Management Guideline launched by SPREP in 2022.

PacWastePlus seeks to trial these Practitioner Guidelines in one PacWastePlus participating country prior to their finalisation and publication.

Though involvement in this trial, the selected country will receive PacWastePlus assistance to implement activities specified in the Practitioner Guidelines, including stakeholder consultation, awareness material development, drafting of Disaster Plans, and training to ensure that country officers are prepared to deal with wastes generated from a disaster. The activities may be undertaken over a period of up to three months. PacWastePlus will liaise with the chosen pilot country to discuss activities that may be eligible for funding and develop a detailed workplan.

How to Apply to Participate in the Regional Disaster Waste Project:

To submit your interest to participate in the Regional Disaster Waste project, please complete the attached EOI to:

- summarise the opportunities for improved disaster waste in your country.
- identify national stakeholders who will be involved in the implementation of Disaster Waste activities.

An *Information Note* is attached providing further guidance.

National Focal Points are respectfully requested to submit EOIs by **Friday 05th May 2023**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the PacWastePlus Programme Manager Mr. Bradley Nolan on bradley.n@sprep.org or the PacWastePlus Technical Waste Project Officer Sainimili Bulai, on sainimilib@sprep.org should you have any questions or require further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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