

## CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT:** Invitation to the regional workshop "Adapting coastal cities and territories to sea level rise in the Pacific", 10-12 July 2023, Nadi, Fiji

Dear Members,

The increasing rise in global mean sea level represents one of the most compelling consequences of climate change as well as one of the most critical issues for Pacific Island Countries and Territories. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6), sea level rise is expected to cause significant negative impacts on small islands and combined with extreme flooding events, could threaten the future livelihoods of Pacific coastal communities. The main settlements of small islands are located along the coast and with decades of high-density coastal urban development, their population, buildings and infrastructure are currently exposed to multiple climate change-related hazards and face numerous risks. Beyond technical measures, adaptation options to face sea level rise may include land use planning, disaster risk management, coastal ecosystem-based adaptation, community-based adaptation initiatives, designing and implementing dynamic adaptive pathways, etc.

To promote exchange of experiences, good practices and solutions to these challenges, SPREP, the Pacific Climate Change Centre, and the Sea'ties project of the Ocean & Climate Platform, are organising a regional workshop "Adapting coastal cities and territories to sea level rise in the Pacific". This workshop will be held from the **10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, in Nadi, Fiji**. The workshop will bring together a diversity of stakeholders involved in coastal adaptation to sea level rise across the region, such as government representatives, practitioners and implementing partners, researchers, NGOs, financial institutions, etc. with the following main objectives:

- Explore and share the challenges, barriers and levers for adaptation to sea level rise in coastal urban environments in Pacific Island countries and territories
- Increase awareness and build regional capacities and cooperation to support knowledge sharing and synergies between organisations and partners
- Produce recommendations for the region as well as international advocacy work.

In light of the above, I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate **one participant**. Ideally, the nominee would have experience or expertise with sea level rise issues and/or implementation of adaptation strategies and measures to sea level rise impacts.

SPREP will cover costs of the workshop through funding support from the Fonds Pacifique, the Ocean & Climate Platform, the Pacific Climate Change Centre, and the Kiwa Initiative. For all sponsored participants, SPREP will cover costs for the most direct and economical return air ticket including Daily Subsistence Allowance in accordance with SPREP's approved travel policy and prevailing DSA rate.

To assist with logistics of the meeting, appreciate if the attached Nomination Form is completed and submitted to SPREP no later than **Friday 12 May 2023**. The timely receipt of nominations will assist the organisers in making advanced travel and logistical arrangements. Please email completed forms to Yvette Kerslake at [pccc@sprep.org](mailto:pccc@sprep.org)

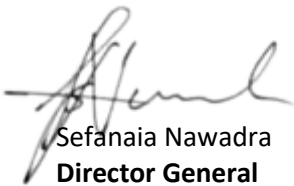
In addition, countries that may wish to bring additional participants related to this project are free to do so with their own funding. A detailed annotated agenda for the meeting and venue in Fiji will be circulated to workshop participants in due course.

Kindly note that the organisers will liaise directly with the nominated participants on preparations for the meeting including materials and resources to prepare prior to attending the workshop. An Information Note detailing logistics of the meeting will also be circulated once nominations are confirmed.

For more information, please contact Ms. 'Ofa Kaisamy, Manager of the Pacific Climate Change Centre ([ofak@sprep.org](mailto:ofak@sprep.org)) and Mr. Nicolas Rocle, Coastal and Marine Management Specialist ([nicolasr.ext@sprep.org](mailto:nicolasr.ext@sprep.org)).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General

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**Att:** Draft Agenda  
Nomination Form