

## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** Parties to the Noumea Convention

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**Subject:** Invitation to the Ad Hoc Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and its related Protocols, (Noumea Convention) 1986: 14 - 15 June 2023, Apia, Samoa

Dear Contracting Parties,

The Secretariat would like to invite **one (1) official** to attend the Ad Hoc Meeting of the Parties to the Noumea Convention scheduled to take place from **14 to 15 June 2023**.

The Ad Hoc Meeting of the Parties is to discuss and endorse the report on the review of the Noumea Convention completed in November 2021. The Sixteenth Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention held virtually in September 2021 agreed to discuss intersessionally the findings and recommendations of the review prior to its formal consideration at COP17 in 2023.

The key priority areas for discussion and endorsement are based on the review recommendations and clustered as follows:

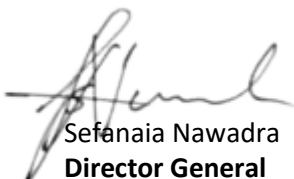
- Strengthening internal collaboration
- Strengthening the Secretariat of the Noumea Convention
- Strengthening the Regional Seas component
- Financial sustainability
- Communication and awareness
- Monitoring and reporting

The above is not an exhaustive list of priority areas as Parties may wish to identify additional priority areas from the review report.

Airfares and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for participants will be fully covered by the Secretariat. As such, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving the attached Nomination Form by **18 May 2023**. This would enable the Secretariat to reserve flights and accommodation for participants.

Please contact Mr. Jope Davetanivalu, Director of Environment Monitoring and Governance (EMG) on email at [joped@sprep.org](mailto:joped@sprep.org) or Ms. Anastacia Amoa-Stowers, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Coordinator on email at [anastacias@sprep.org](mailto:anastacias@sprep.org) for further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely,

  
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