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

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SUBJECT: **Call for nominations for the Regional Virtual Vocational Training Program on Waste Management within the SWAP Project and PacWastePlus Programme**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), through the 'Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific' (SWAP) Project and the PacWastePlus Programme is pleased to inform you that the call for nominations is now open for the Regional Virtual Vocational Training Program on Waste Management.

This training is a core activity of the Capacity Building on Sustainable Waste Management components of the SWAP Project and PacWastePlus Programme. The training has been developed by CIFAL Newcastle in collaboration with University of Newcastle and Asia Pacific Waste Consultants.

The training program is designed to:

- improve and enhance waste management activities in the capacity of governments, industry, and communities to manage waste to reduce the impact on human health and the environment;
- improve sanitation, environmental, social, and economic conditions in Pacific Island countries and territories through proper waste management with the focus on four areas: project management (Module 1), used oil (module 3), marine debris, disaster wastes (Module 4), and an overarching issue on sustainable financing mechanisms for waste management (Module 2); and
- strengthen communities and local authorities' capacity in the areas of technical waste management, institutional governance, and finance.

The structure of each of the four courses, as well as the expected learning outcomes are presented in Annex 1.

Participants will require 10 hours over four (4) weeks to complete the Training Programme and a 2-hour virtual engagement with the trainers delivered at the end of the course session. At the end of the Training programme, participants will also be required to submit an evaluation document of the knowledge learned during the training. Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a personalized Certificate delivered by the University of Newcastle.

The tentative schedule for the delivery of the first phase of the training is as follows:

- **Module 1:** 5-30 June 2023;
- **Module 2:** 17 July – 11 August 2023;
- **Module 3:** 4 – 29 September 2023; and
- **Module 4:** 12 February – 8 March 2024

Note that this training will be open access in a second phase but will not lead to certification.

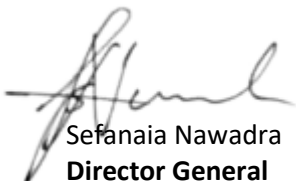
In light of the above, I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate participants from your country to attend the training with a maximum of:

- six (6) attendees from the SWAP countries: Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu;
- two (2) attendees from the remaining PacWastePlus participating countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu.

A fair balance between gender and the types of organisations the beneficiaries work for (private sector, public sector, and NGOs/associations) would be greatly appreciated.

All nominations are to be submitted using the Nomination Form annexed herewith by **Monday 22th May 2023**, and must be endorsed/approved by the Country Focal Point. Kindly send all nomination forms to Mrs Julie Pillet at juliep@sprep.org and Mr Nitish Narayan at nitishn@sprep.org, and copy Mrs Memoree Imo memoreei@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Sefanaia Nawadra
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