Dear National Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in partnership with Climate Analytics and the One CROP team, is pleased to announce the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) Pre-COP28 Preparatory Meeting, scheduled for 10-13 October 2023, to be convened at SPREP in Apia, Samoa.

Strong engagement by PSIDS at COP27 was critical for ensuring that Pacific voices and priorities were clearly conveyed and adequately reflected in the outcomes at Sharm el-Sheikh, for example in the landmark decision to establish a loss and damage fund under the UNFCCC. However, there remain specific areas of work which PSIDS consider deserve heightened focus and attention.

The PSIDS Pre-COP28 Preparatory Meeting provides a platform for the region to not only consider how to strengthen Pacific engagement and advocacy at COP28, but also to provide negotiators with the platform to analyze progress in global climate discussions since COP27 - including the decisions and outcomes from the June SB58 inter-sessional meetings - and to consider priority outcomes and strategies for delivering them, leading up to, and during COP28.

The Secretariat therefore wishes to invite nominations of two (2) representatives who are lead negotiators and support experts who will be attending COP28, to participate in the PSIDS Pre-COP28 Preparatory Meeting and requests that nominations be conveyed to the contacts stated below no later than 10 August 2023. The agenda for each of the sessions will be shared in due course. For more information kindly contact Tim Breese, Climate Change Adviser on timb@sprep.org and Filomena Nelson, Adaptation Adviser on filomenan@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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