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

SUBJECT: **Invitation to Sub-regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action plans (NBSAPs), Workshop on Target3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework and UNEP Technical Workshop on the GEF Early Action Support Project for the Pacific countries, 18 – 26 March 2024, Nadi, Fiji**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Government of Fiji as the host country will be convening a Sub-regional dialogue on NBSAPs (18 – 21 March, 2024), workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) (22 – 23 March, 2024) and Technical workshop on GEF Early Action Support (25 – 26 March, 2024) in Nadi, Fiji.

The main objectives of the Sub-regional Pacific Dialogue are to:

- Share lessons learnt in revising or updating NBSAPs, including national target revision and development of a national monitoring plan for the NBSAPs;
- Discuss capacity building and development needs;
- Discuss national biodiversity financing needs;
- Provide technical support to the development and implementation of Target 3 and associated national targets; and
- Provide technical support for the implementation of the four components of the GEF Early Action Support.

A [CBD Notification](#) issued on 28 November 2023 with further details is attached as **Annex 1**. Parties of the Pacific countries are requested to complete the Nomination Form (**Annex 1**) and submit their **three (3) representatives** to attend these meetings. Nomination letters should be signed by the CBD national focal point or the Head of the competent authority and sent to secretariat@cbd.int no later than **22 December 2023**.

Funding for the participants will be provided by the CBD Secretariat and will cover air travel, accommodation, meals and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for incidentals costs according to UN rules.

With additional funding provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) through the European Union funded Project on the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Multilateral Environmental Agreements (ACP MEA Phase 3), SPREP in collaboration with FAO would like to inform our Members that through these additional funds, an invitation has been extended for two (2) officers from agriculture and fisheries involved in biodiversity management to attend the NBSAP and Target 3 workshops (18 – 23 March, 2024) as part of the work on *Mainstreaming biodiversity into Agriculture Sectors, including crops, livestock, forestry and fisheries*.

The Secretariat will work with FAO to contact countries to request for the official nomination of participants from agriculture or fisheries to attend the Sub-regional Pacific Dialogue Official nominations will need to be confirmed by **31 January 2024** to allow sufficient time to organise travel arrangements.

In accordance with SPREP travel policy, an economy class airfare for the most direct and economical route and daily subsistence allowance will be provided for the nominated representative.

The agenda for the meetings will be shared and made available on the CBD website in due course.

For further information, please contact Amanda Wheatley, Biodiversity Adviser, amandaw@sprep.org and Juney Ward, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer, juneyw@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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