

## CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT: Invitation to the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) COP29 Preparatory Meetings for Climate Change Ministers and Officials and a Pacific Island Countries Climate Change Ministerial Talanoa with Australia and New Zealand 30 September – 3 October 2024 Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort & Spa, Nadi, Fiji**

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), is hosting the PSIDS COP29 Preparatory Meetings for Climate Change Ministers and Officials. We have traditionally convened the Preparatory Meeting for officials and at COP28 were requested to also convene a preparatory meeting for Ministers.

The PSIDS Ministerial Preparatory Meeting will be convened on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and the Officials Preparatory Meeting will follow from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. The two Preparatory Meetings will focus on the priority thematic areas for negotiation at COP29 and will allow for discussion on strategic directions and agreed regional positions.

In addition, SPREP and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) will also convene a Climate Change Ministerial Talanoa with Australia and New Zealand on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, ahead of the Officials Preparatory Meeting. The meetings will all be held at the Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort & Spa in Nadi, Fiji.

The Talanoa will provide the opportunity for Australia to update Ministers on the status of their COP31 bid as well as a discussion around shared objectives and partnership arrangements for COP31, which Pacific Leaders have agreed to support. This will also provide an opportunity to discuss engagement and priorities for COP29.

To allow for full Ministerial participation, the Talanoa will be facilitated by Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, the Director General of SPREP and Mr Esala Nayasi, the Deputy Director General of PIFS.

### Overview of the Meetings:

Sessions	Monday 30 September	Tuesday 1 October	Wednesday 2 October	Thursday 3 October
<b>Morning Sessions</b>	<i>(Ministers to arrive either Sunday or Monday morning)</i>	PICs Climate Change Ministerial Talanoa with Australia and New Zealand	<i>(Ministers to depart)</i>	Day 2 of PSIDS COP29 Preparatory
<b>Mid-Morning Sessions</b>			Day 1 of PSIDS COP29 Preparatory	

<b>Afternoon Sessions</b>	PSIDS COP29 Preparatory Meeting for Ministers		Meeting for Officials	Meeting for Officials
<b>Evening</b>	<i>Evening reception to be confirmed.</i>			

SPREP is grateful for the ongoing support from Australia and New Zealand to assist with the Pacific's effective engagement at COP. Funding for these Meetings and the Talanoa have been provided by the Government of Australia to support 4 nominations from each of the PSIDS:

- The Minister of Climate Change (1)
- Adviser to the Minister (1)
- Climate Change National Focal Points (2)

We note that this is a busy period for the Ministers and are grateful for their availability for the PSIDS COP29 Preparatory Meeting for Ministers on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and the PICs Climate Change Ministerial Talanoa with Australia and New Zealand on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

***Please convey through your climate change focal points your completed nomination forms to Ms. Teuila Fruean at [teuilajane@sprep.org](mailto:teuilajane@sprep.org) and Ms. Foini Fesolai at [foinijanceyf@sprep.org](mailto:foinijanceyf@sprep.org) by the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.***

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Yours sincerely,



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