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**SUBJECT: PacWastePlus Circularity. Innovation. Recovery. Culture. Learning and Environment (C.I.R.C.L.E EXPO) Invitation**

Dear Members,

I am pleased to invite you to the *Circularity, Innovation, Recovery, Culture, Learning and Environment (CIRCLE) EXPO* to be held 19 – 22 May 2025 in Apia, Samoa.

The inaugural *CIRCLE EXPO* will be hosted by the European Union – Pacific Waste Management Programme (PacWastePlus), implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme. The Expo Programme will explore the various regional and national interventions implemented by PacWastePlus and project participating countries.

The *CIRCLE EXPO* is set to be a biennial event held in the alternate years to the Clean Pacific Round Table, ensuring there is an annual opportunity for countries, industry, civil society, and tertiary institutions to come together, discuss and explore issues of waste and pollution management, and ensure the efficient and consistent delivery of the Cleaner Pacific Regional Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy.

As the PacWastePlus Programme ends in June 2025, I encourage all to attend this opportunity to explore the project outcomes to share and learn from the participating countries' experience.

*CIRCLE EXPO* will:

- Present Programme highlights and learnings
- showcase individual country outcomes
- provide an opportunity to learn from each country on the project actions
- Explore new funding opportunities
- Engage with peers, SPREP staff, the European Union's Delegation to the Pacific, representatives from private industry, civil society, and tertiary institutions involved in waste management and pollution control.

Participation at *CIRCLE EXPO* is open to all, and a small fee will be charged to cover the costs related to hosting the EXPO.

Pleased to advise that the PacWastePlus will provide funding support for two participants from each participating member country.

Grateful if the attached registration form is completed and returned by **Friday 31 January 2025** to confirm attendance and enable the Programme Management Unit to commence preparations for travel of sponsored attendees.

Should you require any further information, please email [pwd@sprep.org](mailto:pwd@sprep.org)

I take this opportunity to wish the PacWastePlus members a joyful holiday season and look forward to your active engagement and participation in the CIRCLE EXPO event in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Director General**