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CEO and Chairperson

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Dear GEF Political and Operational Focal Points,

Warmest Greetings!

As part of our ongoing activities to implement the GEF-8 Country Engagement Strategy, the GEF is launching an initiative to provide financial support and training to GEF Operational Focal Points (OFPs) to help them oversee their GEF portfolio of projects. Please find attached an information note that provides a description of this initiative.

I am pleased to inform you that, for the countries in the Pacific region including yours, we are partnering with the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)** to facilitate this activity. Please see their website: <https://www.sprep.org>

As summarized in the attached, SPREP will extend available GEF funds to interested OFPs for approved project oversight activities, including field visits to projects, in line with specific eligibility criteria. OFPs will also be invited to attend the regional training organized by the GEF in May 2025 as part of this initiative. SPREP will also be joining this training event.

SPREP will soon be in touch with you to introduce themselves and explain in more detail how they will proceed, including the date and time for an introductory information webinar on the initiative. The contact at SPREP is Salome Tukuafu (salome@sprep.org).

We look forward to your full participation in this activity.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my colleagues Yasemin Biro Kirtman (ybiro@thegef.org) and Seo-Jeong Yoon (syoon@thegef.org) at the GEF Secretariat.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson