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FILE: AP_4/12/19/12 **TO:** Parties to the Noumea Convention
DATE: 1 May 2025
CIRCULAR: 25/30
SUBJECT: **Noumea Convention Virtual Ad-Hoc Meeting – 21 May 2025**

Dear Contracting Parties,

Following the Ad-Hoc Meeting of the Parties in September 2024 which developed the Noumea Draft Workplan and Budget, the Secretariat wishes to inform the Parties that an intersessional meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on the **21 May 2025, 2pm** Samoa time.

The Draft Workplan and Budget was circulated to Parties for comments as agreed at the last Ad-Hoc Meeting. After the deadline, only Australia submitted comments, and these are now reflected in the Revised Draft Workplan and Budget. A suggestion was put forth by Australia to include 'Critical Actions' as a new sub-heading in the introductory paragraphs of the Workplan and Budget. The Critical Actions will prioritise Strategic Actions which will be prioritised once funding becomes available. As such, we kindly seek inputs from the Parties as to which Strategic Actions are to be included as Critical Actions. To allow the Secretariat to incorporate all comments prior to the meeting, we respectfully request if inputs and comments can be submitted no later than **Monday 12 May 2025**.

The key agenda for the upcoming Ad-Hoc Meeting is to discuss the proposed changes to the Revised Draft Workplan and Budget and finalize for submission to the 18th Conference of the Parties (COP) Meeting to the Noumea Convention for endorsement which will take place in August. The Secretariat will provide further information on the 18th COP in due course.

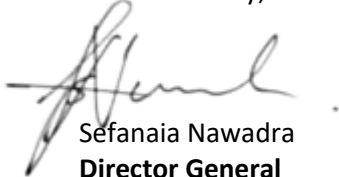
In light of the above, please kindly find attached the Revised Draft Workplan and Budget and Provisional Agenda for your perusal and information.

To access the meeting virtually, please find Zoom details below:

Link: <https://sprep.zoom.us/j/96659861739>
Meeting ID: 966 5986 1739
Passcode: j^5Qz3B7

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Taituave-Afereti on email kathleent@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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