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TO: Parties to the Waigani Convention
(Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of
Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue,
Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands,
Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

**SUBJECT: Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention
30 August 2025, Apia Samoa**

Dear Contracting Parties,

Further to the SPREP Circular 24/91 dated 18 December 2024 notifying the Parties on the dates of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention, the Secretariat advises the Parties as follow:

1. The date of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Waigani Convention initially planned for the 29 August 2025 has been rescheduled to **Saturday 30 August 2025** following official announcement of the General Election date in Samoa which falls on the original date of the meeting. The COP will be an in-person meeting held in Apia, Samoa at the SPREP Headquarters (PCCC Venue);
2. In pursuant with Article 7.3 of the Waigani Convention, the Secretariat invites Parties to transmit national reports on the implementation of the Waigani Convention. The relevant forms for national reports are attached for ease of reference;
3. At the 12th COP in 2023, the Secretariat was able to support participation for representatives from all Parties utilising funds from the ACP MEA 3 Project. Unfortunately, the Project is near completion and is unable to continue this support for the COP. In line with previous practice, the Secretariat will only fund participants from Small Islands States which are Cook Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu. As such, we invite these countries to nominate one (1) delegate to attend the 13th COP and to submit the enclosed Nomination Form by **27 June 2025**.

In light of the above, we share the Provisional Agenda for the 13th COP for your perusal. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Taituave-Afereti (kathleent@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,



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