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TO: Parties to the Noumea Convention
(Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of
Micronesia, Fiji, France, Republic of the
Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua
New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and
United States of America)

SUBJECT: **Eighteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to Noumea Convention
28 August 2025, Apia Samoa.**

Dear Contracting Parties,

The Secretariat sincerely conveys its deepest appreciation to all Parties who joined our virtual Ad-Hoc intersessional meeting held on 21 May 2025, to finalise the Noumea Workplan and Budget which is now recommended to the 18th Conference of the Parties for endorsement and approval.

Following the SPREP Circular 24/91 dated 18 December 2024 notifying the Parties on the 18th Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention meeting, the Secretariat wishes to further advise Parties as follows:

1. The 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention will be an in-person meeting held on the **28 August 2025** in Apia, Samoa at the SPREP Headquarters (PCCC Venue);
2. In pursuant to Article 19 of the Noumea Convention, the Secretariat invites the Contracting Parties to submit information on measures adopted nationally in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. The template for the national reports is attached for ease of reference;
3. The ACP MEA 3 Project kindly supported the participation of Parties to the 17th Conference of the Parties. Unfortunately, the Project is near completion and will not be in a position to continue funding participation to meetings. In line with previous practice, the Secretariat will only fund the participation of delegates of Parties who are Small Islands States (Cook Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands and Nauru). We therefore invite these respective countries to nominate one (1) representative to attend the Conference of the Parties meeting and to submit the completed Nomination Form attached, by **27 June 2025**.

Further to the above, the Provisional Agenda for the 18th COP is shared for your information and 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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