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SUBJECT: **Invitation: Post Briefing of the 15th Conference of The Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands held virtually on 26 September, 2025**

Dear Ramsar Oceania Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you of the upcoming **Post Briefing of the 15th Conference of The Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**, held virtually via Zoom, on **Friday 26 September, from 2:30pm – 4:30pm Samoa Time**. An invitation is therefore extended to relevant heads of your Administrative Authorities, Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) Focal Points, Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) Focal Point, and your Youth Focal Point.

The **15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands** took place at the Elephant Hills Resort, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 23 – 31 July 2025. This Conference was attended by Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu as part of the Oceania Region.

The objective of this post-briefing is to:

- Provide comprehensive summary of key adopted Resolutions from COP15
- Discuss how adopted Resolutions made at the COP15 affect Pacific wetlands, biodiversity, and communities.
- Discuss next steps on wetland conservation in individual countries and in the region
- Provide an update on decisions made at 66th Standing Committee Meeting
- Discuss Subgroups and Working Groups
 - **Subgroup on Finance:** Australia representing Oceania
 - **CEPA Oversight Panel:** Vanuatu representing Oceania
 - **Institutional Strengthening Working Group:** New Zealand representing Oceania, Australia, Fiji
 - **RIS Updating Working Group:** Australia representing Oceania
 - **Youth Working Group:** Fiji representing Oceania, Australia as Observers
 - **Subgroup on COP16:** Australia representing Oceania
 - **Independent Advisory Committee of the Wetlands Cities Accreditation:** Representative to be decided
 - **Culture Working Group:** New Zealand representing Oceania, Australia as Observers
 - **Management Working Group:** Australia representing Oceania
- Encourage continued momentum for Oceanic representation at future Ramsar Meetings.

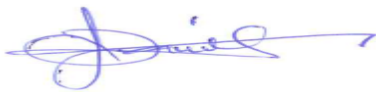
SPREP in collaboration with Australia is convening this post-briefing meeting to ensure that Pacific countries that were present, and those who could not participate, are informed on the adopted Resolutions, and to identify the needs to implement the Ramsar outcomes in the region.

We kindly request to register through this link: <https://sprep.zoom.us/meeting/register/crEUldoeTNGHDrF57H7zug>. A copy of the agenda will be circulated in due course.

For further clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Juney Ward at juneyw@sprep.org and copy Ms. Nolani Hazelman at nolanih@sprep.org.

Your attendance and contribution to this meeting is highly appreciated, and we look forward to meeting with you all.

Yours sincerely,



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