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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

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GEF Secretariat; UNEP; Fiji
Government ECW host; SPREP
WMPC Director; GEF ISLANDS
Pacific PMU

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SUBJECT: **Coordination of Participation: GEF ISLANDS Pacific PSC4 participation (4–6 March 2026) following the GEF Extended Constituency Workshop (ECW), Nadi, Fiji, 24–27 February 2026**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

I have the honour to renew the assurances of SPREP's highest consideration on behalf of the Director General (DG), and as Officer-in-Charge, with regards the upcoming GEF Extended Constituency Workshop (ECW) to be held in Nadi, Fiji from 24–27 February 2026.

SPREP references the attached Save The Date message shared from the GEF Secretariat to the Pacific GEF Political and Operational Focal Points. While SPREP is not responsible for the organisation of the ECW, SPREP wishes to acknowledge the GEF Secretariat for their lead in organising this important event. At the request of GEF counterparts noting that most are also SPREP focal points, SPREP wishes to request in follow up; that SPREP focal points **facilitate timely completion of registration and confirmation of national participation for the ECW**.

In addition, SPREP is convening the **4th GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project Steering Committee meeting (PSC4) in Nadi, Fiji from 4–6 March 2026**, in the week immediately following the ECW. Given the back-to-back scheduling, the GEF/UNEP and SPREP have agreed to coordinate where practical, the participation of common country representatives across both meetings.

SPREP respectfully requests your kind consideration to include the GEF ISLANDS Pacific country technical focal point(s) who are the Directors/Heads of the national waste management services (or equivalent) within your ECW delegation list where feasible, and to request GEF consideration for their inclusion as a technical participant in support of Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) and Minamata Convention related national responsibilities.

This request is grounded in the *close functional alignment between the GEF ECW themes and national technical implementation responsibilities commonly held by waste management authorities*, including chemicals and hazardous waste, and related national systems that support the effective implementation of the BRS and Minamata Conventions. These same

themes are covered by the objectives and activities of the GEF ISLANDS Pacific project within your countries, as you are aware.

To support timely arrangements by the GEF ECW organisers and to enable alignment with PSC4 planning, SPREP kindly requests your Office's consideration to;

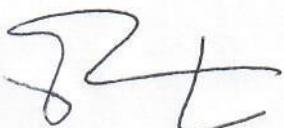
1. Confirm your country's nominated ECW delegation (or submit nominations if not yet completed) and if possible, include the GEF ISLANDS Pacific technical focal point(s) (Director/Head of national waste management service or equivalent), to the GEF Secretariat;
2. Copy the GEF ISLANDS Pacific PMU deans@sprep.org; on your confirmation, so that the PMU can reconcile PSC4 participants against ECW delegation lists and work with the GEF/UNEP on coordinated logistical planning.

The GEF Islands Project is supporting country participation related specifically to PSC4 only.

Should your Office require any further clarification, please contact Mr Dean Solofa, GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project Manager, at deans@sprep.org, with cc to the SPREP Hazardous Waste Management Adviser, Mr Soseala Tinilau, at sosealat@sprep.org.

SPREP appreciates your urgent attention and support to enable full and effective country participation in the ECW and the timely conduct of PSC4.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- The GEF Save The Date online registration link: <https://gefcsonetwork.org/gef-ecw-fiji/>
- The GEF Save The Date official email