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**TO:** SPREP Focal Points

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**SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate: Pacific Women in Circular Economy (PacWiCE) Network Introductory Workshop and Cleaner Pacific Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026, 3 March 2026, Novotel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji**

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you of the upcoming Pacific Women in Circular Economy (PacWiCE) Network Introductory Workshop and Cleaner Pacific Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026 to be held in Nadi, Fiji on 3 March 2026.

Following the endorsement by the 32nd SPREP Meeting of Officials, the SPREP Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme will be convening the first introductory workshop for the PacWiCE Network. This initiative acknowledges the critical role women play in achieving a cleaner Pacific and addresses the critical need to empower women in waste management and pollution control sectors across the Pacific region. While women represent 48% of household waste managers in our region, they remain significantly underrepresented in formal waste management sectors and leadership roles.

The primary objective of this workshop is to establish the governance arrangements required to guide, coordinate, and support the effective establishment of the PacWiCE Network.

The workshop provides a unique platform to:

- Build connections and learn from successful regional networks such as the Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWIMA) and Fiji Women in Maritime Association (FijiWIMA); and
- Establish the governance arrangements for the PacWiCE Network, including the identification of designated focal points to enable sustained engagement, coordination, and collaboration.

Immediately following the PacWiCE workshop on the same day, 3 March 2026, SPREP will convene the **Cleaner Pacific Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026**. This meeting will bring together key stakeholders to discuss strategic directions for the Cleaner Pacific initiative and coordinate regional waste management and pollution control efforts. The back-to-back scheduling of both events enables efficient participation and coordination between the two important initiatives.

SPREP, through the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme in coordination with the GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project, will provide funding support for the **GEF ISLANDS Pacific technical focal points** from each of the 14 Pacific Island Countries who are already confirmed to attend the GEF ISLANDS Pacific PSC4 meeting scheduled for 4–6 March 2026. This funding covers **one day per diem only** (3 March 2026) for their participation in both the PacWiCE workshop and the Cleaner Pacific

Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026, scheduled immediately prior to the PSC4 meeting. Given the strategic scheduling of both meetings on 3 March 2026, immediately prior to the PSC4 meeting, this arrangement maximizes the value of the technical focal points' participation in all three events while ensuring efficient use of resources.

Countries wishing to send additional participants beyond their PSC4 delegate are welcome to do so through their own resources or alternative funding arrangements. Additionally, **online participation** is available for those who are unable to join in person, ensuring inclusive access to the workshop for all interested participants.

To facilitate logistical arrangements and coordination, SPREP kindly requests your Office to:

1. **Confirm** that your GEF ISLANDS Pacific technical focal point (who is attending PSC4) will participate in the PacWiCE workshop and Cleaner Pacific Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026 on 3 March 2026;
2. **Indicate** the mode of participation (in-person or online) for your country's participants;
3. **Notify** the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme no later than **16 February 2026** if your country wishes to send any additional participants (in-person or online); and
4. **Submit** all confirmations and enquiries to the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme at [davinat@sprep.org](mailto:davinat@sprep.org), with a copy to [susanat@sprep.org](mailto:susanat@sprep.org).

SPREP appreciates your continued support and commitment to enhancing gender equality and environmental sustainability in our region.

Yours sincerely,



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**Enclosures:**

- Pacific Women in Circular Economy (PacWiCE) Network Introductory Workshop – Agenda and Programme
- Cleaner Pacific Roundtable Steering Committee Meeting 1, 2026 – Agenda and Programme