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TO: SPREP National Focal Points for Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

SUBJECT: Pacific BioScapes Programme's Third Steering Committee Meeting

Dear Members,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Third Steering Committee Meeting for the European Union funded Pacific Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-SeaScapes Programme (Pacific BioScapes).

The Pacific BioScapes Programme seeks to contribute to the sustainable development of Pacific SIDS by supporting and improving the management and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources, through the following two Key Result Areas (KRA):

- **Key Result Area 1:** *Capacities of the Pacific region and countries to effectively manage coastal and marine biodiversity and enhance resilience to climate change are strengthened.*
- **Key Result Area 2:** *Regional, national and local efforts to assess, conserve, protect, manage and sustainably use marine and terrestrial biodiversity are supported.*

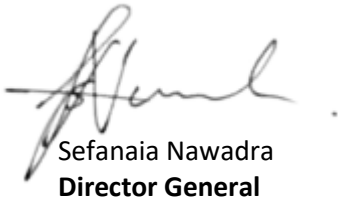
The inaugural Steering Committee meeting took place in Suva, Fiji, on 23-24 November 2023. The second Steering Committee meeting took place also in Suva, on 3-4 June 2025. Both meetings informed all delegates of the programme goal and objectives and received their recommendations on the technical delivery of the programme's activities being implemented in all 11 countries and regionally. Since then, the programme has proceeded with steady implementation. Recently, two more countries (Nauru and Tuvalu) have become eligible for a couple of regional activities.

The purpose of this circular is to invite you to participate in the Third Pacific BioScapes Programme Steering Committee Meeting to take place in Honiara, Solomon Islands on 13-15 October 2026. The meeting will seek not only to report to all participating countries on the programme's progress, but also to seek the delegates' strategic advice on the programme plan going forward for the remaining period of implementation.

The Pacific BioScapes Programme will fund travel and DSA for one representative from each participating country, i.e. *Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu*, to Honiara, Solomon Islands, to participate in the meeting. Countries may nominate more than one participant, but SPREP sponsored travel is only provided for one (1) representative per country.

We will provide more information about the Meeting including location details and a draft agenda in the coming months. Please advise the name and contact details of your country representative(s) to the Pacific BioScapes Programme's third Steering Committee meeting to Mr. Etienne Delattre, Pacific BioScapes Programme Manager, via email at etienned@sprep.org, with copy to Mr. James Faiumu (jamesf@sprep.org). We kindly request that the meeting nomination is submitted no later than **Monday 15th July 2026** to allow us to complete logistics.

Yours sincerely,



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