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FILE: AP 6/4 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
DATE: 14 July 2026
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SUBJECT: **Invitation to Circular Policy Co-Design Workshop & Training under the Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network (CP-RRN) Project**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) invite you to attend or nominate two (2) representatives to attend the upcoming **Circular Policy Co-Design Workshop & Training**, the regional consultation workshop #1 under the Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network (CP-RRN) project, scheduled for **16–18 September 2026 in Port Vila, Vanuatu**. This invitation is in reference to SPREP Circulars [26/37](#), [26/52](#) and [26/65](#).

The CP-RRN project aims to address growing solid waste management challenges across the Pacific region by strengthening the viability of recycling. Its overall outcome is to support improved collection, processing, and export of targeted waste streams through the establishment of a regional recycling network, supported by hub facilities and regional agreements.

The workshop will focus on discussing and co-designing the draft of the Circular Pacific project's Policy Roadmap for Pacific Level Agreements and provide training, including site visits, on extended producer responsibility policies. Moreover, the final results of the feasibility study phase and country-specific assessments will be presented.

Accordingly, we request nominations for the following target participants from your country:

- one senior government official with responsibility for waste infrastructure and policy, and
- one government official, at central or municipal level, with responsibility on waste management services.

Nominated officials are strongly requested to attend an **online preliminary consultation workshop planned for 31 July 2026** (announced in Circular [26/65](#)) to help set the scene for the regional consultation.

Please note that the ADB and SPREP will also hold discussions in Port Vila the same week on the Regional Programmatic Approach on Climate Action (RPACA) SPREP Component 4, which addresses the waste management and climate nexus. This meeting will take place from 14-16 September. The following week, 21-23 September, SPREP and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat have tentatively scheduled the Trade and Environment Workshop, also in Port Vila.

To assist with travel arrangements, please advise which of the following events your nominated representatives will attend:

- ☐ 31 July 2026: CP-RRN Preliminary Consultation (online)
- ☐ 14-16 September 2026: RPACA Component 4 meeting (2.5 days)
- ☐ 16-18 September 2026: CP-RRN Regional Consultation Workshop #1 (2.5 days)
- ☐ 21-23 September 2026: Trade and Environment Consultation Workshop – tentative (3 days)

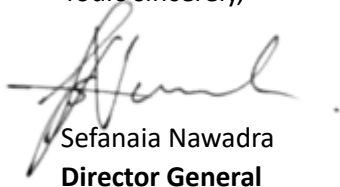
We look forward to your participation in these events.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Anthony Talouli at (anthonyt@sprep.org) regarding the CP-RRN consultations and the Trade and Environment Workshop, and Filomena Nelson at (filomenan@sprep.org) regarding RPACA.

ADB will cover the cost of round-trip economy class airfare, hotel accommodation and permissible allowances for nominated participants **who will be attending the CP-RRN regional consultation workshop on 16-18 September 2026**. Information regarding expenses for attending the other events will be provided separately. All other travel-related costs, including passports, exit permits, and any other related expenses, will be the responsibility of participants or their respective governments. Participants are also reminded that obtaining travel and medical insurance is mandatory and remains their responsibility.

Please ensure that travel itineraries are carefully checked before confirmation. Passport validity must be at least six months from the date of travel, and any necessary visa arrangements must be in place before travel. Once tickets are issued, they are non-transferable, and any changes will incur costs to be borne by the participant or their nominating office.

Yours sincerely,



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