

First Executive Board Meeting

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Information Paper 2: Regional Decisions

Purpose:

1. To note for information only the outcomes of the 18th Micronesian Presidents' Summit and the 8th Polynesian Leaders' Group Meeting.

Background:

2. By invitation the Director General of SPREP attended the 18th Micronesian Presidents' Summit held in Majuro, Marshall Islands hosted by HE.Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President; and the 8th Polynesian Leaders' Meeting held in Funafuti, Tuvalu hosted by the Hon. Enele Sopoaga, Prime Minister.
3. The Micronesian President's Summit was attended by the Presidents of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Kiribati. It was the first such meeting for the Presidents of Nauru and Kiribati and provided a strategic opportunity for the Secretariat to seek guidance on the establishment of a SPREP regional office in the North Pacific. A key outcome of the Summit was the 'reinforced decision of the MPS to establish the SPREP regional office in Majuro'. (Refer to Annex 1).
4. The Polynesian Leaders Group Forum was attended by the Prime Ministers of Tuvalu and Samoa; Ulu o Tokelau; President of the Territorial Assembly of Wallis and Futuna; Minister of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communication for Tonga; and the Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa. The meeting; reaffirmed their decision for Samoa to host the PLG and operational Secretariat for the initial two years; committed to the 2030 Pathway Agenda; and endorsed the Amataku Declaration on Climate Change and Oceans. (Refer to Annexes 2 and 3).

Recommendations:

5. The Executive Board is invited to:

- **note** the 18th Micronesia President Summit Delape Communique;
- **note** the 8th Polynesian Leaders Group Communique 2018; and
- **note** the Amatuku Declaration on Climate Change and Oceans.

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