

## First Executive Board Meeting

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### **AGENDA ITEM 6.5: UNFCCC COP24 Engagement Plan**

#### **Purpose of Paper**

1. Endorse the One CROP Plus COP24 Engagement Plan and SPREP's role as lead coordinator for this plan.

#### **Background**

2. Fiji's Presidency of the UNFCCC COP23 was a landmark achievement for Fiji and the Pacific. Yet some Members felt that they as Pacific Island Countries could have played a greater role in the COP process. In addition, while the One CROP Plus team had been in operation since before COP21 in Paris, agency representatives felt that even better coordination was needed.
3. SPREP therefore conducted wide ranging discussions with selected representatives at meetings of opportunity, and conducted an internal workshop over several days on how SPREP should engage in support of Pacific Island Countries at the various MEAs. One outcome of this workshop was a draft engagement strategy for COP24.
4. During the Senior Officials Meetings convened by Fiji in Suva during the Climate Action Pacific Partnership event (July 2018), the SPREP DG and staff presented on aspects of the strategy to members and One CROP Plus agencies. Comments had also been sought from the agencies and were received from PIFS, SPC and USP. It was agreed that a revised draft would be circulated to Members, to be known as the engagement plan. The meeting also agreed on a set of draft negotiating priorities.
5. In preparation for the Forum Officials Committee and Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting in Apia (August 2018), PIFS circulated a revised document for the agenda item on a Strategy for PIF International Engagement and Advocacy. The revised document includes advocacy and engagement for COP24. Discussions at FOC and FFMM however also endorsed a set of negotiating priorities and engagement plan.
6. It is the view of the Secretariat that the draft engagement plan attached fulfils the requirements laid out by the various aforementioned meetings. It is to be viewed as a living document, and will have a matrix attached to it (for focal points from Pacific Island Countries) outlining the negotiating priorities, issues and concerns, and lead negotiator and support agency from the region.

## Recommendation

7. The Executive Board is invited to:

- **endorse** the role of SPREP as the lead coordinator for the One CROP Plus Engagement Plan for COP24; and
  - **endorse** the One CROP Plus Engagement Plan for COP24.
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