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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Invitation to the Regional meeting for the preparation of the GEF7 ISLANDS Programme - 9 December 2019, Brisbane, Australia.**

On behalf of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), I write to invite your governments participation in the Regional meeting for the preparation of the Global Environment Facility Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-chemicals Development in Small Island Developing States (GEF ISLANDS), Pacific child project, will be convened on 9 December 2019, to be held in Brisbane, Australia.

ISLANDS is implemented by UNEP and executed by SPREP. The ISLANDS Programme has been developed, in line with the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025), and in consultation with countries and regional partners. We have now entered into the 12-month Preparation Phase where the child project concepts will be fully developed and submitted for GEF CEO Endorsement. It is during this phase that the details of the what, how and where will be confirmed. The December meeting will allow us to present work completed so far and to continue work on detailing national priorities and planning interventions.

It is envisaged that one (1) participant will be fully sponsored to attend this meeting from the following countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niue, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Unfortunately, the funding does not extend to the territories of American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna therefore participation in this meeting will be at your own cost for these nationals.

Nominating authorities are kindly requested to take into account the objectives of the meeting and ensure that the nominated participant adequately represent your national interests. It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached registration form (Annex 1) at your earliest convenience but no later than Friday 8th November 2019.

For further information please contact Ms. Davina Tiitij, Waste Management and Pollution Control Division on davinat@sprep.org

I look forward to receiving your early response and in closing, thank you for your consideration of this valuable meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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