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TO: SPREP & PacWastePlus National
Focal Points

SUBJECT: Global and Regional Frameworks – Chemicals and Waste Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Publication

Dear Focal Points,

I am excited to provide to you our recently developed publication titled “*Global and Regional Frameworks – Chemicals and Waste Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)*”.

This publication is designed to provide clear and concise information on the various MEAs developed to reduce the impacts of waste and chemicals by establishing agreed international frameworks that significantly reduce pollution of the air, water and soil in order to minimise adverse impacts on human health and the environment. MEAs provide strong foundations to support and guide Pacific islands in management of impacts from waste, controlling the transboundary movement of waste, and supports countries to implement the SDGs and a secure a healthier environment for their people.

Participation in MEAs is encouraged by the *Cleaner Pacific 2025 Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy*, as the Strategy recognises MEAs can assist countries to realise their commitments and to effect meaningful environmental protection. SPREP, through the implementation of the [Cleaner Pacific 2025 \(CP2025\) Strategy](#), is working with international donors to implement a series of Programmes and Projects to deliver the Strategic outcomes of the CP2025 – all of which align with the actions of these Chemical and Waste MEAs.

Work undertaken in 2020 by European Union - Pacific Waste Management Programme (PacWastePlus) reviewed [legislative arrangements](#) in participating countries to identify areas where strengthening of legislative arrangements to assure countries they are able to ratify the MEA, or ensure compliance with any MEA they are a party to. Additionally, PacWastePlus and GEF ISLANDS are investing in, country specific projects that may support MEA requirements.

Both the PacWastePlus and GEF ISLANDS project are available to assist countries to accede to MEAS and continue to work towards securing the safe and sustainable management of waste with due regard for the conservation of biodiversity, health and wellbeing of Pacific island communities, climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements.

I urge you to download a copy of this publication and to share it widely with your colleagues and your networks: <https://www.sprep.org/publications/global-and-regional-framework-chemicals-and-waste-multilateral-environmental-agreements-meas>

Should you like to know how SPREP and PacWastePlus can assist countries to accede and comply with the requirements of MEAs, contact the PacWastePlus Programme Manager, Mr. Bradley Nolan at bradley@sprep.org or Mr. Joshua Sam, the Hazardous Waste Management Adviser, Waste Management & Pollution Control of SPREP at joshuas@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,



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