

## CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT:** **Climate Information and Early Warning Systems, One Pacific Programme**

Dear National Designated Authorities,

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Pacific Programming dialogue in June 2021 provided a clear indication on its Pacific focus, namely:

1. Marine and Coastal Eco-systems and Fisheries;
2. Climate Information and Service; and
3. Food, Agriculture and Water Security

A stocktake of current similar projects /programmes in the climate information and service focus area under implementation includes the GCF-funded Vanuatu Klaemet Infomesen blong Redy, Adapt mo Protekt (VAN-KIRAP), and Enhancing Climate Information and Knowledge Services for resilience in five island countries (Tuvalu, Marshal Islands, Cook Islands, Palau and Niue) in the Pacific Ocean, and the European Union (EDF-11) funded Intra ACP Climate Services and related applications in the Pacific ACP region.

The Climate Information and Service working group during the GCF Pacific Programming dialogue also noted other related initiatives such as the Weather Ready Pacific – a decadal Program of Investment, including those under development such as: Increased Resilience of Remote Island Communities through an Effective Climate Change Early Warning System for Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu; Strengthened Weather and Climate Services for Resilient Development for Pacific Islands for the FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Samoa; and the regional Hydrological Services multi-country programme, to name a few.

The GCF recommended that the region should address the climate information and service focus area with a one Pacific programme approach with a view to consolidating all the small projects under development and proposed for GCF financing.

To this effect, the concept of Climate Information and Early Warning Systems, One Pacific Programme was introduced. A draft concept note for the One Pacific Programme has been developed with its scope and activities primarily based on projects underdevelopment and proposed to the GCF including the recent consultations with countries in November – December 2020 and the Weather Ready Pacific – a decadal program of investment. This investment plan has been endorsed by the Pacific Meteorological Council, Forum Economic Ministers, Forum Leaders and the SPREP Meeting.

A roadmap /action plan to progress this concept was developed during the GCF Pacific Programming dialogue and has indicated June 2023 to submit a full proposal to the GCF.



This circular serves the purpose to provide an update on progress in the development of the One Pacific Programme. Also, to outline what the One Pacific Programme entails including its scope and synergies with projects /programmes under implementation.

SPREP will schedule a virtual forum to engage and further discuss with Members, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, National Disaster Management Offices and other key stakeholders and potential partners.

The forum will also seek the endorsement of countries through the GCF National Designated Authorities (NDAs) with individual country No-Objection-Letters (NoLs), templated enclosed, to be submitted to the GCF. The NoLs will enable financing by the GCF Project Preparation Facility to progress the development of the proposal including all annexes. Please complete the NoL template and forward them to SPREP ([salesan@sprep.org](mailto:salesan@sprep.org) and [rupenim@sprep.org](mailto:rupenim@sprep.org)).

The virtual forum is scheduled for the week of the 01 November 2021. Please register in advance using the link: <https://sprep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtcOGqqjwvG9ENyX3zxcZ3EiBpomsLQLkX>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the Meeting. The meeting documents will be provided after your registration.

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Yours sincerely,

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Att. No-Objection-Letter template