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FILE: AP_3/28/1 **TO:** SPREP Partners
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SUBJECT: **Climate Information and Early Warning Systems, One Pacific Programme**

Dear Partners,

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Pacific Programming dialogue in June 2021 provided a clear indication on its Pacific focus areas, 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 presented 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 (CLIMSA) in the Pacific ACP region.

The Climate Information and Service working group during the GCF Pacific Programming Dialogue meeting 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 provided guidance and recommended that the region should address the climate information and service focus area with a one Pacific programme approach to consolidate all the small projects /programmes under development. To this effect, the concept of One Pacific Programme on Climate Information and Early Warning Systems was introduced.

A draft concept note for the One Pacific Programme has been developed with its scope and activities primarily based on that of the abovementioned projects under development, the recent consultations with countries in November – December 2020 and the Weather Ready Pacific – a decadal program of investment. The Weather Ready Pacific – a decadal program of investment was endorsed by the Pacific Meteorological Council, Forum Foreign Ministers, Forum Leaders and the SPREP Meeting.

A roadmap /action plan to progress this One Pacific Programme 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 invite potential partners to the development of the One Pacific Programme. The process will include:



- (i) One-to-one discussions, please confirm participation to salesan@sprep.org and rupenim@sprep.org. We have scheduled a timeframe of 25 October to the 05 November for the discussions.
- (ii) Specific inputs to the draft One Pacific Programme activities
- (iii) Way forward to confirm (e.g., with a memorandum of understanding or a letter of agreement as a technical partner) participation /role in the One Pacific Programme

An outline on what the One Pacific Programme entails including its scope and synergies with projects /programmes under implementation will be provided during the planned discussions.

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.

For additional information, please contact Salesa Nihmei, Meteorology & Climate Adviser (salesan@sprep.org) and Rupeni Mario, Project Development and Implementation Specialist (rupenim@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kosi Latu', is positioned above the printed name.

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