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FILE: SPREP 2/23 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Establishment of the SPREP Governance Group for the:
1. Third Independent Corporate Review of SPREP; and
2. Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026

Dear Members,

As you may recall, the Second SPREP Executive Board Meeting approved the implementation of the combined Third Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and the Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026 in 2021.

Noting the great importance of these reviews, the Secretariat invites interested Members to participate in the Governance Group. We anticipate that most of the work of the Governance Group will be undertaken virtually, with the Secretariat and Independent Review Team (IRT). Governance Group members would also be expected to actively participate in consultations with their respective sub-regions.

The purpose of the Governance Group will be to:

1. participate and oversee the review processes;
2. provide guidance to the Secretariat and the IRT during review implementation and sub-regional consultations; and
3. review draft IRT reports.

In 2014 a similar group was established and included SPREP Members: Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau and the Troika of Marshall Islands, Nauru, and New Caledonia.

The Secretariat wishes to emphasise the importance of inclusion from across the different stakeholders of the SPREP membership and hence seeks volunteers from Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia, and Metropolitan Members. Volunteers will not be restricted if there is more than one from each grouping.

Your early advice on willingness to participate in the Governance Group for the combined reviews, is greatly appreciated. Consultations and meetings will be primarily conducted virtually. The names and contact details of focal points for the review process, should be forwarded to the Executive Officer (audrey@sprep.org CC: executivesupport@sprep.org) by 12 March 2021.



For more information on the proposed reviews and past review reports, please refer to the attached Terms of Reference, which will be for Public Tender and following links on the SPREP website:

- [Working paper for Agenda Item 9.4: SPREP Independent Corporate Review and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017- 2026](#)
- [Second SPREP Independent Corporate Review \(2014\)](#)
- [Mid-term review of the SPREP Strategic Plan \(2014\)](#)
- [First SPREP Independent Corporate Review \(2008\)](#)

Thank you for your support on this important initiative for SPREP.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kosi Latu".

Kosi Latu
Director General