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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
Cook Islands, Federated States of
Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall
Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau,
Papua New Guinea, Samoa,
Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu,
Vanuatu

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SUBJECT: **Concept Notes on the proposed establishment of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Biodiversity Coalition and SIDS 10-year Capacity Development Roadmap under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Global Biodiversity Framework**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), convened a Talanoa session on 3 June 2021 that brought together CBD Biodiversity Focal Points to discuss enhancing SIDS' capacities in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) discussions and negotiations on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

A new Global Biodiversity Framework which contains new goals and targets for biodiversity will be adopted by Parties at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CBD (CBD COP15). There have been ongoing participatory processes and meetings contributing to the development and review of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and it is important that priorities, challenges and opportunities of SIDS are addressed within it. Recognising the leadership role SIDS play on climate change issues, the Talanoa session was convened that brought together the CBD Biodiversity Focal Points from Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu to discuss a need for strong coordination amongst SIDS at both the technical and political levels, that can advocate the priorities during the ongoing deliberations and negotiations.

The main objectives of the Talanoa session were to:

- discuss the support to establish a SIDS Biodiversity Coalition that can amplify the voice of SIDS; and
- discuss the development of a 10-year SIDS capacity development roadmap under the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to enhance technical and financial support to implement the Framework.

Outcomes of the session include:

- SPREP tasked by the Pacific CBD Focal Points to share the concept notes on the establishment of a SIDS Biodiversity Coalition (**Annex 1**) developed by the Pacific Small Island Development States (PSIDS) through UNDESA and the 10 -year SIDS capacity development roadmap. These concept notes were also shared by the Ambassadors of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations with their respective countries.



- Pacific island countries are encouraged to liaise and discuss directly with their respective Ambassadors the proposed advice on the SIDS Biodiversity Coalition.
- Pacific island countries who do not have a Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and who are interested to be included may contact the PSIDS and UNDESA below.

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