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Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau,
Papua New Guinea, Samoa,
Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu,
Vanuatu

DATE: 24 June 2021

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SUBJECT: **Invitation: Regional workshop on the Gap assessment and lessons learnt on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Aichi Targets**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) will convene a regional workshop to feed into a Gap Assessment Report highlighting the main gaps, challenges and lessons learnt on the implementation of the CBD Aichi Targets from 2011 – 2020. The workshop will be held virtually on **7 July 2021** from **1:00pm – 4:00pm (Samoa time)**.

Ms. Alissa Takesy from the Federated States of Micronesia has been contracted by UN-DESA to undertake this gap assessment report, and will be presenting the drafted report with the main objectives of sharing and discussing specific gaps, challenges and lessons learnt related to the means of implementation during the last decade of CBD implementation.

This assessment will also serve as the advocacy tool and technical rationale behind the need to develop a capacity building roadmap for enhancing technical and financial support to SIDS, to support the implementation of targets under the new Global Biodiversity Framework.

Biodiversity is one of the core sustainable development priorities of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), entitled *SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A) Pathway*. This assessment is in line with paragraph 30 (l) of the mid-term review of the SAMOA Pathway that calls for “The creation of the enabling environment to facilitate and attract foreign direct investment and financing, and capacity support for small island developing States.”

A tentative Agenda is attached in **Annex 1**.

The zoom link for this workshop is provided [here](#).
Meeting ID: 964 6385 4980; Passcode: 507494.



Please contact Amanda Wheatley, Biodiversity Officer amandaw@sprep.org or Juney Ward, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer juneyw@sprep.org for any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kosi Latu
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ANNEX 1: Tentative Agenda

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Objectives of the workshop
3. Gap Analysis presentation - Alissa Takesy, Consultant
4. Discussions
5. Closing