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SUBJECT: Melanesia Consultation Workshop for the SPREP Independent Corporate Review and Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026

Dear Members,

The SPREP Secretariat are pleased to confirm that a virtual consultation workshop will be held for our Members and Partners in the Melanesia Region as follows:

**Wednesday 7 July
8am-12pm, Fiji time**

We request that you support and engage with the Independent Review Team of Natural Solutions Pacific, as your input will be important and valuable to this review. The findings of this review will influence the future direction and focus of SPREP.

On behalf of the Independent Review Team, you are invited to a half-day workshop to provide your input into:

- An Independent Corporate Review of the SPREP Secretariat from 2014 to present day
- A mid-term review of SPREP's performance in delivering the SPREP Strategic Plan (2017-2026)

Your input will feed directly into this independent review which will provide recommendations for best possible corporate and programmatic/strategic delivery going forward that will be presented to SPREP Members for review in September.

The workshop to be hosted and facilitated by the Independent Review Team will discuss and explore the following questions and themes:

1. What has SPREP done in your region/country over the last 5-7 years? Has this been the best use of their resources/expertise?
2. Is SPREP partnering with Member countries and other regional organisations to get the work done in the best possible way?
3. How is SPREP doing at bringing gender and equity considerations into their work?
4. The quality of SPREP Secretariat's technical, advisory and capacity-building services to Member Countries and the Region.
5. The impact of COVID-19 on SPREP's delivery and the effectiveness of response measures taken.

6. What are the top challenges/opportunities that you are observing in SPREP's work?
7. Considering SPREP's Mandate and Strategic Plan (both the strategic and organisational goals), what should SPREP focus on going forward in your region/area of work?

The review consultation is being carried out between 28 June and 30 July so that the review findings and recommendations can be shared with SPREP Members at the 30th SPREP Meeting on 7 September and in a Special Meeting of Members tentatively scheduled for 30 September.

Due to this limited timeframe for consultation, the Review team are offering a few options for you to provide your input into the review, you are welcome to choose one or a combination of the following options:

1. This workshop.
2. There will be a confidential online survey which will be open from 28 June to 19 July. The Independent Review Team will send you this survey on 28 June through the Secretariat.
3. The Independent Review Team are available to hold a limited number of interviews and/or informal discussions over this time. If you are willing to give us your time, please contact them (see below) and they will contact you to set up a virtual meeting.

For further details about the project, please contact:

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Please refer to [Circular 21/47](#) for more information regarding the background of the Reviews that includes information on the Independent Review Team of Natural Solutions Pacific and the terms of reference. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for further clarification and or information via the Executive Officer (audreyp@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely



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