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SPREP Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Invitation: Pacific Adaptation Virtual Workshop – Constraints, Limits and Transformational Adaptation, 20th and 21st July, 2021

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in partnership with Climate Analytics, are hosting a virtual workshop on Pacific adaptation to climate change, exploring constraints, limits and transformational adaptation in the context of the Pacific.

The workshop will be held across two days, on the **20th and 21st July, 2021 at 12.00pm – 2.30pm (Samoa time)**.

To register for the workshop please complete the registration form: <https://forms.gle/A4m1jvPFpp8TEjJ97>

Context for the meeting

There has been a growing call for ‘transformational adaptation’ from donors and in academic literature, yet there has been relatively little discussion on what this concept means for PSIDS. Transformational adaptation is conceptually linked to the themes of *limits to adaptation* and *loss and damage*, both of which have major implications for climate change policy and action in the Pacific region. As these terms gain traction in climate change policy, so it is essential that PSIDS inform this debate and contribute to this important discourse.

This two-day online workshop will support practitioners, policy makers and researchers to explore these concepts in practical terms. More specifically, it aims to provide a platform to explore:

- What does transformational adaptation mean to PSIDS and Pacific communities?
- Is it a useful term for PSIDS?
- What is the difference between incremental and transformational adaptation?
- Provide information to adaptation practitioners and regional adaptation researchers on key emerging topics in adaptation: constraints, limits and transformational adaptation
 - How are these terms being defined by others (e.g. IPCC, donors, research community)?
- Are current adaptation plans and actions ‘sufficient’ and are we approaching limits to adaptation?
- What are the implications of this discussion for policymakers and negotiators?

The virtual workshop supported by the IMPACT Project and SPREP. To register please complete the online form via this link <https://forms.gle/A4m1jvPFpp8TEjJ97>. Please contact Filomena Nelson



(filomenan@sprep.org) or Ella Strachan (ella.strachan@climateanalytics.org) for more information. Please share this invitation widely among your networks. Thank you and we look forward to your attendance.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kosi Latu".

Kosi Latu
Director General