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**To:** Parties to the Noumea Convention  
**Cc:** SPREP National Focal Points

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONSULTANCY TO REVIEW THE NOUMEA CONVENTION AND RELATED PROTOCOLS**

Dear Parties to the Noumea Convention,

Recalling the Fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention (COP15) held on 29 August 2019, the Parties agreed for the Secretariat to carry out a review of the Noumea Convention. The Secretariat, through the procurement process awarded the consultancy contract to Mr. David Sheppard of David Sheppard Global Environment Consulting Pty Ltd., in Australia to review the Noumea Convention.

The Secretariat, therefore, seeks the support and availability from the Parties in the review of the Noumea Convention. Mr. Sheppard will be contacting focal points of the Parties for the consultations.

The objectives of the review are grouped into two main headings with specific objectives:

- i) Governance and operation of the Noumea Convention:
  - (a) Examine, evaluate, determine the effectiveness of the Convention;
  - (b) Examine, evaluate, determine the effectiveness of the Secretariat in discharging the roles and functions mandated by the Convention;
  - (c) Examine, analyse and determine the linkages to the work programmes of the Secretariat;
  - (d) Analyse, evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the administrative and procedural matters relating to amendment provisions, reporting and other obligations.
- ii) Implementation of the Noumea Convention:
  - (a) Examine, analyse, determine whether the purpose of the Convention is achieved;
  - (b) Examine, analyse and determine objects / purpose of the Convention remains relevant to be current environmental challenges; and
  - (c) Examine, analyse and determine the approach to expand the scope of the Convention, to tackle current environmental challenges.

The overall expected outcome of the review is to provide recommendations for Parties to make an informed decision on the strategic direction of the Noumea Convention.

Please contact our Secretariat Mr. Jope Davetanivalu, Acting Director of the Environment Monitoring and Governance Programme on [joped@sprep.org](mailto:joped@sprep.org) or Ms. Anastacia Amoa-Stowers, ACPMEA3 Programme Coordinator on [anastacias@sprep.org](mailto:anastacias@sprep.org), for any queries.

We look forward to your support to the review work undertaken by Mr. Sheppard.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kosi Latu  
**Director General**

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