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Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall
Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau,
Papua New Guinea, Samoa,
Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu,
Vanuatu

DATE: 5 August 2021

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SUBJECT: **Invitation: Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Third Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 17 – 18 August 2021**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will convene a regional preparatory meeting for the Third Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be held virtually from **17 – 18 August, 2021** from **12:00pm – 4:30pm (Samoa time)**.

This meeting is in preparation for the upcoming Third Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held virtually from **23 August – 3 September, 2021 (7:00am – 10:00am Montreal time zone)**.

The main objectives of the Pacific regional meeting are to:

1. Highlight the Pacific's journey into the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
2. Discuss key issues, opportunities and gaps of the GBF relevant to the Pacific
3. Identify and discuss the Pacific priorities and leads
4. Strengthen Pacific regional voice and networks
5. Promote and strengthen regional preparations for the COP15.

Invitation to this meeting is now open for nominations from Pacific Island Countries. We request that you complete the [online registration](#) or complete the nomination form (**Annex 1**) and send via email juneyw@sprep.org. Upon receipt of nominations, we will liaise directly with the nominees and provide the zoom link for the meeting. The Agenda is also attached (**Annex 2**).

The documents for the Third Meeting of the OEWG can be obtained from the following link:
<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/WG2020-03>.

On a separate related matter, we would also remind you of the deadline for registration for the CBD's Open-ended Working Group 3 which is no later than **13 August 2021**. Please address all enquiries to the CBD Executive Secretary e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1 514-288-6588. Your participation in the OEWG-3 is highly encouraged to ensure your views and inputs are considered.



For additional information or enquiry regarding the briefing meeting, please contact Amanda Wheatley amandaw@sprep.org or Juney Ward juneyw@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kosi Latu
Director General

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