

## CIRCULAR

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Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

People around the world are coming together to demand change in the way we make and use plastics. Millions of dollars are being invested in cleaning up our oceans, rivers and beaches in an effort to turn the tide on plastic pollution. These efforts are vital but will be insufficient if ever more plastic continues to be allowed to escape into our environment.

To tackle the issue at source, a partnership initiative was launched in October 2018 by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation in collaboration with the UN Environment Programme. The **New Plastics Economy Global Commitment** aims to bring together governments, businesses, and other organisations from around the world behind a common vision of a circular economy for plastic, to change how we produce, use, and reuse plastic so that it never becomes waste or pollution.

The Global Commitment has already mobilised over 500 signatories. These includes governments of France and New-Zealand among others, companies, academics, universities, and other educational or research organisations.

We therefore encourage our member countries and partner organisations to take part in this Global Commitment for a Plastic Free Pacific and World. To do so, all stakeholders can engage directly with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and their representatives Llorenç Milà i Canals or Ran Xie, whose contact details are provided in the brief description of the Global Commitment attached to this circular.

We look forward to your engagement in this New Plastics Economy Global Commitment.

Yours sincerely,



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