



## CIRCULAR

**FILE:** AP\_6/4/11 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points  
Maritime Focal Points

**DATE:** 11 March 2022

**CIRCULAR:** 22/21

**SUBJECT:** **Pacific Regional Framework for the Prevention of Pollution by Marine Litter  
Microplastics**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat is pleased to advise that the first workshop towards a Pacific Regional Framework for the prevention of Pollution by marine litter and microplastics has been scheduled for **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

In preparation for the workshop, a short paper has been prepared outlining the binding and non-binding options for the framework. A supporting video is available:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eFITQzOGELAlF3jTbMh-v9XTTUSTyyAM>

We kindly invite you to participate in the development of this framework. Your expertise will be invaluable in moving the Pacific Region forward towards a harmonised approach to address this issue and in support of the negotiation of a new binding global agreement on plastic pollution.

The University of Wollongong welcomes the opportunity to schedule bilaterals with Focal Points at any stage of the project.

Please contact Karen Raubenheimer ([kraubenh@uow.edu.au](mailto:kraubenh@uow.edu.au)) should you wish to discuss the options for a Regional Framework in greater detail. An invitation with further workshop details will follow.

Please contact Anthony Talouli, Acting Director WMPC Programme [anthonyt@sprep.org](mailto:anthonyt@sprep.org) for further information.

We look forward to engaging with you in the development of this regional initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu  
**Director General**

KL/AT/dt