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SUBJECT: Draft Agenda Pacific Region Framework for the Prevention of Pollution by Marine Litter and Microplastics

Dear Members,

Recalling the Noumea Convention COP16 Meeting where the development of a Regional Framework for the Prevention of Pollution by Marine Litter and Microplastics was agreed the Secretariat is pleased to confirm that a virtual consultation workshop will be held for SPREP Member States as noted in our Circulars 21/128, 21/141, 21/152, 22/21 and 22/24 as follows:

Wednesday 20 April 2022
12:00pm – 3:00pm, Samoa time
<https://sprep.zoom.us/j/95721058140?pwd=YUdDSG1WVTB4Q01ZdEd6TVV2dG51QT09>
Meeting ID: 957 2105 8140
Passcode: 726270

The objective of the workshop is to solicit Members input in moving the Pacific Region forward towards a harmonised approach to address this issue and in support of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee process negotiations of a new binding global agreement on plastic pollution.

Session 1 - Information

The first session aims to summarise the UNEA 5 negotiations on the resolution *End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument*. Other resolutions adopted at UNEA that may have relevance to a new Pacific framework will be summarized, and options for the framework presented.

Session 2 – Forward Action

The second session allows for open discussion on what the preferred option for the Pacific framework should be, the content of the framework and the timeline for developing such a framework, considering the timeline for the development of a binding global agreement to address plastic pollution.

As previously advised the University of Wollongong, Australia, has been engaged to facilitate the development of a framework for the Pacific Region on marine litter and plastic pollution. A short background presentation by Prof. Greg Rose, University of Wollongong, can be found [here](#).

Tentative Pacific Region Framework for the Prevention of Pollution by Marine Litter and Microplastics Workshop Draft Agenda

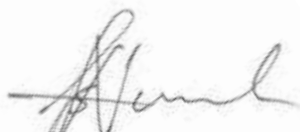
Agenda Item	Lead
Welcome and opening remarks	Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, DG, SPREP

Current status of governance of plastics in the Pacific	Mr. Anthony Talouli, A/DWMPC, SPREP
Session 1 INFORMATION	
Global discussions towards an International Agreement	
5 minute summaries by countries that participated in UNEA proceedings	Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, New Zealand, Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, United States of America
3 minute summaries by NGOs that participated in UNEA proceedings	CIEL, EIA, WWF, Massey
Global Resolutions and Implications for the Pacific Regional Framework	
UNEA 5 resolutions relevant to the governance of plastics	UoW
Options for the type of regional framework	UoW
Session 2 FORWARD ACTION	
Discussions on the Pacific Regional Framework	
Preferred option for the type of regional framework	SPREP/UoW
Content of the regional framework	SPREP/UoW
Timeline for development of the regional framework	SPREP/UoW
Options for contribution and participation in international negotiations towards a new global agreement to address plastic pollution	SPREP/UoW
Final Reflections and Next Steps	
Closing remarks	Mr. Anthony Talouli, A/DWMPC, SPREP

Please contact Anthony Talouli, A. Director WMPC Programme anthonyt@sprep.org who will assist with this workshop.

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

Yours sincerely,



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