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Competent Authorities and Focal Points to the Basel, Rotterdam  
and Stockholm Convention

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**SUBJECT:** **PACIFIC SUB-REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM, AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS**

Dear Members, Competent Authorities and Focal Points to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions,

This circular serves to inform you all that SPREP in its capacity as the Pacific Regional Centre for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions including the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS), will be hosting a sub-regional preparatory meeting for BRS Parties in the Pacific from 17 to 18 May 2022. The primary objective of the sub-regional preparatory meeting is to support Pacific Parties to actively participate in the BRS Conference of the Parties meetings scheduled for 6 to 17 June 2022.

The preparatory meeting is an opportunity for our Pacific BRS Parties to discuss national positions on the agenda of the BRS COP meetings and issues of interest. Majority of our Pacific BRS Parties were unable to attend a preparatory meeting organised for the Asia Pacific region by the BRS Secretariat in March 2022 and as such, this sub-regional preparatory meeting provides a platform for our Pacific BRS Parties to prepare for the COP meeting in June. With the primary objective in mind, the preparatory meeting aims to:

- (i) dialogue “talanoa” with and amongst the Parties on strategies and national positions on issues of interest from the agenda of the COPs
- (ii) provide technical and scientific information in relation to the agenda of the COPs to Parties for their interventions
- (iii) to confirm from the Parties the level of support and expectations from SPREP during the COP proceedings, and
- (iv) discuss alternatives for those who are unable to attend due to ongoing international travel restrictions.

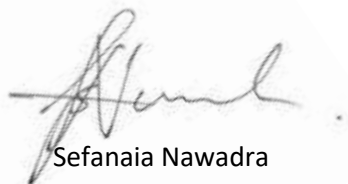
Invitation letters, nomination forms, and the program of the preparatory meeting will be sent to all competent authorities and focal points in the coming weeks.



**SPREP**  
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We look forward to welcoming you all to the preparatory meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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