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SUBJECT: Invitation for funding support for the International Coastal Cleanup Day 17th September 2022 as part a collaboration between the *Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP)* Project and the *Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)*

Dear SPREP National Focal Points,

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, the International Coastal Clean-up Day is celebrated. This is the single largest coastal clean-up day in the world, and 2022 will mark the 36th year of the ICCD in action. Last year, the SWAP project supported 10 associations to conduct clean-up actions and awareness-raising activities at this event. With nearly 600 volunteers involved, 5.6 tons of waste have been collected and removed from Environment. Following the success of this event, the SWAP Project has decided to repeat this activity this year. And to make the event even more successful than the last year, POLP will also participate in ICCD2022.

Marine litter is a global, intergenerational and transboundary issue that negatively affects the environment, people and coastal economies around the world. Working to support our Pacific islands to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment, SPREP is engaged in the International Coastal Cleanup Day, which is scheduled for 17th September 2022. Thus, as part of a collaboration between the *Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP)* Project, funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the *Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)*, funded by the Australian Government, SPREP will support twenty (20) clean-up actions. All SPREP Pacific island member countries and territories are invited to participate in this event.

For each clean-up action, funding of up to USD3,000 may be awarded to cover logistic fees and purchase of equipment required for this activity (purchase of bags, gloves, sanitizer, transportation, refreshments, water, etc.) as well as to produce audio-visual coverage of the event.

I invite you to join us and be part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day. The information on the requirements for participation including the application form are in the attached documents. Please **submit your application to the Secretariat by 12th August 2022.**

For any further questions, please contact the SWAP Coordinator, Julie Pillet, at juliep@sprep.org or the POLP Manager, Andrea Volentras, at andreav@sprep.org who are available to provide further guidance and assistance.

I look forward to having you join us on 17th September 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Director General

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