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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
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Federated States of Micronesia,
Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands,
Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa,
Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu,
Vanuatu

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SUBJECT: Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 17 – 21 October 2022, Nadi, Fiji

Dear Members,

In preparation for the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will be convening a preparatory meeting for the Pacific islands region from **17 – 21 October 2022** at the **Novotel Hotel in Nadi, Fiji**.

At the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held in Nairobi, Kenya, delegates negotiated the [draft framework](#) with its 21 targets (now 22 targets with the addition of a specific target on gender):

- 8 targets deal with protecting the status of biodiversity,
- 5 targets address how we will use biodiversity sustainably and equitably, and
- 7 targets attempt to answer, 'How do we provide the mechanisms to make sure these actions happen?'

The CBD COP15 is a major opportunity for ensuring that the special situation of **Small Island Developing States** are considered effectively in the design of biodiversity protections and monitoring as well as resourcing of biodiversity-related actions over the next decade.

All five of the principal direct drivers of biodiversity loss — land and sea use change, direct exploitation, climate change, pollution, invasive alien species and their interactions — are already occurring on islands and have substantial impacts on all dimensions of island biodiversity. Despite this fact, the



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draft Global Biodiversity Framework only uses the word 'island' three times in the goals, targets and approach to the framework.

The main objectives of the Preparatory meeting are to provide a forum for the Pacific Parties to:

- discuss key regional priority issues and prepare regional positions, as appropriate;
- strengthen engagement at the COP meeting; and
- continue with the One Pacific Voice for top priorities for the Pacific which has been an effective approach adopted by Pacific Island countries at past COP meetings.

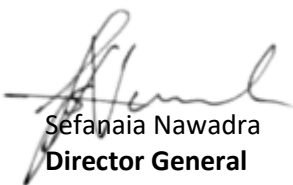
The Secretariat would like to invite **one (1) nominated country participant** who is to be a lead negotiator and on the National delegation to the CBD COP15 or concurrent meetings of the COP-MOP in Montreal. In accordance with SPREP travel policy, an economy class airfare for the most direct and economical route and daily subsistence allowance will be provided for the nominated representative.

Please submit nominations by **Friday 16 September 2022** by completing the attached nomination form (Annex 1) and conveying to the contacts below, or [register online](#). To facilitate travel arrangements, we request a scanned copy of your passport biodata page. A zoom link will also be provided for our delegates who are unable to travel due to travel restrictions.

The agenda for the meeting will be shared in due course.

For further information, please contact Amanda Wheatley, Biodiversity Adviser amandaw@sprep.org and Juney Ward, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer juneyw@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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