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SUBJECT: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC COP27 in Sharm-el Sheik, Egypt 7 to 18 November 2022: **Deadline Extended to 17 September, 2022**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

Further to Circular 22/71, regarding the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC COP27 in Sharm-el Sheik, Egypt 7 to 18 November 2022. **I am pleased to advise that we have now extended the deadline by one week to 5pm CEST 17 September 2022.** The application form available online through this link: [COP27 Pavilion Side Event Application](#)

As noted previously, in the spirit of Pacific Partnership, Aotearoa, New Zealand with regional agencies is hosting a Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion that will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and CROP+ agencies as well as the Aotearoa, New Zealand government and other partners.

The following themes will be taken into consideration in the assessment of applications:

- **Our Resilient Pacific** (Adaptation; Global Stocktake; Capacity building; Article 6 – markets and environmental integrity; and Loss and damage)
- **Empowered Pacific Climate Action** (Capacity building; and Climate finance)
- **Pacific Climate Ambition** (Technology, development and transfer; Climate ambition; and Transparency in meeting the national climate targets and actions)

The overarching priority areas that can be mainstreamed into the above are:

- Ambitious climate action and commitments for the 1.5-degree Celsius temperature goal
- Gender equity and social inclusion (youth, gender equality, people with disabilities)
- Protecting and sustaining our ocean
- Pacific islands voices, culture and traditions

What you need to know

- Side event slots are available from 7 – 18 November 2022.
- Event times will begin at 10am each day with the last event at 5pm
- Each event slot will be 50 minutes
- Each event will start on the hour



Our Blue Wave principles

- As stewards of the world's largest ocean, the Pacific Pavilion will be a single-use plastic free space that encourages and empowers as very little waste as possible. Approximately 80% of all ocean plastic comes from land-based sources. In the spirit of ocean conservation, the following will take place:
 - ✓ Very minimal paper distribution at the Pavilion – please use digital innovation.
 - ✓ No single-use plastics permitted for catering.
 - ✓ A waste audit will be conducted at the end of each day for the Pavilion. If waste is left behind after each side event the waste audit results will be linked to your event.
 - ✓ We will work to advise applicants by 5 October to enable participants to prepare ahead of COP 27.

Should you experience any challenges with using the online application form, please send an email to cop27@sprep.org with details of the issue and our team will guide you through alternative means of making an application.

COP27 in Sharm-el Sheik, Egypt from 7 to 18 November 2022 and the call for side event applications from Members and Partners, is to ensure the spirit of Pacific Partnership continues and the presence and voice of the Pacific is amplified in this important global platform.

Kind regards

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