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FILE: CONV 1/5/1; CONV 2/7/1 **TO:** SPREP Focal Points
DATE: 7 February 2025
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SUBJECT: Draft Provisional Agendas for the following meetings:

1. **Pacific Sub-Regional Preparatory Meeting of Pacific States for the 2025 Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions and;**
2. **Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 10) of the Waigani Convention**

Dear Members,

Further to Circular 24/82, we are pleased to share the draft provisional agendas for the Pacific Sub-Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 2025 Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions and the Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 10) of the Waigani Convention.

Both meetings will take place in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, as follows:

1. Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 2025 BRS COPs:

- **Date:** 11-12 March 2025
- **Theme:** “Make Visible the Invisible: Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes”
- **Objective:** To ensure Pacific delegations are well-prepared for the COPs by discussing key negotiation topics, aligning regional priorities, and building negotiation skills.

The draft agenda is attached for your review (Annex 1). The provisional agenda of the BRS COPs for 2025 and associated meeting documents are available on the BRS website and will serve as the basis of the preparatory meeting.

2. Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Waigani Convention (STAC 10):

- **Date:** 13-14 March 2025
- **Objective:** To review and provide scientific and technical recommendations on the implementation of the Waigani Convention.

The draft agenda is also attached for your reference (Annex 2). Meeting documents for STAC 10 will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

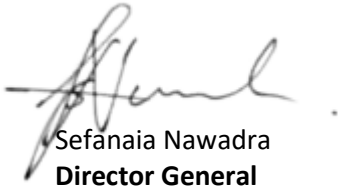
SPREP encourages the nomination of delegates familiar with the subject matter and actively involved in national and regional implementation of these conventions. We recommend continuity in representation for these meetings and the upcoming BRS COPs in Geneva in April/May 2025.

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We look forward to your participation and contributions to these significant meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1

Preparatory Meeting for the Meetings of The Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Pacific Region

Rarotonga, Cook Islands
11-12 March 2025

Theme: “Make Visible the Invisible: Sound management of chemicals and
wastes”

Provisional agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 11 March 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:20	Opening	
Session 1: Overview of the 2025 Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COPs)		
09:20 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synergies across Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions• Discussion on the COP theme: "Make Visible the Invisible: Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes"• Connecting the COPs' agendas to Pacific priorities	
10:20 – 10:40	Morning tea	
Session 2: Basel Convention - Waste Management Priorities for the Pacific		
10:40 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical guidelines on plastics, e-waste, and POPs waste• Discussion: Amendments to Annex IV (disposal operations) and Annexes I & III (classification of wastes)• Consideration: Proposal to address used textiles and textile wastes	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
Session 3: Rotterdam Convention – Enhancing Chemical Safety		

13:30 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for new chemicals in Annex III: Chlorpyrifos, methyl bromide, mercury, paraquat, and others Discussion: Strengthening Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedures Focus: Regional concerns on agricultural and industrial chemicals 	
15:30 – 15:50	Afternoon tea	
Session 4: Negotiation Training Part 1		
15:50 – 17:30	<p>Introduction to Multilateral Negotiations</p> <p>Guide to Negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiation Approaches Navigating the negotiations process. Briefing for Negotiations Making an intervention <p>Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key challenges and strategies for small island developing states Briefing of the negotiations exercise for Day 2. 	
Day 2 Wednesday, 12 March 2025		
Session 5: Stockholm Convention – Combatting Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)		
08:30 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed listings: Chlorpyrifos, long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, and chlorinated paraffins Amendments to Annex A: Party proposal to list UV-328 Regional concerns: Managing legacy POPs like PCBs and DDT 	
10:30 – 10:45	Morning tea	
Session 6: Ministerial Participation in the High-Level Segment		
10:45 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of high-level representation at COPs Strategies for engaging Pacific ministers 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key messages and priorities for the high-level segment • Coordinating support for ministerial interventions • Opportunities for Pacific leadership at the global level • Drafting a ministerial brief: Talking points and regional narratives 	
12:30 -13:30	Lunch break	
Session 7: Negotiation Training Part 2		
13:30 - 15:30	<p>Interactive Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role-play on addressing a contentious COP agenda item (e.g., new chemical listing in Annex III or IV amendments) • Debrief of the Interactive Exercise and feedback from the participants. 	
15:30 - 15:45	Afternoon tea break	
Session 8: Preparation of Regional Statements		
15:45 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing key points for COP statements • Reviewing commitments and responsibilities 	
Closing Session		
16:30 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPREP's participation at the COPs and support to Parties • Strategies for on-the-ground participation at contact groups and plenary • Closing remarks 	

Annex 2

Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Wai-gani Convention

Rarotonga, Cook Islands
13-14 March 2025

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational matters:
 - a. Election of officers;
 - b. Organization of work;
4. Matters related to the work programme of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee for the biennium 2023–2024:
 - a. Strategic issues
 - i. Implementation of the recommendations of the 2021 Review of the Convention
 - b. Scientific and technical matters
 - i. Technical guidelines
 - ii. Hazardous waste management strategies
 - iii. Codes of Practice for hazardous wastes
 - c. Legal, governance and enforcement matters
 - i. Providing further legal clarity
 1. 2023 Amendments to the Convention
 2. Amendments to Basel Convention Annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste;
 - d. National reporting
 - i. Analysis of 2021-2022 National reports
 - ii. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents
 - e. Capacity building
 - f. International cooperation and coordination
5. Work programme of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee for the biennium 2025–2026
6. Other matters
7. Adoption of the report of the meeting
8. Closure of the meeting