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TO: National UNFCCC/Climate Change Focal Points (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tokelau)

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SUBJECT: **Invitation: Pacific Small Island Developing States Loss and Damage Dialogue: 1- 6 May 2025, Apia, Samoa**

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat will hold a series of climate-induced loss and damage events from 30 of April to 6 of May at the Taumeasina Island Resort, Apia, Samoa. These events include:

- Pacific Regional Media Training on Loss and Damage 30 April - 2 May 2025;
- First PSIDS Youth Loss and Damage Dialogue, 1-2 May 2025; and
- Second PSIDS Regional Loss and Damage Dialogue in Apia from 5 - 6 May 2025

Building upon the first regional dialogue (held in 2023), **the second PSIDS Loss and Damage Dialogue** will bring together government, civil society, private sector and partners to collectively discuss experiences with loss and damage in the Pacific and further define Pacific loss and damage priorities. The discussion at the PSIDS Loss and Damage Dialogue will be informed by and contribute to broader international negotiations on loss and damage in 2025 under the UNFCCC, including the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) and the Santiago Network for Loss and Damage.

The objectives of the PSIDS Loss and Damage Dialogue include:

- Fostering greater collaboration through open and informed exchange of knowledge and lessons learnt amongst the Pacific community regarding loss and damage.
- Building the capacity and capability of PSIDS in relation to loss and damage issues.
- Integration of Non-Economic Loss and Damage (NELD), Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and youth related issues into loss and damage discussions and priorities
- Considering the Pacific stance on issues likely to be discussed at COP30.

The PSIDS Youth Loss and Damage Dialogue will provide an opportunity for youth in the region to build their capacity and capability on loss and damage issues. This will involve building the knowledge of the youth on the foundational concepts of loss and damage and enable them to explore the implications of climate-induced loss and damage for their futures.

The objectives of the PSIDS Youth Loss and Damage Dialogue include:

- Open and informed discussion amongst Pacific youth about loss and damage, the impacts already being felt and the experiences of the youth and other GEDSI groups

- Development of a Youth L&D Agenda which will in turn be presented to the broader regional dialogue.

The Pacific Regional Media Training on Loss and Damage aims to build the capacity of Pacific Media to understand Loss and Damage and its impact on Pacific communities. Kindly note that the media representatives will be selected via a separate expression of interest as there are additional criteria media representatives must meet.

The Secretariat therefore wishes to invite the nomination of four participants – one representative from Government, one representative of CSOs, one representative from the private sector and one youth representative to attend aforementioned events.

All nominations must be submitted by the National UNFCCC/Climate Change Focal Point to the Secretariat before close of business on 21 March 2025, Samoa Local Time. Nominations are to be emailed to Tagaloa Cooper, Director of Climate Change Resilience Programme email: tagaloac@sprep.org and copy to Filomena Nelson, Adaptation Advisor email: filomenan@sprep.org, Jessica Rodham, Loss and Damage Officer email: jessicar@sprep.org, and Foinijancey Fesolai email: foinijanceyf@sprep.org.

The support for participation of nominated candidates includes a most direct return economy airfare from home base to Apia and daily subsistence allowance in accordance with the SPREP Travel Policy. The support, however, does not include travel insurance, visa arrangements, changes to tickets and other travel costs including transit port entry requirements such as COVID-19 tests and health clearance. Such exclusions are the responsibility of the nominating country.

Overview of the Dialogues

Date	1 - 2 May 2025	5 - 6 May 2025
Dialogue	Youth L&D	Regional L&D
Participants	One Youth Representative (per PSIDS)	One Youth Representative One Government Official One Representative from CSO One Representative from the private sector
Location	Taumeasina Island Resort, Apia, Samoa	Taumeasina Island Resort, Apia Samoa

Kindly be advised for continuity and budgetary reasons the youth representative must remain the same representative (per country) throughout the entirety of both dialogues.

Should you require further information, kindly contact Filomena Nelson on email filomenan@sprep.org or Jessica Rodham on email jessicar@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,



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