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TO: UNEP CIS-Pac5 National Project Coordinators
Niue, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu,
Cook Islands

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SUBJECT: **Invitation to Participate in the Joint Regional Workshop on Climate Data Management and Geospatial Information Technology, 23 – 26 June 2025, Apia – Samoa**

Dear National Project Coordinators for the UNEP CIS-Pac5 Programme,

The Secretariat through its Environmental Governance Programme is pleased to invite your participation in the upcoming Joint Regional Workshop on Climate Data Management and Geospatial Information Technology, scheduled to be held from 23 – 26 June 2025 in Apia, Samoa.

This workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries in environmental and climate data management, spatial analysis, and data driven decision-making tools. It will feature interactive sessions, hands-on training, and knowledge-sharing opportunities with regional experts and peers.

The objectives of the joint workshop are:

- To strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries in applying GIS and data management tools to support sustainable environment management.
- To enhance practical skills in managing, analysing, and visualizing environmental data using the Environment Data Portal and GIS tools to support informed decision-making for coastal, marine, and terrestrial resilience.
- To promote the integration of climate data and GIS in national and regional planning for climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development planning.
- To encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration among Pacific Island Countries on best practices and common challenges in managing climate and geospatial data.
- To highlight the Emma Luke EO centre setup, foster appreciation for the collaboration between key partners, and acknowledge their contributions in strengthening SPREP's geospatial capacity for environmental planning, monitoring and management in the region.

Therefore, we kindly request the nomination of one **(1) representative**, preferably someone with the daily responsibilities on data management, analysis or GIS to participate in this workshop. SPREP through its UNEP CIS-Pac 5 Programme component will cover costs for nominated participants, including:

- Return economy airfare (most direct route from home base to Apia, Samoa)
- Daily subsistence allowance (in accordance with 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, and we encourage nominated participants to arrange for these in advance to avoid any issues and delays.

To assist with logistics of the meeting, please complete the attached nomination form duly signed by the SPREP National Focal Point and submit no later than **Friday 25th of April 2025** to Lagi Reupena at lagir@sprep.org. and copy Rafael Tavita at rafaelt@sprep.org. The timely receipt of nominations will assist the organisers in making advanced travel and logistical arrangements.

Should you require further information or clarification, kindly contact Mr. Tavita Sua at tavitas@sprep.org

We look forward to your participation and contribution to this important regional initiative.

Yours Sincerely,



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