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**SUBJECT:** Invitation to Regional Capacity Development Training for Young Climate Negotiators from Pacific Island Countries,  
12-14 May 2026, Apia, Samoa

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is pleased to invite Pacific Island Countries to a Regional Capacity Development Training for Young Climate Negotiators, to be held from 12-14 May 2026 in Apia, Samoa.

This regional training, co-convened by SPREP and the Youth Negotiators Academy (YNA), forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen youth engagement and negotiation capacity across Pacific Island Countries. The initiative builds on the successful regional youth training delivered at the Pacific Climate Change Centre in August 2025.

Pacific Island Countries are kindly invited to nominate two (2) young representatives to participate in this training, ideally candidates for the Climate Youth Negotiators Programme (CYNP) Fundamental Training delivered by YNA commencing in June 2026. Nominated participants should demonstrate the potential to contribute meaningfully to national climate negotiation teams, including preparations for COP31 and beyond. Please send completed nomination forms for this regional training by 13 March 2026 to Ms. Teuila Fruean ([teuilajane@sprep.org](mailto:teuilajane@sprep.org)) and Ms. Foini Fesolai ([foinijanceyf@sprep.org](mailto:foinijanceyf@sprep.org)).

YNA is managing the country onboarding process for the CYNP, and countries not yet in contact with YNA are encouraged to reach out to Ms. Marie-Claire Graf ([marie-claire.graf@youthnegotiators.org](mailto:marie-claire.graf@youthnegotiators.org)).

SPREP will arrange the most direct and economical return airfare and provide per diems in accordance with SPREP's travel policy upon receipt of nominations by the deadline. Participants will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation, as these costs are factored in to the per diem.

This introductory (101-level) training is specifically designed for new and emerging climate negotiators who have not previously participated in regional negotiation training. It aims to equip participants with the foundational skills and knowledge required to effectively engage in complex inter-governmental climate negotiations, address practical barriers to participation in national negotiation teams, foster regional peer networks, and promote knowledge sharing and collaboration across Pacific Island Countries.

This training will be held alongside the virtual PSIDS preparatory meeting for the 64<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SBI and SBSTA). The preparatory meeting will provide an opportunity to consolidate common positions on key thematic priorities identified at the PSIDS Post-COP30 meeting held in March 2026, with outcomes aimed at advancing Pacific regional priorities at the 64th Sessions of SBI and SBSTA in June 2026.

By convening the training in parallel, youth participants will gain exposure to the latest negotiation issues and key thematic priorities for the Pacific. This integrated approach combines capacity-building, practical exercises, and real-time negotiation strategizing to strengthen participants' readiness for active engagement.

For further information, please contact Ms. Teuila Fruean (teuilajane@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,



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