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TO: SPREP National Focal Points - Pacific Island Countries (PICs)

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SUBJECT: Invitation to the Geospatial Information System (GIS) & Environment Data Portal Training, Building Regional Capacity for Coastal-Marine Management and Climate Adaptation and Resilience, 29 June – 3rd July 2026, Nadi Fiji

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) through its Environmental Governance Programme continues to strengthen its Members' capacity in the utilisation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and data management including the use of national environment data portals to support environmental planning, decision making and reporting across the Pacific Islands region.

SPREP is pleased to advise that the next capacity building training will be held in Nadi, Fiji, from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd of July 2026 and is made possible through the kind financial assistance of the EU-funded Pacific BioScapes Programme, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZ MFAT) SPREP Funding Support and the UNEP CIS-Pac5Project.

This training will focus on continuing to strengthen the use of GIS and data management tools to support the objectives of the above-mentioned projects – including to improve access to, management of and use of environmental data to better manage our coastal and marine resources and improve climate resilient planning and decision making for adapting to climate change.

Accordingly, we are pleased to cordially invite SPREP Members to nominate up to **two participants** each to attend this training, in particular:

- a) One GIS officer/specialist and
- b) One environmental or climate data management officer/person who is familiar with your national environment data portal

To get the most value and benefit from this training, nominees should ideally be those officers previously trained in these areas, directly involved in spatial data management, environmental information systems or national data portal operations/maintenance, and positioned to apply skills gained particularly as train-the-trainer facilitators within your ministry.

Further details regarding the programme, logistical arrangements and participation requirements will be shared with the selected nominees in due course.

We would appreciate receiving your nominations by **Friday 1st May 2026**. Please send nominations using the nomination form provided and any related enquiries to Ms Lagi Reupena at lagir@sprep.org and copy Ms Vani Koroisamanunu at vanik@sprep.org

We look forward to your continued participation and support in strengthening GIS and environmental data management capacity for achieving improved environmental outcomes for our region.

Yours sincerely,



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