

## CIRCULAR

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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

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**SUBJECT: Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network: in-country engagement**

Dear Focal Points,

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) has commissioned Tonkin & Taylor International Ltd (T+TI) in association with EX Research Institute Ltd to deliver the Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network project phase one feasibility and project design preparation. The feasibility study will form the basis for the project design, with an ensuing implementation phase two in selected countries.

The **project aim** is to address the growing solid waste management challenges across the Pacific Region by addressing the viability of recycling within the region. Through the delivery of a comprehensive feasibility study phase that will assess the technical, financial, and institutional requirements for establishing an effective and sustainable regional recycling network in Pacific countries.

The project scope covers 14 Pacific Countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The first key task includes generating a *Country-Specific Assessment* to provide a detailed analysis of the current state of solid waste management and recycling in the country.

The *Country-Specific Assessment* will collect information on:

- Waste and resource recovery governance and legislation;
- Waste and recycling practices and challenges;
- Existing recycling approaches including shipping arrangements, funding, market access and private sector participation;
- Issues and opportunities considering infrastructure and policy environment; and
- Relevant logistics and regional matters.

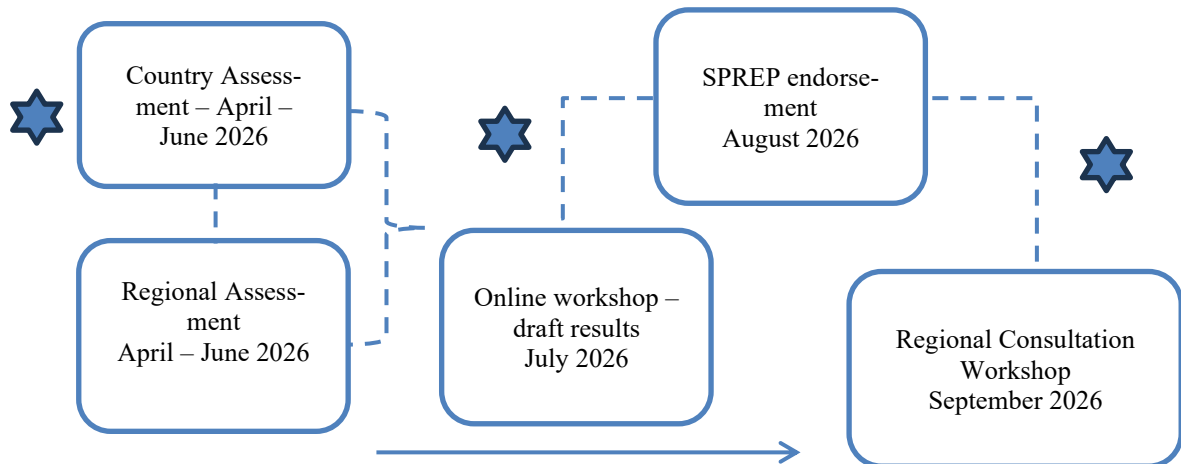
The country level assessment work will involve **engagement with stakeholders targeted at gathering information and insights**.

The T+TI team will be in touch with you to review the information that they have compiled and gather additional information for the project.

We would appreciate your support for this project in the form of providing relevant information that you hold and supporting T+TI in identifying and connecting with relevant stakeholders.

Below we have provided an indicative timeline for the first stage of this project and have highlighted when you can expect to be engaged with for this project.

### Indicative timeline



### Project updates

We will provide you with monthly project updates. A SPREP website landing page will be made available soon.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Anthony Talouli, [anthonyt@sprep.org](mailto:anthonyt@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,

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