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Pacific Islands Countries Port Authorities
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the Ballast Water Management Convention with
particular emphasis on Compliance Monitoring and
Enforcement 16-18 May 2011

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), I herewith wish to inform and invite your government participation in a "*Regional Training on the Legal Implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention with particular emphasis on Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement*".

The training will be held at the Pasifika Conference Room, SPC Ratu Mara Road, Suva, Fiji from Monday May 16th up to, and including Wednesday May 18th, 2011. The training will be hosted by the Fiji Maritime Safety Authority (FMSA). Additional information and an agenda can be found in the attached *Aide Memoire*.

The training is for maritime lawyers or those in position which oversee/manage the drafting of national Ballast Water Management (BWM) legislation. The objective of the training is to strengthen national and regional capacity to allow an effective implementation of the BWM Convention through a legal and compliance monitoring and enforcement training. It is also envisaged to have a model BWM legislation developed at the end of the training, as well as detail steps required for national implementation and the compliance and monitoring aspects including port state control measures.

As such, the participant in this training course should preferably be an experienced maritime lawyer, who will be in a position to oversee/manage the drafting of national BWM legislation. The participant should be in the governmental structure where they will be facilitating the process of implementing the IMO BWM Convention and development of national legislation.

It is envisaged that a maximum of two (2) participants will be sponsored to attend this training from the *Cook Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands,*

Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Unfortunately the SPREP/IMO funding does not extend to the territories of *American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna,* therefore participation in this training will be at these countries own cost.

It would be appreciated if you could have the attached registration form completed and returned at your earliest convenience, but no later than **Friday, 8 April 2011.**

In closing, I would like to thank you for your consideration of this valuable training.

Yours Sincerely,


Kosi Latu
Acting Director

Attachments

- (1) Aide Memoire
- (2) Nomination Form

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