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SPREP Circular

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PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
AusAID, NZAID, EU (Fiji), JICA, WHO (Fiji), AFD
Subject: **Workshop Notification and Date Claimer**
Pacific POPs Release Reduction through Improved Management
of Solid and Hazardous Wastes project

Background

1. This circular provides an update on the \$3.5 million *Pacific POPs Release Reduction through Improved Management of Solid and Hazardous Wastes* project, which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), co-financed by the French Development Agency (AFD) and other agencies, and being implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. You will recall that the aim of this US\$3.5 million project (GEF grant) is to reduce the release of persistent organic pollutants in the Pacific Island states through the introduction of integrated whole-system approaches to the environmentally sound management of solid and hazardous wastes.
3. Consultants will be gathering information and undertaking country visits over the next 6 weeks, which will require contact with yourselves or appropriate technical staff. The Secretariat, with assistance of UNEP, will coordinate these information requests to minimize the burden on members. I therefore take this opportunity to personally ask for your support and cooperation in providing the Consultants with any necessary information. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

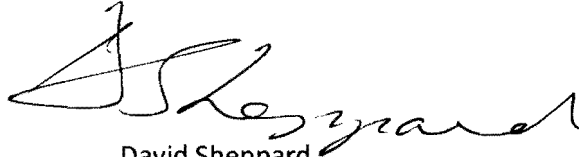
Update

4. A consultation workshop will be held in Nadi, Fiji, on the 12-14th April 2011. The purpose of the workshop is to reach stakeholder agreement on the recommended activities for inclusion in the final GEFPAS project document. This project document is currently being prepared by Consultants after consultation with individual countries, either through country visits or by email and phone. The workshop requires country participation to ensure the project design addresses your country (or organizational) needs and regional priority issues within the scope of the project. A nomination form for attendance at this workshop is attached.
5. Could you please return the completed nomination form by email to SPREP (pulemalieh@sprep.org) no later than the 11th March 2011.

Key Contacts

6. We look forward to continuing to work together with you to ensure that the Secretariat can deliver a successful project design, and in turn, assist Pacific countries in the reduction of solid and hazardous wastes. If you require further information or clarification please contact Dr. David Haynes (davidh@sprep.org).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Sheppard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David Sheppard
Director

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