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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
(Pacific Island Countries)
CROP + team
PSIDS New York

Dear Focal Points,

As you will be aware, technical briefing notes of key Pacific priority themes were circulated at the Nadi pre-COP meeting in October. The Pacific pre-COP meeting as well as the Fiji-convened Pacific officials and ministers meetings were able to agree a number of priorities for COP 23. These included agreement to the key priorities identified by Fiji: (i) facilitative dialogue; (ii) implementation guidelines and the Paris Agreement Rule Book; (iii) Gender, local communities and indigenous peoples platform; (iv) Adaptation and loss and damage; (v) Oceans pathway through 2020 that strengthens the ocean-climate change nexus. Secondly, through the HLMS and PSIDS processes, a further list of priority areas had been identified, with briefing notes developed: a) Finalizing the Paris Agreement; b) Establishing CC as a core security issue; c) Ratification of the Doha Amendment; d) Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement; e) Pacific SIDS CC Insurance Facility; f) Loss & Damage; g) Sustainable shipping/transport; h) Cities, Towns & Settlements; i) Food security & fisheries; j) Food and agriculture; k) Renewable Energy; and l) Traditional Knowledge.

If you require further copies, please do not hesitate to request them from Rosanna Galuvao rosannag@sprep.org or espenr@sprep.org. The briefings will also be made available to members of your delegations in Bonn by Espen Ronneberg, Acting Director, Climate Change Division (espenr@sprep.org).

SPREP highly recommends that your delegation attends the AOSIS pre-session meeting from 31 Oct – 1 Nov, and the regular daily meetings from 08.00-09.00 and 18.00-19.00.

Please be advised that SPREP will seek to organize periodic meetings of the Pacific Island Countries delegations during COP, to be confirmed during the pre-session meetings of AOSIS. Efforts to identify Pacific champions for the themes had been commenced at the July Champions meeting in Suva, and will be confirmed with delegations when we meet in Bonn.

There are a number of side events that will involve Pacific delegations or to which the Pacific have been invited. SPREP will circulate a list of these as confirmations come in. As has become common practice, SPREP will coordinate the One CROP+ team of regional agencies present in Bonn (SPREP, SPC, PIFS, USP, UNDP, IUCN, PIDF) and an emailing list will be compiled for communications amongst the Pacific delegations and this support team.

Further information on CROP Support to Pacific delegations will be provided soon.

The SPREP team at COP 23 will be:

- **Kosi Latu**, Director General, Head of Delegation;
- **Espen Ronneberg**, Acting Director, Climate Change Division, assisting with technical issues;
- **Simon Wilson**, Project Coordination Unit Manager, assisting with climate change finance;
- **Philip Malsale**, Climatology Officer, assisting with climate change science, research and IPCC;
- **Angelica Salele**, Information Management Officer, coordination, communications and outreach.

In addition we will have our team based at SPREP available to provide back-up and further research and assistance as required.

I look forward to seeing your delegation in Bonn.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General

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