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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

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SUBJECT: Follow up -Call for Expressions of Interest to Host the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in 2020

Dear Focal Points,

This circular is a follow up to circular 17/54 in which the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme is inviting Members to submit an Expression of Interest to host the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, which will be a major event in the Pacific in 2020.

The 2020 Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas is important for many reasons. Coming at the end of the 2011-2020 United Nations Decade on Biodiversity it will be an important opportunity for the Pacific to celebrate and disseminate conservation success stories, to conduct a stock-take and assessment of progress towards achieving global, regional and national conservation strategies and to prepare a new conservation strategy or framework for the Pacific region for the ensuing five years.

We would like to once again ask your country to consider hosting the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas. The host country will have a great opportunity to showcase conservation successes and to promote the country internationally.

The following are the key criteria for hosting the conference:

- Provide a suitable plenary venue that can seat at least 500-600 participants.
- Have facilities adjoining the main venue, or close by, for smaller break-out groups and workshops for up to 100 participants each.
- Availability of a range of accommodation options close to the venue to accommodate all visiting participants.
- Provision of suitable public transport (buses, taxis) or organised transport.

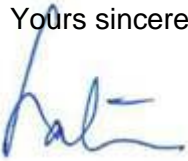
For more information and a full list of responsibilities of the host country please consult [Circular 17/54](#).

To submit an expression of interest to host the 10th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, please send a response addressing the criteria and responsibilities to sprep@sprep.org by the 28th February 2018. This is an extension by one

month to the deadline given in circular 17/54 to give countries more time to consider this request.

If you need any clarifications on the above, please contact jamesa@sprep.org or amandaw@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KosiLatu', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

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