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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

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CC: PMC Members – Directors/Head:
Meteorological Services

SUBJECT: **Third Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council and First Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Meteorology**

Dear Focal Points,

The Third Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-3) will be hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga in Nuku'alofa from 20 to 24 July 2015. This meeting will be held back-to-back with the first Meeting of Ministers responsible for the National Meteorological Services (NMSs) in the Pacific region.

The PMC is a specialized subsidiary body of the SPREP Meeting of Officials, established at the 14th Regional Meteorological Services Directors (14RMSD) meeting held in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands in 2012 and approved by the SPREP meeting of the same year; to facilitate and coordinate the scientific and technical programme and activities of the regional meteorological services. The PMC replaces the RMSD and provides policy relevant advice to the SPREP Meeting of Officials on the needs and priorities of SPREP member countries and territories in relation to meteorology (weather and climate) and related fields.

Both the PMC-3 and the Ministerial meetings will discuss key issues relating to the development of meteorological services and their contributions to sustainable development in the region.

SPREP members, in full consultations between SPREP National Focal Points and the PMC's members – Directors / Heads of the Meteorological Services of SPREP's members, are hereby invited to note the dates of the meeting and send nomination of their respective PMC members. For CROP agencies, collaborating organizations, collaborating institutions and technical partners' agencies, your nominations are also welcome.

The Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) as an integrated part of the SPREP, will be working over the course of the next few months in full consultation and collaboration with technical partners' agencies, the current Chair of the PMC to draft the agenda and a concept note of the meetings. These will be circulated to you electronically with further related announcements and information on working documents.

Follow up and future related correspondences on the PMC-3 will be addressed directly to the PMC's member – Directors / Heads of the Meteorological Services of SPREP's members and, copied to SPREP National Focal Points.

Each Pacific Island Country in consultation with their National Meteorological Service is requested to nominate one (1) representative to the PMC-3 meeting. The Secretariat will also be in touch with the SPREP National Focal Points and PMC members to organise the participation of each Honorable Ministers responsible for meteorology to the ministerial component of the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to send your nominations to the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP); E-mail: PacMetDesk@sprep.org or Telephone: +685 21929, Fax: +685 20231. You can also copy Salesa Nihmei (salesan@sprep.org), Christina Gale (christinag@sprep.org), Joyce Tulua (joycet@sprep.org) and Henry Taiki (htaiki@wmo.int).

I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Sheppard'.

David Sheppard
Director General

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