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*The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS 2014)*

Side event

**International Cooperation on Climate Change Data and Information Management**

**Time & date:** 11am to 12:30 pm, 2 September 2014

**Location:** Conference room CR3 in the Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, Samoa

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in a dialogue on international cooperation for climate change data and information management, which is being convened by the Government of Vanuatu in collaboration with SPREP and Griffith University.

In keeping with the theme of SIDS 2014 of Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States Through Genuine and Durable Partnerships, the dialogue is aimed at highlighting the critical role of the effective management of climate change data and information in assisting the Pacific respond to the challenges of climate change and related risks.

The Pacific Climate Change Portal, and associated national portals and capacity building projects, are providing resources to assist decision-makers, practitioners and researchers in accessing the data and information needed for climate change adaptation and resilience planning.

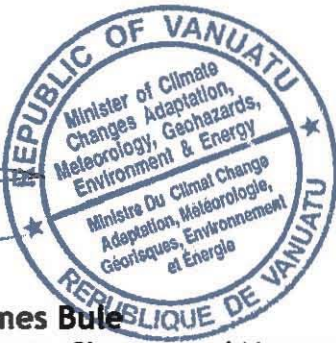

Although this concept is well known, SIDS members can benefit from a deeper understanding of current and planned capacities and strategies to enhance the discovery, accessibility and usability of key data and information, along with improved regional coordination.

The dialogue will introduce and overview the topic of climate change data and information management, and look at how this topic is being addressed in the Pacific at both the national and regional level. This will involve presentations on: (i) SPREP's approach to regional management of climate change data and information in the Pacific; (ii) current national level climate change data and information management practices being implemented in three Pacific Island countries (Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu); and (iii) a short panel session where concepts and ideas raised by speakers can be explored in more depth.



We would warmly welcome your participation in this dialogue, and very much hope that you are able to attend and exchange views about international cooperation on climate change data and information management. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,



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