

Dear Lesley,

We are willing to support Lulai's position that SPREP take on the responsibility for coordination of regional activities. This issue was debated during preparation of the joint note (SPREP is mentioned in the next paragraph) and there was always a strong possibility that the suggestion of the Pacific Forum might meet some resistance in the region, given SPREP's responsibility for environment in general and climate change in particular. Moreover, there is expected to be (has been?) a recent merger with SOPAC which now brings CCA and DRR under one roof.

Best regards
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Hi Sam/Daniele:

Would you please review the response from Lulai Lavea below on approving the Pacific and Caribbean programs, and advice how we should respond to the comments made on the Pacific program? As always, time is tight so can you give feedback by c.o.b. tomorrow?

Thanks
Lesley

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Dear Patricia

Thank you for re-sending the message as I didn't get it the first time.

On the approach for the Pacific, this is to confirm Samoa's approval of the targeted countries (PNG, Samoa and Tonga) as well as the proposed approach for regional coverage. The only issue I want raised is the regional institution to coordinate the regional activities. From our perspective the most appropriate one is SPREP given its mandate on environment issues and more specifically climate change. Paragraph 23 suggests the Pacific Island Forum as a candidate to support the regional activities. We are of the view that for better coordination with other climate change related initiatives in the region, SPREP should coordinate the PPCR regional activities.

In terms of coordination with the selected countries, it would be useful to inform the EDs offices (responsible for the selected countries) of the approved decision and seek their assistance in informing capitals (esp PNG and Tonga) of their selection and the need for them to confirm their interest in participating through the submission of an Acceptance of Offer to Participate.

We look forward to receiving the Acceptance of Offer to Participate and let me know if I can be of any assistance from this end.

Best regards

Iulai