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To Whom It May Concern

**Subject: Implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP) in the Pacific - Establishment of the Support Unit and the Taskforce for the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP).**

We write to advise that at the 48<sup>th</sup> Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting held in Apia, Samoa, in September, 2017:

*'Leaders supported, on a trial basis for an initial period of two years, the proposed Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) governance arrangements agreed by the PRP Working Group to ensure effective implementation of the FRDP while encouraging flexibility to allow the participation of Members in the Task Force; and committed the Forum Secretariat to support the successful implementation of the FRDP'.*

2. To bring effect to this Forum Leaders' decision, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) have established the Pacific Resilience Partnership Support Unit (PRP SU). Its first task will be to facilitate the establishment of the PRP Taskforce as soon as practicable, to enable and ensure effective implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP), which was endorsed by Forum Leaders in 2016. Operational focal points have been appointed by each of the mentioned agencies, demonstrating their commitment to responding positively to the Leaders' decision to build the resilience of and in the region.

3. The establishment of the PRP Taskforce is a pivotal and important first step. It will require a call for nominations to fill the fifteen member seats on the Taskforce, and to nominate an 'alternate' member for each of the seats. The Taskforce comprises:

- **Five positions for countries and territories:**

This includes one representative from each of the following sub groups:

- Polynesia
- Melanesia
- Micronesia
- Pacific Territories
- Australia / New Zealand.

- **Five positions for civil society and the private sector including the following sub groups:**

- Three representatives from civil society (including Pacific based INGOs)
- Two representatives from the private sector.

■ **Five positions for regional organisations and development partners, including the following sub groups:**

- One representative from development partners
- One representative of multilateral development banks
- One representative from regional organisations
- One representative from the UN system
- One from academia.

4. The terms of reference for the Task Force are annexed to this circular at [Annex 1](#).

5. It is proposed that the various constituent groups for civil society organisations, private sector organisations, CROP, UN, MDB, development/donor partners and academia use their own mechanisms to select their nominated member(s) and their alternate(s), for the PRP Taskforce. Nominations need to be submitted to the PRP SU by **19 February 2018**. In the case of member countries and territories, it is proposed that expressions of interest of nominated individuals who would actively participate and represent their sub-region in the PRP Taskforce would also need to be submitted to the PRP SU by **19 February 2018**.

6. The successful nominees for the PRP Task Force will, at their first meeting, take the opportunity to establish modalities for communicating within their constituent groups as this is an essential aspect of their participation in the Task Force.

7. Nominations need to be submitted to the following addresses:

Attention: PRP Support Unit  
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat  
Private Mail Bag  
Suva, Fiji

and via email to Cristelle Pratt [cristellep@forumsec.org](mailto:cristellep@forumsec.org) and Teea Tira [teeat@forumsec.org](mailto:teeat@forumsec.org) using the nomination form attached at [Annex 2](#).

8. In the case of member countries and territories where it is not possible to agree on a single nomination for member and alternate on the PRP Taskforce, it is proposed that the *Troika* of PIFS be charged with confirming the selection from each member country grouping. The selection process details were shared and confirmed with the Forum Officials Committee meeting on 12 December 2017.

9. The first meeting of the PRP Taskforce is scheduled to convene in March 2018 to agree a final terms of reference for the Taskforce and for each of the Taskforce members. The meeting will also consider issues to be included in the Pacific Resilience Meeting and the possible dates for that meeting.

10. The PRP Support Unit, comprising PIFS, SPC and SPREP, stands ready to assist you, as and when required. We would encourage you to contact Ms Teea Tira ([teeat@forumsec.org](mailto:teeat@forumsec.org)), who is one of three operational focal points for the PRP Support Unit, if you have any queries.

11. We look forward to receiving your nominations in due course and to working together with key stakeholders, through the PRP and its Taskforce, to ensure that the FRDP is implemented effectively.



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