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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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between

The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ)

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(together, "the Parties")

EIANZ is a not-for-profit, professional association which supports environmental practitioners throughout their careers, from students and early careers to experienced and certified practitioners, through to retirement. EIANZ's mission is to connect and support environmental practitioners to promote a sustainable future. The Institute also advocates environmental knowledge and awareness, advancing ethical and competent environmental practice.

SPREP is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Whereas SPREP and EIANZ have mutual interests in relation to the protection of the environment through the use of impact assessment processes, tools and knowledge for better sustainable outcomes and in developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with environmental protection in the Pacific region.

The Parties have reached the following understandings:

1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and EIANZ.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult in an effort to collaborate on the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

2. Collaborative Activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy matters of mutual concern.
2. Exchange information on respective work programs and identify opportunities for collaboration, including for promoting improved impact assessment in the South Pacific.
3. Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, symposiums, and conferences, with the possibility of collaboration around cultural awareness and engagement.

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4. Collaborate on advocacy and support initiatives for good environmental practice and outcomes.
5. Share professional networks and strengthen the linkages between SPREP's Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA) and the EIANZ. This will include allowing PNEA members to become EIANZ members and Vice-versa.
6. Promote relevant events through EIANZ and PNEA/SPREP networks and newsletters and provide hot links to each other's websites.
7. Provide SPREP and its member countries access to the EIANZ certified environmental practitioner scheme (CEnvP).
8. Collaborate and support capacity-building initiatives in relation to the practice of environmental assessment; these might include: the development of guidelines and associated training material; designing, organizing and leading training activities, including online training courses; the development of resource materials to support practitioners through practitioner networks; any other agreed activity.
9. Keep respective memberships informed of co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

3. Operational Provisions

1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavor to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with environmental assessment, planning and protection in the Pacific region.
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.
3. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

4. Annexes

1. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.
2. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

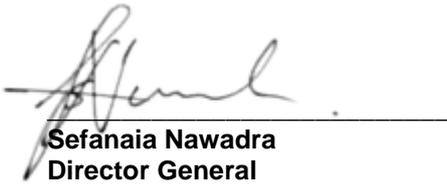
5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination

1. The duration of this MOU shall be five years, renewable for such further period and as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.



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Date: 29/11/2022



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