

Amendment No. 2 to the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA)

between

the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

and

the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**

on the Global Environment Facility Full Size Project Building National and Regional Capacity to implement Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) by Strengthening Planning and State of Environment Assessments and Reporting in the Pacific (Inform)

Pursuant to clauses 66 to 69 of the Project Cooperation Agreement (Reference: PCA/2016/GEF/SPREP/001) of 21st December 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) between UNEP and SPREP on the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Full Size Project Building National and Regional Capacity to implement Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) by Strengthening Planning and State of Environment Assessments and Reporting in the Pacific (Inform), the Parties hereto have agreed to amend the Agreement.

The purpose of this Amendment is to extend the technical duration of the agreement at no cost for an additional period of 4 months, to 30 April 2023 to achieve overall objective of the project.

Unless the context requires otherwise, reference to “DEWA” in the original agreement, including the Annexes, should be construed as reference to “Science Division”.

The project was designed to establish a Pacific Island Country (PIC) network of national and regional databases for monitoring, evaluating and analysing environmental information to support environmental planning, forecasting and reporting requirements at all levels.

The project interventions are focused on institutional strengthening, increasing access to environmental information and knowledge, and enhancing participation and reporting to MEAs in the Pacific region. Although, the project started in Quarter 1 -2017 after the PCA was signed, the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, delayed the final deliverable. The proposed no cost extension will allow the Inform project team to work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Samoa (MNRE) and its stakeholders to successfully complete and produce the final draft outcome, which is a State of Environment (SOE) report that will be submitted to the National cabinet for endorsement.

1. General provision

1.1 Clause 5 of the Agreement, is hereby amended, in its entirety, by replacing it with the following text:

This Agreement shall come into force upon signature by the Parties, being effective from the date of the latest signature by both parties, and shall remain in force until 30 April 2023¹ after the last obligation of the parties lapse, unless terminated earlier pursuant to clauses 52 to 63 of this agreement. However, project effectiveness shall be the date of receipt by the Executing Agency of the first instalment of funds. In the event that a milestone cannot be met, SPREP shall inform the Science Division one month before the date of the milestone to enable the Science Division to comply with the terms of the CEO approval letter.

1.2 The workplan (Appendix 5 of Appendix 1 of the Project Cooperation Agreement) is hereby replaced by Annex 3 attached to this Amendment.

1.3 The GEF funds budget (Annex F-1 of Appendix 1 of the Project Cooperation Agreement) is hereby replaced by Annex 4 attached to this Amendment.

2. Entry into force

2.1 This Amendment No. 2 shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature of the approving officials below.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain valid and unchanged.

This Amendment shall be appended to the Agreement and shall be construed an integral part of it.

For

United Nations Environment Programme



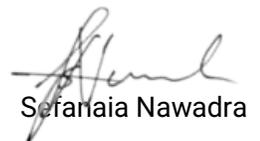
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For

**Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme**



Sefanaia Nawadra

Director General

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme

Date: 28 December 2022

Date: 30 December 2022

¹ The legal instrument remains in force until 30 October 2023, 6 months after the project's technical completion date of 30 April 2023 to allow for receipt of all terminal reports.

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Annex 1 – Project Cooperation Agreement

Annex 2 – Request for Project Extension

Annex 3 – Workplan

Annex 4 – Revised budget