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**Online Registration for the CMS COP11 Regional Preparatory Workshop
for the Pacific is now available**

Dear participant,

In the name of the UNEP/CMS Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, it is our pleasure to invite you to register for the CMS COP11 Regional Preparatory Workshop for the Pacific, taking place from **18 -20 August** in Nadi, Fiji. **Please note that the dates of the CMS pre-COP11 workshop have been shifted by ONE DAY as they clashed with another event organised in the region.**

Background:

As mentioned before, the event will provide an opportunity for CMS Parties from the Pacific to prepare effectively for the CMS COP11. More to the point, it will provide an avenue for CMS COP11 participants from the region to be well versed with issues, to discuss them beforehand, and possibly prepare common positions on issues of regional interest. Furthermore, the latest CMS capacity building and networking tools will be demonstrated to you. The CMS workshop will be an integral part of a broader workshop involving focal points for CBD and the Ramsar Convention. To further empower COP participants, SPREP will also be conducting a session on negotiation techniques and skills to be utilized in upcoming COPs, as well as other environmental negotiations.

Funding:

Funds have been secured through the ACP project **to cover ONE NFP per country** that is eligible to receive support. As decided by the last CMS COP (CMS/Res.10.1 para13) only developing countries that have paid their annual contributions or are less than three years in arrears are eligible to receive financial support to attend the meetings organized by CMS.

If the outstanding dues are paid before 05 June 2014, the Secretariat could guarantee that the costs of your participation would be covered.

Pre-Registration:

To be eligible to participate in this workshop, and to enable the Secretariats to confirm and continue to organize this Workshop, the participants are required to register for, both, CMS COP11 and this CMS pre-COP **as soon as possible but no later than 15 June 2014** through the following direct online registration link: <http://www.cms.int/pre-cop11-pac/registration>. Since the workshop is geared towards direct preparation for the upcoming Conference of the Parties, **only the person, who has registered for and will attend the CMS COP11 in the capacity as NFP will be able to actively participate in this workshop.**

Once done, and an appropriate quorum reached, eligible participants from the region would be contacted directly by the Secretariat soon thereafter.

Visa:

Please note that participants are responsible for making arrangements to obtain their entry visa for and/or transit visa if applicable. Please apply as soon as possible, if appropriate, for the visa at your nearest Fijian Embassy / High Commission once you have received your travel itinerary. **Please take note of this and act in good time.**

Documents:

The dedicated workshop webpage can be found under the following link <http://www.cms.int/pre-cop11-pac>. Related documents and other information will be posted on this page as soon as they become available, therefore please check this link regularly for updates. Complementary to this, the detailed programme and other logistical arrangements for the Workshop will be circulated to registered participants as soon as their registrations have been confirmed and these documents become available. Please also make good use of the e-community forum <http://www.migratoryspecies.org/en/e-community> as the main vessel of content discussions for participants of the CMS pre-COP11 workshops.

The UNEP/CMS Secretariat looks forward to your active and fruitful contribution to this preparatory workshop.

Contact information:

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Yours sincerely,



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