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TO: **SPREP National Focal Points for CBD**: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Republic of Naoero, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu

DATE: 23 September 2026

CIRCULAR: 26/92

SUBJECT: **Call for Nominations for the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 19 -30 October 2026, Yerevan, Armenia**

Dear Members,

Further to Circular 26/33 regarding the High level Segment in Armenia and the Pacific Pre-COP for the CBD17, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) wishes to remind of the **17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17)**, to be held from **19–30 October 2026 in Yerevan, Armenia** and also to inform Pacific Parties to the CBD of SPREP's support for the attendance of **two (2) representatives from relevant sectors.**

CBD COP17 provides an important opportunity to ensure that the priorities and unique circumstances of Pacific Small Island Developing States are effectively represented in global decisions on biodiversity conservation, implementation, monitoring and financing.

Parties to the CBD are invited to nominate two representatives each to be part of country delegations who will:

- Represent and advance national and Pacific biodiversity priorities during COP17 negotiations.
- Participate actively in plenary sessions, contact groups and coordination meetings.
- Work collaboratively with other Pacific delegates to advance agreed regional positions.
- Report on COP17 outcomes and support their implementation at the national level.
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Nominees should have relevant technical or policy experience and be available for the full duration of COP17. Countries may also wish to include legal officers, youth, young professionals, or other relevant experts.

SPREP will provide the two nominated representatives with an economy-class airfare via the most direct and economical route, together with a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with the SPREP Travel Policy.

Please submit nominations using the attached nomination form (Annex 1) and provide a scanned copy of each nominee's passport biodata page by **28th September 2026**

Further information on travel and logistical arrangements will be provided to the confirmed nominees.

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