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CONCEPT NOTE

Sustainable Financing for Waste Management WEBINAR

July 28 2022

13.00 – 14.00 (Samoa time)



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PacWastePlus and ISLANDS Webinar (Pacific Time Zone)

Opportunities for Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to undertake peer-to-peer learning on the implementation or expansion of a Sustainable Financing for Waste Management scheme, and the launch of the [Sustainable Financing for Waste Management in the Pacific](#) community of practice on the Green Forum.

Introduction

PICs are faced with the increasing issue of low-value recyclable materials filling dumpsites and building up in stockpiles. When burned these plastics produce dioxin and furans, contaminating the environment and posing a threat to human health.

Consumer items such as beverage containers, electronic items, and vehicles are imported into PICs but there are currently limited financially viable options for their end-of-life (EOL) collection, processing, and export. Pacific countries are increasingly viewing Sustainable Financing Fee and Deposit (ARFD) schemes as a key part of the solution to the issue. These schemes, also known as Container Deposit, Product Stewardship, Waste Levy, etc, provide a self-financing ability to enable the collection and export of recyclable items.

Sustainable financing works by calculating the “true cost” of the collection, processing, and export of recyclable items, and applying this ‘fee’ upfront, upon import or manufacture of the item. An additional ‘deposit’ is added to the sale of the product, which is returned to individuals when the product is returned for recycling, incentivising recycling behaviour.



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Countries implementing a Sustainable Financing generally follow a similar [21-Step Pathway](#), including steps such as:

- identification of the need for scheme
- undertaking a feasibility study
- obtaining political support
- undertaking stakeholder consultation
- completing legislative drafting
- implementing customs and finance systems
- constructing facilities
- delivering communications and awareness
- undertaking monitoring, evaluation, and auditing.

This webinar, developed by the EU funded [PacWastePlus](#) Programme and the GEF funded [Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island Developing States](#) (ISLANDS) Programme, will provide a peer-to-peer learning opportunity for countries implementing or expanding a Sustainable Financing scheme to learn from each other as they travel along the 21-step pathway.

This webinar will also serve as an opportunity to showcase how PacWastePlus and ISLANDS will facilitate an ongoing learning opportunity through the [Green Forum](#) – a new collaboration space for stakeholders in the green economy.



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Event Overview

Objectives

The objectives of this event are to:

1. Provide a peer-to-peer learning platform for countries implementing or expanding a Sustainable Financing scheme
2. Hear from three countries who are at various steps on the 21-step pathway:
 - Cook Islands: Gaining Political Support / Using a Multi-agency Approach
 - Vanuatu: Establishing and Managing a Working Group
 - Niue: Completing a Legislative Assessment
3. Provide an open floor, question and answers session for countries to raise comments and questions with PacWastePlus, ISLANDS and each other
4. Introduce resources available
5. Introduce the [ISLANDS](#) and [Sustainable Financing for Waste Management in the Pacific](#) communities of practice on the Green Forum.

Partners

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP)

Date and time

28 July 2022: 13:00 to 14:00 (Samoa)

(02:00–03:00 CEST)

Target audiences

The main target audiences are government representatives from PICs focused on implementing or expanding a Sustainable Financing scheme.



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Agenda

13h00-13h05	Welcoming Remarks Speaker: Bradley Nolan, SPREP Melanie Ashton, ISLANDS
13h05-13h10	Introduction to the 21-step Pathway and Spotlight Sessions Speaker: Hilary Boyes, PacWastePlus
13h10-13h15	Spotlight Session 1: Gaining Political Support / Using a Multi-agency Approach Speaker: Jaime Short, Infrastructure Cook Islands
13h15-13h20	Spotlight Session 2: Establishing and Managing a Working Group Speaker: Ionie Bolenga, Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation, Vanuatu
13h20-13h30	Spotlight Session 3: Process to develop a policy and legislative framework for Sustainable Financing Speaker: Annika Lane, BECA New Zealand
13h30-13h35	Introduction to the Green Forum Speaker: Clara Mottura/Melanie Ashton
13h35-13h55	Q & A
13h55-14h00	Closing reflections Speaker: Edward Nicolas, GEF ISLANDS



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Background

About PacWastePlus

The Pacific – European Union (EU) Waste Management Programme, [PacWastePlus](#), is a 72-month programme funded by the EU and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to improve regional management of waste and pollution sustainably and cost-effectively. Countries participating in the PacWastePlus programme are: *Cook Islands, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.*

About ISLANDS

The Global Environment Facility [Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island Developing States](#) (ISLANDS) Programme supports 33 Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) across the Caribbean, Indian and Pacific Oceans to safely and sustainably manage chemical and hazardous waste. A global project connects and facilitates SIDS-SIDS learning across and between project regions including through dedicated communities of practice on the [Green Forum](#).

