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## SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF THE MARITIME TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION CENTRE (MTCC-PACIFIC)

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### PURPOSE

1. The Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre in the Pacific (MTCC-Pacific) will held its Second Regional Workshop in Apia, Samoa, from 16 to 17 September 2019 prior to the Fourth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting.

### BACKGROUND

1. The MTCC-Pacific is one the five centres that form the Global MTCC Network (GMN), a project aiming at building the capacity of developing countries for climate mitigation in the maritime shipping industry. This project is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MTCC-Pacific is hosted by the Pacific Community (SPC) in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). Fiji is the MTCC-Pacific Host Country.
2. MTCC-Pacific was established from May 2017 as part of a project implemented by SPC and became fully operational in October 2017. It was launched at the occasion of its first regional workshop held in Suva, Fiji in December 2017. In the scope of the project, MTCC-Pacific has delivered capacity-building activities and two pilot-projects on ship and port energy efficiency and data collection for the uptake of low-carbon technologies and operations in Pacific Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The overall objective of MTCC-Pacific is to support Pacific Islands Countries move towards sustainable sea transport reducing the reliance on fossil fuel and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the implementation of standards, best practices and innovative solutions.
3. In 2017-2019, almost 250 professionals involved in ship and port operations and government officers in 9 Pacific Islands Countries<sup>1</sup> have been trained on energy efficient operations of ships and ports. MTCC-Pacific will have worked with seven Pacific port to introduce energy management and achieved significant results in terms of energy and dollar savings and reduction of GHG emissions in 2 ports through implementation of short-term energy saving measures. Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plans (SEEMP) will have been drafted and included in the management system of 39 domestic ships and fuel oil consumption data are collected from 9 of those ships. As demonstration projects, 3 ships in 3 countries are uptaking solar power systems and biofuel is experimented on board one domestic ship.

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<sup>1</sup> Cook Islands, Kiribati, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

## **OBJECTIVE**

4. The Regional Workshop will gather the Heads of Maritime and Energy departments of Pacific Islands Countries and territories as well as partners involved in this area to take stock of MTCC-Pacific results and achievements. They will be in position to discuss progress and priorities from the first MTCC-Pacific regional workshop and recent international and regional developments leading to consider GHG emissions reduction targets and how the energy and transport sectors contribute to achieve the countries' National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

## **COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS**

5. The Heads of Maritime and Energy Departments are invited to attend the Regional Workshop. These senior officials will have the opportunity to present on national initiatives, plans and strategies and advise on the way forward in preparation to the Fourth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' meeting in relation to reducing GHG emissions from the maritime transport. Each nominee must complete a separate Nomination form authenticated by their respective Authorized Officer and an Acceptance form. In order for the necessary administrative arrangements to be completed in good time, the completed Nomination and Acceptance forms and copy of the passport should be sent by the dates specified in the Energy and Transport Ministers' meeting announcement.

## **AGENDA**

6. The final agenda and questionnaire related to the workshop sessions will be circulated to nominated participants prior to the meeting dates. Nominated participants are asked to kindly note that they will be requested to provide a presentation or an information about particular actions or developments in their respective countries which relate to the workshop matter. Further information will accompany the agenda when it is circulated.

## **LANGUAGES**

7. The Regional Workshop will be conducted in English.

## **TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

8. Travel and subsistence costs related to attendance at the workshop will be paid by IMO by way of respective local/regional United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) Offices, which will organize/purchase flight tickets and disburse Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA). The local/regional UNDP Offices will contact the delegates, via email, to arrange for flight bookings and transfer DSA via bank. The delegates will be required to pay for their full stay at the respective hotel at check-in, from the DSA advance they receive.
9. UNDP will forward a prepaid electronic ticket to respective Governments and Administrations on receipt of names of representatives.
10. Please note that each funded member of delegations must submit copies of his/her outbound and inbound flight boarding passes to the Secretariat and sign on the presence list. Copies of outbound boarding passes are to be submitted at registration on the first day of the regional workshop, while copies of inbound boarding passes are to be sent to the Secretariat upon return to home country.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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