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between

The New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment (NZAIA)

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(together, "the Parties")

The NZAIA is a non-government organization and registered charity based in New Zealand. It is a network of impact assessment practitioners, and its purpose is to promote the practice of impact assessment (including social and environmental assessment) in the formulation and implementation of development and policy proposals. NZAIA is an affiliate of the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) and collaborates with the Special Interest Section on Impact Assessment of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ).

SPREP is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Whereas SPREP and NZAIA have mutual interests in relation to the application of impact assessment processes, tools and knowledge in management of the environment and in developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with utilising the various forms of impact assessment in the Pacific region, to provide a significant contribution to the achievement sustainable development goals.

The Parties have reached the following understandings:

1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and NZAIA.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult and identify ways to collaborate on activities that will strengthen capability in impact assessment in the Pacific Region.

2. Collaborative Activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy and planning matters of mutual concern.



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2. Exchange information, expertise and resources on developments and current activities in relation to impact assessment practice, including sharing information through their respective web sites.
3. Extend to each other invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, including the annual NZAIA Meeting and to co-sponsor relevant meetings and events.
4. Collaborate and support awareness-raising efforts in relation to the practice of impact assessment, including environmental impact assessment (EIA) applied at the project level, strategic impact assessment (SEA) applied to policies, programmes and plans, and integrated environmental assessment (IEA), applied to national strategies, including climate change responses.
5. Share professional networks and strengthen the linkages between SPREP's Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA) and the NZAIA. This includes sharing experiences and capability in the development of networks of impact assessment practitioners, to link island, regional and international practitioners and in particular to link with IAIA and EIANZ.
6. Collaborate on and support capacity-building initiatives in relation to the practice of impact assessment; these might include: the development of guidelines and associated training material; designing, organising and leading training activities, including online training courses; the development of resource materials to support practitioners through practitioner networks; any other agreed activity.
7. Keep respective memberships informed of activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

3. Operational Provisions

1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop the basis for achieving their shared objectives relating to developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with impact assessment in the Pacific region.
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.
3. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

4. Annexes

1. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.
2. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination

1. The duration of this MOU shall be five years, renewable for such further period and as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.

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