



## FSM DECEM holds Trainings in Yap State for iNFORM Data Portal and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Projects

COLONIA, Yap (Yap EPA, Press Statement, June 10, 2019) – On June 10, 2019, the FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management (DECEM) began its first of a two-day training in Yap State regarding the iNFORM Data Portal Project and the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) National Implementation Plan (NIP) Project. DECEM representatives visiting Yap to conduct the trainings are Mr. Snyder Biza, GIS and Data Officer; Mr. Skiis Dewey, IT Officer, and Ms. Caroline Werthog, POPs NIP Project Coordinator.

The iNFORM Data Portal Project is a 4-year project, beginning in 2017, supported by the Global Environment Facility, implemented by UN Environment and executed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP). It involves 14 Pacific Island Countries including the FSM. It aims to establish a Pacific island network of national and regional data repositories and reporting tools to support the monitoring, evaluation, and analysis of environmental information, which supports environmental planning, forecasting, and reporting requirements. The Project aims to help Pacific islands have reliable access to their own national datasets for environmental information, as well as a process and guide for information use standards.

Additionally, the capacity of content users will be enhanced with regards to the best ways to share the information they have so it is well used by their decision makers and different communities.

The second part of trainings held is in regards to the POPs NIP Project, which is implemented by DECEM and seeks to take stock of the progress and inventory of POPs across the FSM. The POPs NIP Project seeks to update the FSM National Implementation Plan and to identify POPs in the State, which are a classification of harmful chemicals directly or indirectly released into our environment that are difficult to biodegrade. The Project Coordinator plans to visit various sites in Yap that may have POPs stored, disposal means, and other information gathering relevant to the stock take.

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