



IMO DUE DILIGENCE MISSION – IMO-EU PROJECT FOR SPC TO HOST THE PACIFIC MARITIME TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION CENTRE (MTCC)

On the 15th November 2016, the Pacific Women In Maritime Association (PacWIMA) was invited by the Pacific Community (SPC) to say a few words in support of SPC-SPREP's proposal to host the Pacific MTCC and highlight the role played by and the strategy for gender networks in the promotion and capacity building activities for energy efficiency in maritime transport.

PacWIMA's Chairperson, Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu highlighted to the Representative of IMO, that with the assistance of SPC, PacWIMA has achieved the most imminent task since the re-launch of PacWIMA in April 2016 in Tonga and have participated in regional activities and is currently working on the other Resolutions including creating the link and liaising with international and regional bodies to promote energy efficiency tools for shipping.

"We hope to continue and achieve what has been agreed to in the Work Plan arising out of the Conference in April including the promotion and capacity building activities for energy efficiency in maritime transport. We reaffirm our support of SPC-SPREP's proposal to host the Pacific MTCC to ensure that organizations such as PacWIMA receive the requisite support to achieve its objectives." Ms. Joseph-Logavatu stated.

About MTCC

The establishment of 5 MTCCs in the world is an ambitious project funded by the European Union and implemented by IMO, to help mitigate the harmful effects of climate change. This project which includes one MTCC in the Pacific as a Centre of Excellence to promote and provide capacity building activities for energy efficiency and uptake of low carbon technologies in the Pacific Maritime Transport Sector.

Under the Global MTCC Network (GMN) project, Shanghai Maritime University in China will host the MTCC for the Asia region (MTCC-Asia), while the University of Trinidad and Tobago will host MTCC-Caribbean. Three further MTCCs will be established in other target regions - Africa, Latin America and the Pacific – to form a global network.



The five regional MTCCs will deliver mutually-agreed project milestones over a three-year period, making a significant contribution to IMO's continuing, widespread efforts to ensure effective implementation and enforcement of the global energy-efficiency regulations for international shipping.

The MTCCs will receive allocations from the €10 million European Union funding for the project. They will be established and resourced to become regional centres of excellence, providing leadership in promoting ship energy-efficiency technologies and operations, and the reduction of harmful emissions from ships.