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SUBJECT: Introducing the following:

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments within the Secretariat.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME



Ms. Yvette Kerlake is the Technical Adviser, Science to Services – Pacific Climate Change Centre (TASS,PCCC). A Samoan national, Yvette has over 17 years' experience in the areas of climate change and climate services and joins SPREP from UNDP, Samoa where she was the Assistant Resident Representative and Programme Manager for the Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction. She also worked for the Samoa Ministry of Natural

Resources and Environment. She started in her new role on 12 April 2021 which will see her support the Manager, PCCC in the coordination and delivery of the PCCC functions and activities, specifically on the Science to Services priorities. This position is funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Ms. Nao'afioga Feu'u has been appointed to the position of Finance and Administration Officer, Pacific Climate Change Centre (FAO,PCCC). She is a national of Samoa and is no stranger to SPREP having worked as a Finance Officer with the Finance and Administration Department for over three years. Fiona started in her new role on 1 April 2021. As the FAO, PCCC she will lead the

financial and administration functions of the Pacific Climate Change Centre. This position is funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



Ms. Leoni Herhaus has been seconded to SPREP from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) as the GIZ Development Worker for the next two years. A German national, she started in her role on 15 June 2021 and will relocate to Apia as soon as feasible. This secondment will contribute to the implementation of climate change work in the region with a focus on provision of technical input and support to the Climate

Change Portal.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE



Ms. Anastacia Amoa - Stowers, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the position of Multilateral Environment Agreements Coordinator (MEACO), ACPMEA3 Project. She joins SPREP from the Samoa Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure where she has been the Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Division for the last two years. She started in her new role on 8 March 2021. This position will provide strategic policy and technical advice to assist with the implementation of project activities in close collaboration with SPREP technical programmes, Pacific ACP states, and key partners. This position is funded by the European Commission (EC) in partnership with the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Secretariat.



Ms. Flavia Vaai has been appointed to the position of Multilateral Environment Agreements Support Officer (MEASO). Flavia has experience in coordination work having been the In Country Co-ordinator for the European Union-GIZ (German International Cooperation) ACSE (Adaptation to Climate Change & Sustainable Energy) Project under the Energy and Coordination Management Division within the Government of Samoa's Ministry of Finance. A Samoan national, Flavia started on 15 February 2021. She will provide technical and administrative support to the management and implementation of the ACPMEAs3 Project. This position is funded by the European Commission (EC) in partnership with the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Secretariat.



Mr. Ivan Diarra has been appointed to the position of Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment, Technical Support Officer (PNEA, TSO). Ivan is a national of Nigeria who resides permanently in Samoa. He joins SPREP from USP, Samoa where he was working as a Graduate Researcher for a year and a half. He started in his new role on 14 June 2021. As the PNEA, TSO, Ivan will provide technical and administrative support to the management of the Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment project. This position is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).



Ms. Vani Koroisamanunu has been appointed to the position of Environmental GIS Specialist – Inform Project (EGISS-IP). She is a national of Fiji and she joins SPREP from the Mineral Resources Department, Fiji where she has worked as a GIS Analyst since 2017 and most recently appointed as the Acting Senior Scientific Officer in 2019. She started in her new role remotely on 12 July 2021 and will relocate to Samoa with her family in due course. She will support the delivery of the SPREP UNEP-GEF Regional Inform Project. This position is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

ISLAND & OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAMME



Mr. Nicolas Rocle has been seconded to SPREP by the Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation (MAA) on behalf of the Ministère de la Transition Ecologique, France as a Marine Environment and Conservation Specialist for the next two years. A national of France, Mr. Rocle started on 19 April 2021 and recently relocated to Samoa with his wife Julie Pillet and two children. This secondment will strengthen the existing collaboration between the Secretariat and Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation (MAA) and support implementing programmes for conserving and managing the marine environment and promote the regional integration of French Pacific communities.



Ms. Jessica Kay, a national of New Zealand, has been seconded to SPREP from the Department of Conservation, New Zealand as the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) Capability Development Adviser for one year. This secondment will develop capability within the PRISMSS to provide support to Members for invasive species management within the five PRISMSS regional programmes. Jessica started work remotely in June 2021 until such a time when it is possible to relocate to Samoa. This secondment is supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the "Managing Invasive Species for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific" (MISCCAP) project.



Mr. Wayne Asera has been appointed to the position of IT and Administration Officer, Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (ITAO,PRISMSS). Wayne is a national of Samoa and has over seven years IT related work experience and joins SPREP from Samoa's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries where he was the Principal IT Officer. He started in his new role on 25 January 2021. Wayne will provide information technology and office administrative support to the PRISMSS project. This position is supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the "Managing Invasive Species for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific" (MISCCAP) project.



Mr. Jordan Schuster has been appointed to the position of Communications Officer, PRISMSS (CO,PRISMSS). A Samoan national, Jordan has five years' experience as a design freelancer and digital content creator for a number of events relating to sports and other projects and was most recently employed at EyeSpy Radio in Samoa. He started in his role on 22 March 2021. Jordan will coordinate and implement the PRISMSS Communication Plan. This position is supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade under the "Managing Invasive Species for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific" (MISCCAP) project.



Ms. Kasaqa Tora has been appointed to the position of Spatial Analysis Specialist – Protected Areas (SASPA). She is a Fiji national and has over 20 years working experience in GIS related roles. She joins SPREP from the National Trust of Fiji where she has worked as the GIS Specialist/Disaster Risk Reduction Officer since 2017. She will start remotely in her new role on 9 August 2021 and will relocate to Samoa with her family as soon as feasible. In her role, she will provide wider technical assistance and support across SPREP Technical Programmes on GIS, spatial planning and analysis to support protected area managers in the region. This position is funded by the European Commission Joint Research Centre (EC-JRC) and the EU-ACP BIOPAMA Programme.



Mr. William Young joins SPREP as a PhD student to research the relationship between humans, invasive species and climate change. The Scholarship is funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign affairs and Trade under the project “Managing Invasive Species for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific” (MISCCAP) and lies within the framework of the Research Roadmap between SPREP and the University of Newcastle. William will be contributing to the PRISMSS Programme Resilient Ecosystems – Resilient Communities which seeks to restore priority ecological areas in close collaboration with local communities. He is a national of Rotuma, he started in January 2021.



Ms. Carrol Chan, is another PhD candidate who has joined SPREP under the SPREP and the University of Newcastle Scholarship Agreement. She is a national of Fiji and her Scholarship is funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign affairs and Trade under the project “Managing Invasive Species for Climate Change Adaptation in the Pacific” (MISCCAP) and lies within the framework of the Research Roadmap between SPREP and the University of Newcastle. Carrol will be contributing to the PRISMSS Programme Natural Enemies – Natural Solutions which seeks to manage the impacts of widespread weeds through the introduction of natural enemies from their native home range. She started in January 2021.



Ms. Siosina Katoa, a national of Tonga also joins SPREP as a PhD candidate to research ecosystem recovery following rodent eradications on islands. The Scholarship is funded by the University of Newcastle under the framework of the Research Roadmap between SPREP and the University of Newcastle. She will be contributing to the PRISMSS Programme Predator Free Pacific which seeks to remove introduced mammalian predators from islands within the Pacific. Siosina is no stranger to invasive species, playing an integral role in Tonga during the GEPAS regional invasive species project. She started in July 2021.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME



Ms. Julie Pillet, a national of France has been appointed to the position of Technical Waste Project Coordinator, Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (TWPC,SWAP). Julie joins SPREP from the Antea Group in France where she has worked as a Civil Engineer since 2009 and as a Waste Project Coordinator for the last seven years. She started in her new role on 6 January 2021. In her role, she will provide technical advice and coordination to the SWAP Project Management Unit and participating Countries as well as implement agreed SWAP activities. This position is funded by the Agence française de développement (AFD).

LEGAL



Mr. Everett Sioa has been appointed to the role of Legal Officer (LO). He is a Samoan national and joins SPREP from Samoa’s Office of the Attorney General where he has been working as the Senior State Solicitor for the Commercial and Inter-national Law Division for the past three years. Everett started in his new role on 22 February 2021. This position will provide legal advice, services and support to the Legal Unit. This position is funded from SPREP’s core funding.

GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONS - Knowledge Management



Ms. Ane Ah Poe has been appointed to the position of Knowledge Management Officer (KMO). She is a Samoan national and she started in her new role on 1 January 2021. The KMO will assist in the provision of quality library and knowledge management services. This position is funded from SPREP's core funding.

We look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

We would also like to acknowledge the following individuals' services and contributions to SPREP and the region as their contracts have come to an end and as they pursue other professional developments:

1. Ms. Ma Bella Guinto – Solid Waste Management Adviser
contract completed 14 May 2021
2. Ms. Sabrina Reupena – Inform Project Finance and Administration Officer
contract completed 11 June 2021
3. Mr. Robert Duncan McIntosh – Oceanography Officer
contract completed 30 June 2021
4. Mr. Espen Ronneberg – Climate Change Adviser
contract to be completed on 30 July 2021

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Yours sincerely,



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Director General