

## CIRCULAR

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**CIRCULAR:** 24/45 SPREP Partner Organisations  
**SUBJECT:** **New Staff Appointments**

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

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION (SPPR) DEPARTMENT**



**Mr. Maikali Nawaqali** has been appointed to the position of **Director, Strategic Planning, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation (DSPPR)**. Maikali is a Fijian national who joins SPREP from NATO Joint Force Training Centre (JFTC) in the United Kingdom where he had been the Head Executive of Operations and Logistics Planning since 2022. Prior to that he had held various senior positions in the UK and US Defence Programmes since 2015 mainly as Head / Director of Operations, Logistics, International Engagement and Training. He is a graduate of the Open University, UK with a Master of Science in Human Resources, and a Master of Business Administration. Maikali will be relocating to SPREP Headquarters in Apia to start in his new role in **mid-September 2024**.



**Ms. Salome Tukuafu**, a national of Tonga, has been appointed to the position of **Strategic Partnerships and Donor Relations Adviser (SPDRA)**. Salome joined SPREP in 2022 as the Project Development and Implementation Officer, Project Coordination Unit. She is a graduate of the University of London, United Kingdom with a Master of Law, specialising in Public International Law and the University of Sydney, Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce. Salome is based at Headquarters in Apia and will start in her new role on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE (CCR) PROGRAMME**



**Mr. Ofa Fa'anunu** has been appointed to the position of **Manager, Weather Ready Pacific Programme** within the Climate Change and Resilience Programme. He is a Tongan national and a graduate of the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics as well holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Meteorology). He joins SPREP from the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications in Tonga where he had been the Director of Meteorology since 2005. Ofa will be based at the SPREP Headquarters in Apia, Samoa. He started remotely in his new role on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024** until such a time when he and his family relocate to Apia.



**Ms. Florette Tuuau-Tiperia** has been appointed to the position of **Project Officer, Climate and Oceans Support Programme in the Pacific Phase 3**. Florette is a Samoan national who joined SPREP in 2020 as the Finance and Administration Officer, Pacific Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Hub. She is a graduate of the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand with a Master of Commerce in Information Systems and a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration. Florette is based in Apia, Samoa and started in her new role on **Monday,**

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

### **ISLANDS AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS (IOE) PROGRAMME**



**Ms. Tamara Lui** a Samoan national is the new **Project Coordinator, Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions** within the Island and Ocean Ecosystems Programme. She holds a Master of Environment, Encompassing: Environmental Planning, Science Management, Climate Change Science, GIS and Sustainable Development from the Macquire University, Sydney, Australia as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from the University of South Pacific, Fiji. She joins SPREP from the Climate Change and Global Environment Facility Division within Samoa's Ministry of Natural

Resources and Environment where she had been working as the Principal Climate Change Officer since 2022. Tamara will be based in the Suva, Fiji Office. She started remotely in her new role on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024** until she relocates with her family to Suva in mid-September.



**Ms. Joana Koroirokotuibau**, a Fiji national, is the new Finance and Administration Officer, PEBAACC+ with the Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) Programme. She is a graduate of the Fiji Institute of Technology with a Diploma in Business Studies. She joins SPREP from the Pacific Islands Forum (PIFS) in Suva, where she was a Finance Assistant since 2008. Joana is based in the Suva, Fiji Office and started in her new role on **Monday, 18 June 2024.**

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL (WMPC) PROGRAMME**



**Mr. Dean Solofa**, a national of Samoa, is the new **Project Manager, ISLANDS Pacific Child Project** within the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme.

Dean is no stranger to SPREP having worked as the Pacific Islands Global Climate Observing System (PI-GCOS) Officer from 2005 – 2011. He holds a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physics from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand and a Post Graduate Diploma from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. Dean joins SPREP from the Pacific Community (SPC) where he held several roles since 2012, the most recent being the Principal Adviser and Team Leader Programming since 2019. Dean is based in Apia, Samoa and started in his new role **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**



**Ms. Maryann Vaiula** has been appointed to the position of **Project Support Officer, Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)**. Maryann is a Samoan national who joins SPREP from British American Tobacco, Samoa where she had been working since 2016 in several roles, the most recent being the Business Development Executive since 2023. Prior to that she had worked for Samoa's Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour as a Senior Officer in the Copyright and Intellectual Property areas. She is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Commerce. She started in her new role on **Monday, 8 July 2024** and will be based at Headquarters in Apia.

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

We would also like to acknowledge the services and contribution of the following staff to SPREP and the region as they leave SPREP to pursue other career and professional development:

1. Ms. Kristina Fidali – Solomon Islands Country Coordinator, PEBACC+, May 2024.
2. Ms. Pouvigina Tuaia – Cleaner / Tea person, May 2024.
3. Mr. Rahul Tikaram – Coastal and Marine Specialist, Pacific BioScapes Programme, June 2024.
4. Mr. Charlie Reed – Information Technology Support Officer, June 2024.
5. Mr. Jordan Schuster – Communications Officer, PRISMSS, June 2024.

To meet our full team at SPREP please visit <https://www.sprep.org/our-team>

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Director General**

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