

## CIRCULAR

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**DATE:** 3 October 2024 CROP Organisations  
**CIRCULAR:** 24/72 SPREP Partner Organisations

**SUBJECT:** Introducing the following:

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

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE (CCR) PROGRAMME



**Ms. Vanda Faaso Chan Ting** is the new **Climate Change Mitigation Adviser (CCMA)**. Vanda is a national of Samoa and she is no stranger to SPREP having joined SPREP in 2019 as the Technical Adviser, Pacific NDC Hub within the Climate Change Resilience (CCR) Programme. She is a graduate of Murdoch University, Perth, Australia with a Master of Science in Renewable Energy. Vanda is based at Headquarters in Apia and started in her new role on **Monday, 2 September 2024**.



**Ms. Pomate Skelton-Soloi** has been appointed to the position of **Finance and Administration Officer, Weather Ready Pacific Programme (FAO-WRPP)**. Pomate is a Samoan national. She is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific, Apia, Samoa with a Bachelor of Commerce. She is based at Headquarters in Apia. She started in her new role on **Monday, 19 August 2024**.

### ISLAND AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS (IOE) PROGRAMME



**Ms. Akanisi Lomaloma** has been appointed to the position of **Finance and Administration Officer, MACBLUE (FAO MACBLUE)**. Akanisi is a Fijian national and is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Economics. She joins SPREP from The Pacific Community (SPC) where she has been working as the Finance and Administration Assistant with the Land Resource Division for the last three years. She is based at the SPREP, Suva office. Akanisi started in her new role on **Monday, 2 September 2024**.

## GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS (GO)

### NORTH PACIFIC OFFICE



**Mr. Semi Qamese** has been temporarily appointed as **Manager, North Pacific Office (MNPO)**. Semi is a Fijian national and is no stranger to SPREP. He recently completed his contract as the Project Manager Intra ACP GCCA+ Climate Change in the Pacific ACP Region in July. He is a graduate of the University of Melbourne, Australia with a Master of Natural Resource Management. Semi started in his new role remotely on **Monday, 23 September 2024** until such a time when he and his family relocate to Apia.

### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



**Mr. Elizur Nashon**, a Fijian national, has been appointed to the position of **Project Accountant**. He is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Economics. Elizur first joined SPREP in September 2022 as the Senior Finance and Administration Officer, Pacific BioScapes Programme. He is now based at Headquarters in Apia. Elizur started in his new role on Tuesday, 1 October 2024.

### INFORMATION SERVICES



**Mr. Conrad Orange** has been appointed to the position of **Information Technology Specialist (ITS)**. Conrad is a Samoan national and is a graduate of Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. He joins SPREP from Vodafone Samoa where he had been working as Senior Engineer for the last 10 years. Conrad is based at Headquarters and started in his new role on **Monday, 16 September 2024**.



**Mr. Kendrick Lui**, a national of Samoa has been appointed to the position of **Information Technology Support Officer (ITSO)**. Kendrick is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Systems. He joins SPREP from Encode Software Solutions, Samoa where he has been working for the last two years as a Junior Software Developer. Kendrick will be based at Headquarters and will start officially in his new role on Monday, 7 October 2024.

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 contributions of the following staff to SPREP and the region as they leave SPREP to pursue other career and professional developments:

1. Stuart Chape – Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems, September 2024, one of our longest serving Senior Leadership Team and staff members, after 19 years of service.
2. Ms. Rachel Nunn-Crichton – Technical Adviser, Information, Knowledge Management and Brokerage, September 2024.
3. Mr. Dale Withington – Manager, North Pacific Office, October 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,



Easter Chu Shing  
**Acting Director General**