

## CIRCULAR

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**CIRCULAR:** 23/64 SPREP Partner Organisations

**SUBJECT:** Introducing the following:

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

### ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME



**Mr. Vainuupo Jungblut**, a Samoan national has been appointed to the position of **Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Adviser (EMRA)**. Vainuupo has been with SPREP since 2004 serving in various roles and more recently as the Protected Areas Officer with IOE. Vainuupo will start in his new role on 14 August 2023.

In this position, Mr Jungblut will lead the Monitoring and Reporting Team of the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme. He will also provide strategic, policy and technical advice, support and assistance to SPREP Members on monitoring, assessment and reporting for achieving national and regional environmental outcomes.



**Mr. Puta Tofinga** has been appointed to the position of **Environmental Assessment and Planning Officer (EAPO)**. Puta is a national of Kiribati and joins SPREP from Kiribati's Ministry of Finance where he has worked as a Social Safeguard Specialist since November 2021. Puta will start in his new role on 14 August 2023.

In this position, Mr Tofinga will provide technical expertise and support in the area of environmental assessment and planning.

### ISLAND AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAMME



**Ms. Ursula Paul** has been seconded to SPREP from the Department of Conservation (DOC), NZ as the Capability Development/Communications Adviser for the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Services (PRISMSS). Ursula started in her new role on Monday, 17 July 2023.

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

We would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following individuals to SPREP and the region. Their contracts have ended as they pursue other career and professional developments:

1. Mr. Tile Tofaeono – Climate Prediction Services Coordinator, 30 June 2023
2. Mr. Peter Davies – Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Adviser, 11 August 2023
3. Mr. Raymond Schuster – New Zealand Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification, Project Technical Assistant, 18 August 2023

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Yours sincerely,



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**Officer In Charge**