

Ms. Melanie King, Manager Project Coordination Unit



Ms. Melanie King, a national of Australia, has been appointed to the position of Manager, Project Coordination Unit. She brings with her extensive global project management experience with a number of projects under NZAID, AusAID, World Bank and Global Environment Facility in the Asia-Pacific region. Melanie holds a Master in Governance and Public Policy from the University of Queensland, Australia; a Grad Dip/Cert in Management/Administration from University of Canberra and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Southeast

Asian Studies from the Australia National University. She will be completing her PhD in Food Security at the end of this year. She joined us from The World Bank where she was the Project Implementation and Design Specialist, Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Project. Melanie started in her new role on 23 October 2018 and is based with the Project Coordination Unit.

Mr. Manasa Katonivualiku, Project Development Specialist - Climate Resilience and Adaptation



Mr. Manasa Katonivualiku, a national of Fiji, has been appointed to the position of Project Development Specialist Climate Resilience and Adaptation (PDSCRA). He brings with him years of experience in project management in the agriculture and climate change areas within the Pacific region. Manasa joined SPREP from the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) where he had been working as the Associate Programme Officer for the past year. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Climate Change and a Bachelor of Science double major in Biology and

Chemistry from the University of the South Pacific. Manasa started in his new role on 28 June 2018.

Mr. Rupeni Mario, Project Development Specialist - Climate Change Mitigation



Mr. Rupeni Mario, a Fiji national, has been appointed to the position of Project Development Specialist Climate Change Mitigation (PDSCCM). He brings with him extensive project management experience in the environment and energy sectors within the Pacific region. Rupeni will join us from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) where he has been working for the past 20 years in a number of different project team leader roles. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji.

Rupeni started in his new role on 18 July 2018.



Ms. Vitolina Samu has been appointed to the position of Project Implementation Support Officer within the PCU Team. Vitolina holds a Bachelor in Commerce from the University of Auckland, NZ. She has over 10 years experience in administrative, project support and coordinating grant programs. Vitolina will commence in her new role on Thursday 19 April 2018.