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## CIRCULAR

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**CIRCULAR:** 19/57 SPREP Partner Organisations

**SUBJECT:** Introducing the following:

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments and engagements:



**Ms. Juney Ward**, a Samoan national, has been appointed as the Ecosystem and Biodiversity Officer (EBO) with the Island and Ocean Ecosystems Programme. She has been with SPREP since 2015 as the Shark and Ray Conservation Officer. Juney holds a Post Graduate Diploma and Bachelor Degree in Marine Science from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. She started in her new role on 1 July this year.

The EBO will provide technical advice and support to Pacific island Members on biodiversity and ecosystem conservation and management.

**Ms. Sela Soakai-Simamao**, a Tongan national, has been appointed to the position of Finance and Procurement Officer for the PacWaste Plus (PWP) Project in the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme. Sela first joined SPREP in 2014 as the Finance Assistant for the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and the Pacific Island Greenhouse Gas Abatement through Renewable Energy Project and most recently as the Inform Project, Finance and Technical Assistant with the Environmental Monitoring and Governance (EMG) Programme. She is a USP, Fiji graduate of Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Economics. Sela started in her new role on 1 July 2019.



In her new role, Sela provides financial and procurement services and support as part of the PWP Project team.



**Ms. Lagi Reupena** a national of Samoa has been appointed to the role of Inform Project Environmental Data Officer (IPEDO) within the EMG Programme. Lagi is a graduate of Beijing International Studies University with a Master of Arts in Tourism Management as well as USP, Fiji with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Geography and Tourism Studies. Lagi previously worked with the Inform Project on a

temporary basis as the Environmental Data Assistant. She started in her new role on 1 August 2019.

The IPEDO provides environmental data assistance and support in the implementation of the United Nations Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility Regional Inform Project

**Mr. Bradley Myer**, a national of New Zealand (NZ) is the new Project Manager, Regional Invasive Species Project within the Island and Ocean Ecosystems Programme. Bradley was initially recruited as the Invasive species Programme Assistant Consultant in August 2017. He has a Post Graduate in Environmental Management from the University of Auckland and Bachelor of Commerce from Lincoln University, NZ. He started in his new role on 4 June 2019.



Bradley leads the Regional Invasive Species Project team, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) via the Implementing Agency, UN Environment. This regional project in the Pacific aims to strengthen both national and regional capacities to reduce the impact of invasive species on biodiversity in the Pacific and will be implemented at the national level in Niue, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu with a significant regional component that provides benefits to the whole Pacific region.



**Mr. Josef Pisi**, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the position of Invasive Species Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) Associate (ISPA) within the IOE Programme. Josef recently graduated with a Master in Environmental Science from Hokkaido University, Japan, and also holds a Bachelor in Environmental Studies majoring in Geography from USP, Fiji. Before furthering his studies in 2016, Josef had been working at Samoa's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment since 2009 as the Senior Parks and Reserves Officer. He started official duties on 18 June.

The ISPA provides administrative, coordination and logistical support to the PRISMSS Project.

**Mr. Joshua Sam**, a national of Papua New Guinea (PNG), has been appointed to the Hazardous Waste Management Adviser (HWMA) position within the WMPC Programme. He holds a Master of Environment from the University of Melbourne, Australia and a Bachelor of Science from the PNG University of Technology. Joshua joins SPREP from the National Capital District Commission, PNG where he has been working as the Manager, Waste Management since 2014. He started in his new role on 18 July 2019.



The HWMA plays a key leadership role in supporting member countries in the management of hazardous waste. The scope of the work covers relevant international conventions such as the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Waigani Convention and the Minamata Convention, policy and legislation development, training, provision of technical advice and on-the-ground project implementation.



**Mr. Iosefa Tootoo**, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the position of Teaperson/Cleaner with the Finance and Administration (FA) Department. He holds a Certificate in Welding and Fabrication from the Samoa Polytechnic and joined SPREP from the United Nations Development Programme, Samoa where he had been working for the last seven years in a similar role. Iosefa started official duties on 22 July 2019.

Iosefa provides cleaning and office maintenance services and support across SPREP.

**Ms. Sabrina Reupena**, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the role of Inform Project Finance and Administration Officer (IPFAO) within the EMG Programme. Sabrina is a University of Waikato, NZ graduate with a Bachelor of Business Analysis in Accounting. She joins SPREP from BlueSky Samoa where she had been working as the Product Development Specialist for the past two years. Sabrina is no stranger to SPREP having previously been employed at SPREP in 2014 as the Finance Officer for three years. She started in her new role on 30 July 2019.



The IPFAO leads the financial and administration functions of the Inform Project.



**Mr. Niraj Kumar**, a national of Fiji, has been appointed to the role of Internal Auditor (IA). Niraj is a USP, Fiji graduate with a Master in Commerce and Bachelor of Arts in Accounting/Financial Management and Economics. He joins SPREP from the Office of the Auditor General, Fiji where he has held various positions since 2004, with the most recent being Audit Manager. He started in his new role on 1 August 2019.

The IA provides independent and objective appraisal, advisory and assurance functions on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretariat's governance arrangements and operations.

**Mr. Nitish Narayan**, a national of Fiji, has been recruited as the PacWaste Plus (PWP) Communications Officer (PWPCO). Nitish is a USP, Fiji graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. He joins SPREP from the Pacific Islands Development Forum where he has been working as the Team Leader, Strategic Communications since 2016. Nitish started at SPREP on 6 August 2019.



The PWPCO is a member of the PWP Project team who is responsible for the successful development and implementation of a regional communications strategy to support the Project and to ensure project visibility.

## **SECONDMENTS**



**Mr. Shannan Mortimer**, a national of NZ has been seconded to SPREP from the Department of Conservation, NZ. He works closely with the Invasive Species team and the IOE Programme on coordinating the development of multiple thematic module training course for Pacific National Invasive Species Coordinators. Shannan started in his new role on 3 June 2019 and will be based at SPREP for the next five months.

**Mr. Mark Skinner** has been seconded to SPREP from the Department of Environment and Energy, Australia as the Implementation Manager for the Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP). Mark will be working closely with the WMPC Programme in leading the POLP over the next three and a half years. The Project aims to build the capacity of SPREP and Pacific island countries to plan and successfully implement measures to reduce single-use plastics by providing assistance to achieve a number of agreed outcomes. Mark started in his new role on 7 August 2019.



### **SPREP/SPC Partnership**



**Ms. Leinatioletuitoga Eteuati** has been recruited as the Maritime Greenhouse Gas Officer under the Pacific Community (SPC)/SPREP Pacific Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre Project. She holds a Bachelor in Oceanography from the University of Otago, New Zealand. Leinati had been working with SPREP for the past 12 months in a number of temporary roles, initially as the WMPC Programme Assistant and then as the Human Resources Assistant with the HR Department. She started in her new role on 1 June 2019.

We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all our new SPREP Community members on their appointments and we look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Cornforth  
**Acting Director General**