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SUBJECT: **NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SPREP**



I am pleased to advise that Ms Easter Chu Shing has been appointed as SPREP's new Deputy Director General (DDG), Governance and Operations after a competitive, rigorous and transparent merit-based selection process.

Easter is currently a member of the SPREP Senior Leadership Team and is the Director of the Environmental Monitoring and Governance (DEMG) Programme. She has been with SPREP for the past 10 years in various capacities, initially as the Biodiversity Adviser and then as DEMG for the last 3.5 years. Prior to this, Easter has had extensive experience in various strategic governance, programme and leadership roles with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Samoa. She will be starting in her new role in early February 2021. I congratulate Easter on her new appointment as well as being the first female DDG for SPREP since its establishment. Easter will continue to provide a strategic leadership role as part of the Senior Leadership Team as well as a member of the Executive Leadership Team.

I take this opportunity to thank Roger Cornforth who has been the DDG for SPREP for the last 4.5 years. Roger will be returning home to New Zealand at the completion of his contract at the end of January 2021. I acknowledge with appreciation the great support extended to me as DG by Roger, and his contribution to the work of SPREP and service to our Members. I note in particular his leadership of various teams and strategic assignments he has led, such as the Performance Implementation Plan, the Partnership Engagement and Resource Mobilisation Strategy, the Country and Territory Strategic Partnerships Frameworks Strategy, and his work on updating SPREP policies. Faafetai tele lava Roger!

I wish all our members, partners and colleagues a peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu
Director General