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SUBJECT: Introducing the following:

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH



Mr. Keni Lesa, the former Editor of the Samoa Observer, has now joined SPREP as the Communications Consultant. A Samoan national, Mr. Lesa is an award-winning, highly experienced News Editor managing a team of over 40, and an all-round journalist with over 20 years' experience in the news industry. He has also worked closely with SPREP in a number of occasions including being part of the media team to report on the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. In his role, Mr. Lesa will be working closely with the Communications and Outreach team in "all things SPREP communications". He started in his role on 13 September 2021.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME



Ms. Rachel Nunn-Crichton, has been appointed to the position of Technical Adviser, Information, Knowledge Management and Brokerage – Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC). A national of Fiji and UK, Rachel has over 10 years work experience in knowledge management, communication and outreach in the Asia-Pacific region and joins SPREP from the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability in Japan where she has been working as the Senior Communications Associate since January 2020. She started work remotely on 13 September until a time when she and her family are able to relocate safely to Apia.

In her role, Ms. Nunn-Crichton will support the Manager, PCCC in the coordination and delivery of the PCCC functions and activities, specifically on the Information, Knowledge Management and Brokerage priorities. This position is funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

ISLAND AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAMME



Ms. Mathilde Kraft, a national of France, is the new Project Development Coordinator for the Kiwa Initiative. She is no stranger to SPREP having completed a short-term work placement with the (Island and Ocean Ecosystems) Programme previously from August 2017 to March 2018 as a Marine and Coastal Assistant. Ms. Kraft joins SPREP from the Secretariat General for the Sea, Prime Minister Services, France where she has been working as a Project Manager for the West Mediterranean Marine Oil and Highly Noxious Substances Pollution Cooperation in the last two years. She started work remotely on 1 September 2021 until a time when it is possible to relocate safely to Apia.

Ms. Kraft will provide technical assistance to African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries countries and territories for large-scale Nature-Based Solutions project development as part of the Kiwa Initiative and ensure NBS project development and implementation in close relation with other SPREP programmes and projects. This position is funded by the Agence française de développement.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE



Mr. Jonathan Porter, a Samoan national, has been appointed as the new Inform Project Finance and Administration Officer (IPFAO). Mr. Porter joins SPREP from Vodafone Samoa where he has been working as the Base Management Prepaid Mobile Manager/Commercial Analyst for the past few months. He started in his role on 13 September 2021. As the IPFAO, he will lead the financial and administration functions of the Inform project. This position is funded by the Global Environment Facility.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Finance and Administration Department welcome the following nationals of Samoa who have been appointed as Finance Officers:



Ms. Mercy Tausili joins SPREP from BDO Samoa where she has been working as an Auditor for over a year.



Ms. Monaicis Asiata worked for British American Tobacco Samoa for over 2 years, initially as a Marketing Reporting Analyst and most recently as a Business Development Executive.



Mr. John Fetisone joins SPREP from Vodafone Samoa where he has been working as an Accountant for the past four years.

The new Finance Officers started in their roles on 20 September 2021 and they will provide financial services and support as part of the Finance team. These positions are funded from SPREP's core funding.

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

We would also like to acknowledge the following individuals' services and contributions to SPREP and the region as their contracts have come to an end and as they pursue other professional developments:

1. Ms. Hannah Hendriks – Secondment from the NZ Department of Conservation completed on 31 August 2021
2. Ms. Angelica Salele-Sefo – Outreach Support Officer, contract will complete on 24 September 2021

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kosi Latu'.

Kosi Latu
Director General