

CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH



Ms. Nanette Woonton has been appointed to the position of Communications and Outreach Adviser (COA). Ms. Woonton first joined SPREP as the Media and Public Relations Officer in 2007 and has been acting in the COA role since April 2015. Ms. Woonton brings into this role a wealth of knowledge, experience, and well-established networks in the communications and media area and will continue her leading role with the Communications and Outreach Team. In her role, Ms. Woonton provides strategic leadership and management of SPREP's communication, advocacy and outreach work programme.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME



Mr. Tavita Su'a has been appointed to the position of Pacific Environment Portal Systems Developer & Analyst. Mr. Su'a is no stranger to SPREP having worked here since 2016 in various roles including as part of the Information Technology team and later on as the Environmental Information Systems Developer and Analyst for the Inform Project and had also been acting in the position of Inform Project Manager.

In this role, Mr. Su'a will work closely with five programme countries namely Cook Islands, Niue, Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu to provide advice, assistance and capacity building on all climate and environmental data management related developments and activities as well as improve data and knowledge management and maintain the existing regional Pacific Environment Portal Network and regional data center.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME



Ms. Wati Kanawale has been appointed as the Finance and Administration Officer (FAO), Intra- African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Climate Services and related Applications (ClimSA) Project. Ms. Kanawale is a Fiji national and joins SPREP from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji where she had been working as the FAO, Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme since June 2019. In her role, Ms. Kanawale will lead the financial and administrative functions of the ClimSA project.



Ms. Patricia Mallam has been appointed to the position of Knowledge Brokerage Officer, Intra-ACP ClimSA Project. Ms. Mallam is a Fiji national and joins SPREP from the Australia Pacific Climate Alumni Network where she has been working since October 2021 as the Outreach Manager. In her role, Ms. Mallam will lead the implementation of the ClimSA Communication and Visibility Plan and support the knowledge brokering of climate related products and services.

ISLAND AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAMME



Mr. Etienne Delattre has been appointed as the Programme Manager (PM), Pacific Biodiversity and Sustainable Land-Seascapes (BioScapes) Programme. Mr. Delattre is a national of Belgium and he joined SPREP from the Wildlife Conservation Society in Thailand where he has been working as the Regional European Union (EU) PM over the last three years. Mr. Delattre started in his role remotely in January 2023 and will be relocating to the SPREP Suva office where the rest of the Pacific BioScapes Programme team will be based. In this role, Mr. Delattre will lead the Pacific BioScapes Programme and team, coordinate partners and deliver the Pacific BioScapes Programme in Pacific island countries.



Ms. Kristina Fidali, has been appointed to the position of Solomon Islands Country Coordinator, Pacific BioScapes Programme. Ms. Fidali is a national of the Solomon Islands and she joins SPREP from the Coalition of Youths for Environmental Sustainability where she has been a Project Manager for the past two years. She is based in Honiara, Solomon Islands and will be responsible for managing in-country delivery of the Central Solomon Islands Seascape activity on a day-to-day basis in collaboration with the delivery partner, provide support to Solomon Islands National and Provincial Governments and build capacity within the Ministry of Environment, Climate

Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and Central Province Government to design and implement ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change responses.



Mr. Carlo Iacovino is the Communications and Outreach Specialist, Pacific BioScapes Programme. Mr. Iacovino is an Australian national and is no stranger to SPREP having previously worked as the Climate Change Communications Officer from 2012-2015. He has been working as a communications consultant over the last seven years for a number of organisations including SPREP and the EU. Mr. Iacovino started remotely in his role in January 2023 and will be relocating with his family to Fiji in the second quarter of this year. In his role, Mr. Iacovino will develop and deliver communication and outreach content, products, media, synthesis material and training to support the outcomes of the Pacific BioScapes Programme.



Mr. Rahul Tikaram has been appointed to the position of Coastal and Marine Specialist, Pacific BioScapes Programme. Mr. Tikaram is a Fijian national and joins SPREP from The Pacific Community where he has been working since 2020 as the Fiji National Coordinator, EU Global Climate Change Alliance – Scaling up Pacific Adaptation. In his role, Mr. Tikaram will strengthen SPREP's capacity to design and implement regional approaches to coastal and marine ecosystem management, including implementation of the Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan at regional and national levels; as well as provide strategic, policy, and technical advice to SPREP Members to support their priorities on coastal and marine ecosystem conservation and management in the context of the Pacific BioScapes Programme

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME



Mr. Dwayne Bentley has been appointed to the role of Project Coordination Officer, Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP). Mr. Bentley is a national of Samoa. He joins SPREP from Samoa Tourism Authority where he has been working as the Global Sales and Marketing Manager from 2020-2022 and 2008-2017, a total of 10 years and with Samoa Airways as the Marketing and Communications Specialist. In his new role, Mr. Bentley will support the PM in the development and delivery of the POLP Implementation Plan.

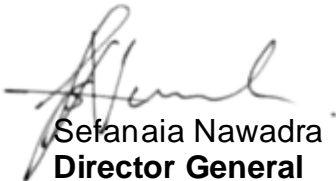
We look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to Members and the region.

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

1. Mr. Jamie Davies - *By-Catch & Integrated Ecosystem Management Initiative Manager – PEUMP Programme KRA 5*
2. Dr. Melanie King – *Manager, Project Coordination Unit*
3. Mr. Jonathan Porter - *Inform Project, Finance and Administration Officer*
4. Ms. Emmaflora Ah Tong – *Finance Officer*

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Yours sincerely,



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