

CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: SPREP Staff: New Appointments and Staff Departures

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the following Staff appointments:

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME



Mr. Josef Pisi has been appointed **Invasive Species Officer**. Josef is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined in 2019 as the Invasive Species Associate for the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) Project. He has since held a couple of other roles within the PRISMSS Project and most recently as the PRISMSS Programme Coordinator. He is a graduate of Hokkaido University, Japan, with a Master in Environmental Science, and the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji with a Bachelor in Environmental Studies. Josef started in his new role on **7 July 2025**.



Ms. Angelica Salele-Sefo has been appointed as the temporary **Project Development Coordinator for the Kiwa Initiative** for six months. Angelica is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined SPREP in 2014 as the Information Management Officer and later as the Outreach Support Officer. Angelica is a graduate of Swansea University, United Kingdom with a Master of Arts in Communications, Media Practice and Public Relations and also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Criminology and International Relations from Victoria University, Wellington. She started in her new role on **3 July 2025**.

CLIMATE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION PROGRAMME



Ms. Leanne Moananu has been appointed **Communications Officer, Climate and Oceans Support Programme in the Pacific Phase 3**. Leanne is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2016 as the Communications Support Officer with the Communications and Outreach Unit. She has extensive experience in communications and stakeholder/community engagement in climate and meteorology as well as the development and implementation of communication strategies and plans for major flagship events. Leanne starts in her new role on **17 July 2025**.



Mr. Honsol Chan Tung has been appointed **Financial Accountant, Weather Ready Pacific Programme**. Honsol is a Samoan national and is a graduate of La Trobe University, Australia, with a Master of Financial Analysis (investment), and holds a Bachelor of Arts from USP, Fiji. He started in his role on **30 May 2025**.



Ms. Crystal Schwenke has been appointed as the temporary **Climate Services and Related Applications project, Technical and Support Officer**. Crystal is a Samoan national and joined SPREP in 2019 as the Technical and Administration Officer and recently completed her term with the PacWaste Plus Programme following its closure on 30 June 2025. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce from USP, Fiji and started in her new role on **1 July 2025**.

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



Ms. Shinae Sosene-Feagai is the new **Human Resources Officer**. Shinae is a Samoan national and holds a Bachelor of Business in Human Resources Management & Employment Relations from Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. She started in her new role on **20 May 2025**.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Ms. Christina Hazelman, a Fijian national, has been appointed **Knowledge Management Specialist**. Christina is a graduate of USP, Fiji, with a Bachelor in Environmental Studies. She started in her new role on **1 July 2025**.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT



Mr. Elu Motoootua, has been appointed as the temporary **Grants Officer** for six months. Elu is a Samoan national and a graduate of USP with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, double Majoring in Geography and Population Studies and Demography. Elu started in his new role on **23 June 2025**.

The Secretariat would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following staff who have departed to pursue new interest:

1. Ms. Faia'e Faamanu-Falanaipupu – Project Support Officer, 23 May 2025
2. Mr. Paul Irving – Marine Pollution Project Officer, PACLAN Project, 31 May 2025
3. Ms. Lilian Penaia – Technical Waste Officer, PAWES Project, 30 June 2025
4. Ms. Hilary Boyes – PacWaste Plus Technical Waste Project Officer – Resource Recovery, 30 June 2025
5. Mr. Lance Richman - PacWaste Plus Technical Waste Project Officer – Hazardous Waste, 30 June 2025
6. Ms. Sainimili Bulai - PacWaste Plus Technical Waste Project Officer – Solid Waste, 30 June 2025

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Yours sincerely,

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