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SUBJECT: SPREP Staff: New Appointments and Staff Departure

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the following Staff appointments for the second quarter of 2026:

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME



Ms. Turang Teuea has been appointed to the position of **Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser**. She is an I-Kiribati national. Turang holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Information Services from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji. She is no stranger to SPREP having previously served as the Project Coordinator, Management and Conservation of Blue Carbon Ecosystems (MACBLUE) until the project completion in October 2025. Turang started in her new role on **5 May 2026** and is based at the Suva, Fiji Office.

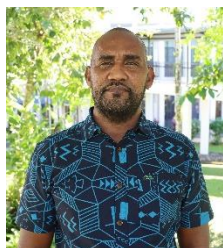
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME



Mr. Allen Ofea has been appointed as the **Marine Pollution Officer**. He is a Solomon Islands national and holds a Master of Science in Maritime Affairs, from World Maritime University, Sweden and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from USP, Fiji. Allen joined SPREP from Solomon Islands Maritime Authority where he was the Principal Officer, Pollution and Safety Response since 2021. He started in his new role on **25 April 2026**.

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Mr. Aljay Tuhaika has been appointed to the position of **Project Accountant**. He is a Solomon Island national and holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting, Management and Public Administration from USP, Fiji. Aljay joined SPREP from the Second Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project where he had been the Finance Manager since 2022. He started in his new role on **2 May 2026**.



Ms. Rublyn Afamasaga has been appointed to the position of **Procurement Assistant**. She is a Samoan national and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English, Literature and Sociology from the National University of Samoa. Rublyn joined SPREP from the Ministry of Health, Samoa where she was the Project Administrative Officer since 2022. She started in her new role on **25 May 2026**.



Ms. Rocyana Iakopo has been appointed to the position of **Procurement Assistant**. She is a Samoan national and will join SPREP from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (UN), Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands, where she has worked as an Administration and Finance Assistant since 2024. Rocyana starts in her new role on **6 July 2026**.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



Ms. Nelleka Toomalatai has been appointed to the position of **Human Resources (HR) Officer**. She is a Samoan national and holds a Bachelor of HR Management from Griffith University, Australia. Nelleka joined SPREP from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa where she had been the Senior HR and Administration Officer since 2024. She started in her new role on **27 April 2026**.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Ms. Meleteukialupe Soakai (Mele) has been appointed as the **Systems Developer and Analyst**. She is a Tongan national and holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Mele joins SPREP from Tonga Power Limited, where she has been the Senior Business Development Engineer since 2024. She will start in her new role on **26 June 2026**.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT



Mr. Siwawut Chaiya (Tommy) has been appointed as the **Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Adviser**. He is a Thai national and holds a Master of Arts in Social Development from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from the Chiang Mai University, Thailand. Siwawut has over 14 years of experience in MERL and joined SPREP from the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific where he was a MERL Consultant for the past year. He started in his new role on **26 April 2026**.

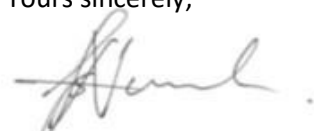
The Secretariat would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following staff member to SPREP and the region as she leaves SPREP to pursue other personal and professional developments:



Ms. Tamara Lui (Utulei) - Project Coordinator, Promoting Pacific Islands Nature-based Solutions (PPIN) Project, 30 June 2026.

For more information on the full SPREP Team please visit <https://www.sprep.org/our-team>

Yours sincerely,



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