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SUBJECT: New Senior Leadership Appointment

I am pleased to announce the following appointment within the SPREP Senior Leadership Team.



Ms. Frances Brown-Reupena has been appointed as the **Director Strategic Planning, Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation**. Frances is a Samoan national and will join SPREP from the Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), where she has served diligently for over 20 years in various leadership and technical roles. Most recently as the Chief Executive Officer providing strategic leadership, policy direction and oversight of service delivery across Samoa's natural resources, environmental management and sustainable development. Frances brings with her a wealth of experience from the Samoa Public Service particularly through her extensive service with MNRE. She holds a Master of Policy and Politics from Deakin University, Australia, and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of the South Pacific. Frances will commence in her new role at the Apia Headquarters on **Monday, 10 August 2026**.

I welcome Frances to the SPREP Team and look forward to working closely with her as a member of the Senior Leadership to increase and strengthen the relevant support and services to Members and the region.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Director General