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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments:



Ms. Faasipa Lemalu, a Samoan national, has been recruited as the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme Assistant (EMGPA) with the EMG Programme. Faasipa initially joined SPREP in 2017 as the Shark and Outreach Campaign Assistant and most recently as the Records and Archives Assistant for the past nine months. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Pacific Island Studies and Hospitality and Tourism Management from Brigham Young University, Hawaii. Faasipa started in her new role on 26

August 2019.

The EMGPA will provide administrative and secretarial support services to the Programme Director and the EMG Programme

Ms. Connie Sewere, a Ni-Vanuatu national, has been appointed to the position of Technical and Finance Assistant for the Climate Information Services for Resilient Development Project, Vanuatu (TFAVanCISRDP) within the Climate Change and Resilient (CCR) Programme. Connie has been the temporary TFAVanCISRDP for the past six months and prior to this she was the Executive Secretary to the Director General, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu and Vanuatu National Designated Authority to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Connie started in her new role on 1 September 2019.



The Green Climate Fund funded project is supporting the development and delivery of Climate Information Services in Vanuatu to five target sectors (infrastructure, agriculture, water, tourism, fisheries) for national, provincial and community stakeholders. The role of the TFAVanCISRDP is to provide technical and finance assistance and support in the management and implementation of the Vanuatu–CISRDP.



Mr. Rohit Prasad, a national of Fiji, is the new By-Catch Integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) Project, Finance and Administration Officer (FAO). The BIEM Project is SPREP's component of the EU-funded EDF-11 Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme (PEUMP).

Rohit holds a Postgraduate Diploma and Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from the Fiji National University. He joins SPREP from the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption where he has been working in various positions for the last 10 years. Rohit started in his new role on 26 August 2019.

The BIEMFAO is responsible for the development, updating and monitoring of the procurement plan and ensuring compliance with the procurement policy that governs the project, monitoring of expenditures, cash flow and replenishments, preparation of financial reports and coordination of required audits for the project. These key responsibilities will be undertaken in collaboration with the Project Manager, other functional units within SPREP, and with the PEUMP Programme Project Management Unit.

Mr. Tile Tofaeono, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the position of Climate Prediction Services Coordinator (CLiPSCo) within the CCR Programme. Tile is a Bachelor of Science graduate from the National University of Samoa. He joined SPREP from Samoa's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment where he was the Head of Climate Services under the Meteorology Division. Tile brings with him extensive experience in the meteorology field. Tile started in his new role on 29 August 2019 and will work closely with the Pacific Meteorological Desk and the CCR Programme.



The Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Services (ROK-PI CliPS-2) project is funded by the Republic of Korea through the ROK-PIF Cooperation Fund under the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and will be implemented by SPREP and the Pohang University of Science and Technology. The project will contribute to the Pacific Roadmap for Strengthened Climate Services 2017-2026, and develop products that will aid the Pacific Islands Regional Climate Centre, the Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum and the activities of the Pacific Islands Climate Services Panel. The CLiPSCo will closely coordinate the project with the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership and other related projects to ensure complementarity in activities; whilst contributing to achieving relevant targets in the SPREP Strategic Plan and the National Meteorological & Hydrological Services (NMHSs) priorities in the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (2017-2026) and to build the existing capacity of the NMHSs.

We extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all our new SPREP Community members on their appointments and we look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kosi Latu'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Kosi Latu
Director General