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SUBJECT: Introducing the following:

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments:



Ms. Pata Mase, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the Finance Officer—Projects (FOPRO) position within the Finance and Administration (FA) Department. She is a recent graduate from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji with a Bachelor of Commerce. Pata started in her new role on 16 September 2019.

The role of the FOPRO provides project financial services and support to the Finance and Administration Department.

Mr. Sione Fulivai, a Tongan national, has been appointed to the position of Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific Coordinator (FRDPC) within the Climate Change and Resilience Programme. Sione had been working for Tonga's Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications as the Principal Climate Finance Analyst for the last five years. He was also one of Tonga's negotiator at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Sione is a University of Waikato, New Zealand (NZ) graduate with a Bachelor of Social Science and started in his new role on 30 September 2019.



The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management (FRDP) 2017 -2030 is a comprehensive set of high level guidelines developed to enhance resilience to disasters and climate change across the Pacific, engaging a range of stakeholder groups from governments to civil society. The framework draws together the parallel and often overlapping fields of Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management, and encourages an integrated approach with a focus on effectively mainstreaming climate and disaster risks across sectors and into development plans and budgets. The FRDP was endorsed at the 47th Pacific Islands Forum meeting in the Federated States of Micronesia in 2016 including the establishment of the Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce (PRP TF) and Support Unit (PRP SU). The latter is made up of coordinators from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the SPREP. The FRDPC leads the coordination of SPREP's contribution to the implementation of the FRDP, the PRP TF and PRP Support Unit.



Ms. Emmaflora Lemoa, a Samoan national, has been appointed as the Finance Officer (FO) in the Finance and Administration Department. Emma holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the National University of Samoa. She joins SPREP from BlueSky where she had been working as an Account Technician for the past five months. Emma started official duties on 1 October 2019.

The role of the FO is to provide financial services and support to the Finance and Administration Department.

Ms. Vira Atalifo is the new PacWaste Plus Regional Project Officer (PWPRPO), Fiji. Vira holds a Master of Applied Science from the University of Otago, NZ, as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Geoscience and Climate Change and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. She has worked for SPC for over seven years in several support roles including Project Support Officer/Assistant and GIS Trainee. Vira starts in her new role on 7 October 2019.



The PWPRPO is a member of the PacWaste Plus (PWP) Project Team and will be one of the key liaison, in coordination with other sub-regional officers, between the PWP Project Management Unit and participating Countries assisting with the effective implementation of PWP activities.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Director General