

## CIRCULAR

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**CIRCULAR:** 20/29 SPREP Partner Organisations

**SUBJECT: Introducing the following:**

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments and engagements:



**Ms. Isabell Rasch**, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of Global Environment Facility (GEF) 6 Regional Project Invasive Species Coordinator with the Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) Programme. Isabell holds a Bachelor of Agriculture (Applied Science) from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Samoa. She is no stranger to SPREP having worked with the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Project as the Technical and Finance Assistant for the past two years. Isabell started in her new role on 7 January 2020.

Through funding from the GEF, via the Implementing Agency, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Isabell's role is primarily responsible for the coordination, facilitation, compilation of reporting and provision of support to the project's partner countries to implement their activities and reporting requirements. It also includes working with National Invasive Species Coordinators and the programme management team to enable information exchange, best practices and regional cooperation.

**Ms. Aleluia Seiuli-Vaega**, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of Records and Archives Assistant with the Knowledge Management (KM) Team. Aleluia holds a Certificate in Library Management and Operations from the National University of Samoa. She joined SPREP from Samoa's Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture where she worked for 10 years as a School Library Assistant for Leififi College. Aleluia started in her new role on 9 March 2020.



Aleluia provides records and archives services and support for SPREP as a member of the KM team.



**Ms. Monifa Fiu**, a national of Fiji, has been appointed to the position of Impacts Analysis Adviser with the Climate Change Resilience (CCR) Programme as part of the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Scaling Up Pacific Adaptation. Monifa is a graduate of the USP, Fiji with a Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Sciences and Bachelor of Science

(Marine Science). She joined SPREP from LajeRotuma Initiative Ltd. where she had been working as Co-ordinator and Managing Director for the past year. She started in her new role on 17 March 2020.

Monifa's role under joint management from both SPREP and the Pacific Community (SPC), will be responsible for developing the methodology for tracking impacts of adaptation projects in the Pacific; establishing the Impacts Database for adaptation projects in the region, building capacity on its usage and incorporating them within the structure of the Pacific Climate Change Portal and Pacific Climate Change Centre and contributing to the overall progress of the GCCA+ projects managed by SPREP, as well as cooperating with other relevant data portals.

**Mr. James Faiumu**, a national of Samoa, is the new ABS Technical and Finance Officer with the ABS project in the IOE Programme. James holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Commercial Law) from Victoria University, New Zealand. He joined SPREP from the Samoa Audit Office where he had been working since August 2019 as the Information Technology Auditor. He started in his new role on 14 April 2020.



James' role provides technical and financial assistance and support in the management and implementation of the SPREP-UNEP-GEF ABS Regional Project.



**Ms. Dannicah Chan**, a national of Samoa, has been appointed to the position of GCCA+ Scaled Up Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (SUPA) Project – Finance and Administration Officer in the CCR Programme. Dannicah is a graduate of the University of Queensland, Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Business Information Systems). She has been working in SPREP's Finance and Administration Department for the past two and a half years as a Finance Officer – Projects. Dannicah will start in her new role on 4

May 2020.

In her new role, Dannicah will lead the financial and administration functions of the SUPA project.

### **Temporary Engagements at Apia Office**



**Ms. Ane Ah Poe** has joined the KM Team where she will be working as the KM Assistant for the next couple of months. She recently completed her Bachelor of Science from the National University of Samoa. Ane started in her new role on 16 March 2020.

**Ms. Ngaire Ah Ching** is the new Project Coordinator for the Pacific National Implementation Plans and Minamata Initial Assessment within the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme. Ngaire holds a Bachelor of Commerce from USP, Fiji and a Global MBA from the University of London. She has worked at the Samoa International Finance Authority for three years as the Assistant Manager – Accounts Division before accompanying her husband on a diplomatic mission to Washington DC. Ngaire started in her new role on 24 March 2020.



### Internships



**Ms. Nelida Taebo**, a national of Kiribati, has joined SPREP for 12 months through the Attachment Programme under the Joint Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific Small Island States (SIS). This programme is coordinated by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and is a targeted capacity building support mechanism for SIS. Nelida is a Bachelor of Commerce graduate from the USP, Fiji. She started on 9 March 2020 and is working closely with SPREP's Project Coordination Unit.



**Ms. Heekyoung Kwon** and **Ms. Doyi Kim**, are Korean nationals who joined SPREP on 16 March 2020 under an internship agreement with the Korea Meteorological Agency. They will be working closely with the CCR Programme's Meteorological Services team over the next six months.



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.

We would also like to acknowledge the following individuals' services and contributions to SPREP and the region as they pursue other personal developments in their life journeys:

1. Ms. Jolynn Managreve-Fepuleai – Human Resources Officer
2. Ms. Leinatioletuitoga Eteuati - Maritime Greenhouse Gas Officer (SPC)
3. Mr. Robert Sullivan – Communications and Behavioural Change Specialist (PeaceCorps Response Volunteer)

Yours sincerely,



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**Director General**