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SPREP is pleased to introduce its new Director General, Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra who officially started office on Monday, 4th April 2022.

Mr Nawadra is no stranger to SPREP having previously been a member of the SPREP Team as Director, Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme from 2012 – 2015; as the Sustainable Development Adviser in 2011 - 2012 and as the Marine Pollution Adviser from 1999 – 2007. He was recently the Head of the United Nations Environment Programme’s Pacific Sub-Regional Office based in Apia, Samoa from 2015 to 2022. Mr Nawadra was also the Fiji Country Programme Director for Conservation International from 2006 – 2011 and has had previous experiences in the environmental management and services with Engineering Consultants, Sinclair Knights Mertz Limited; Shell South Pacific Islands Limited and with the Government of Fiji through the Department of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests. He brings to SPREP extensive leadership, change management and strategic planning experience in the environmental, conservation and natural resource management fields as well as more than 30 years’ experience in the national, regional, and international levels. Mr Nawadra has also worked closely with many of the SPREP Member countries in his different capacities over this period.

Among other qualifications, Mr. Nawadra also holds a Master of Science from the University of London in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Canberra in Australia.

He is married to Talica and they have four children, Eroni, Selaina, Teuila and Tevita, who will be supporting him in his role in Apia.



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Mr Nawadra re-joins SPREP at a crucial time when the world and the Pacific region are going through major challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic which calls for major shifts in the way we work and especially the delivery of services to support and better assist Pacific islands in addressing the environment and sustainable development issues facing our region.

Please join the Secretariat in welcoming Mr Nawadra to SPREP and wishing him all the best in his new role.

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

Yours sincerely,

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