

# CIRCULAR

**FILE:** HR 17 – Circulars **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points  
**DATE:** 22 April 2025 **CROP Organisations**  
**CIRCULAR:** 25/20 **SPREP Partner Organisations**  
**SUBJECT:** **SPREP Staff: New Appointments and Staff Departure**

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the following appointments:

## ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME



**Ms. Vani Koroisamanunu** has been appointed to the position of **Environmental Geographic Information Systems Specialist (EGISS)**. Vani is no stranger to SPREP having joined in July 2021 initially as the Environmental GIS Specialist-Inform Project within the Environmental Governance Programme. She is a graduate of Flinders University, Australia with a Bachelor of applied Geographical Information System and a Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji. Vani started in her new role on **1 January 2025**.

## BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME



**Ms. Sharon Tohaimae** is the new **Coordinator, Pacific BioScapes Programme, Solomon Islands (CPBPSI)**. Sharon is a national of the Solomon Islands and holds a Master of Science in International Humanitarian Affairs from the University of York, England and a Master of Science in Climate Change and a Bachelor in Environmental Science from the USP, Fiji. Sharon is based at the Solomon Islands Office and she started in her new role on **17 February 2025**.



**Mr. William Young**, has been appointed to the position of **PRISMSS Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) and Traditional Knowledge Coordinator (GTKCI)**. William is a Fijian national and is a familiar face to SPREP. He has been working closely with the PRISMSS Project Team for the past four years as part of a PhD scholarship. He is in the process of finalising his PhD comments from reviewers and aiming to graduate in December this year 2025 from the University of Newcastle, Australia. Mr. Young also holds a Master of Science from the University of West Indies, St Augustine (Trinidad and Tobago), and a Master of Arts from the University of Porto, Portugal. William started remotely in his new role on **24 February 2025** and will be relocating to Samoa mid-April.



**Ms. Belinda Norris** is the new **Coastal and Marine Specialist, Pacific BioScapes Programme (CMS-PBP)**. Belinda is an Australian national and holds a Master of Environmental Management from the University of Queensland, Australia and a Bachelor of Environmental Science from the University of New England. Belinda started in her new role on **17 March 2025** and is based at the Fiji office with the BioScapes Project team.



**Mr. James Faiumu** is the new **Senior Finance and Administration Officer, Pacific BioScapes Programme**. James is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined in April 2020 as the Finance and Technical Assistant for the Access and Benefit Sharing Project until he resigned in August 2022. He is a graduate of the University of Essex, England with a Master of Science with Merit in Accounting and Financial Management and a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. James started in his new role on **29 March 2025** and is based at the Fiji Office with the BioScapes Project Team.



**Mr. Louis Thiercelin** has been appointed as the **PRISMSS Project Development Coordinator**. Louis is a French national and initially joined SPREP in May 2024 as the Invasive Species Component Manager, Protégé Programme. He is graduate of Paris School of International Affairs with a Master's in international Energy, Environment Specialisation and Latin America Regional Focus. Louis started in his new role on **1 April 2025**.



**Ms. Lina Dorovolomo** is the new **Ecosystems and Biodiversity Officer**. Lina is a Solomon Islands national and holds a Master of Environmental Science from the University of Western Australia, Australia and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. Lina will start in her new role on **7 April 2025** and will be based at the Fiji Office.



**Ms. Ledua Tuiyalani**, has been appointed as the **Finance and Administration Officer for the Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystems Management (BIEM) Project** on a temporary contract. Ledua is a Fijian national and a graduate of the University of the South Pacific with a Postgraduate Diploma in Climate Change and a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accounting and Economics. Ledua started in her role on **1 February 2025** and is based at the Fiji office with the BIEM Project team.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME**



**Ms. Jessica Rodham** has been appointed to the position of **Climate Change Loss and Damage Officer (CCLDO)**. Jessica is an Australian national and is no stranger to SPREP having previously been engaged as an Intern. She is a graduate of the University of Newcastle, Australia, with a Bachelor of Development Studies with First-Class Honours. Jessica started in her new role on **1 February 2025**.

The Secretariat would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following staff who have departed to pursue new interests:

1. Ms. Monica Tupai – HR Assistant, 31 December 2024
2. Ms. Connie Sewere - Technical and Finance Assistant, VanKIRAP Project, 31 December 2024
3. Ms. Laaloa Onesemo – Finance and Administration Assistant, 31 January 2025
4. Mr. Joshua Sam – Hazardous Waste Management Adviser, 21 February 2025
5. Ms. Mathilde Kraft – Project Coordinator KIWA Initiative, 28 February 2025
6. Mr. Tagiilima Enele – Groundsman, 25 March 2025
7. Ms. Viona Numia - Finance Officer, 28 March 2025
8. Ms. Veronica Levi – Financial Accountant, 10 April 2025

For more information on the full SPREP Team, please visit <https://www.sprep.org/our-team>

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Director General**

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