

## CIRCULAR

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### **SUBJECT: SPREP Staff: New Appointments and Staff Departures**

The Secretariat would like to announce the following Staff appointments in 2025:

#### **BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME**



**Ms. Amy Kilkelly** has been appointed as the temporary **PRISMSS Programme Coordinator**. She is an Irish national and a graduate of Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona where she acquired her Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Demography. Amy joined SPREP from Apothecare Consulting where she had been a Pharmaceutical Consultant since 2024, prior to that she was a Governance and Policy Officer for Spunout.ie. She started in her new role on **27 October 2025**.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME**



**Ms. Naoafioga Feuu-Foti** has been appointed **Project Officer, Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC)**. She is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined the Finance Department in 2017 prior to her appointment as the Finance and Administration Officer, PCCC in April 2021. Naoafioga started in her new role on **20 September 2025**.



**Ms. Crystal Schwenke** is the new **Project Officer, Building Our Loss and Damage Response Project**. Crystal is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2019 as the PacWaste Plus (PWP) Technical Administration Officer for the PWP prior to a temporary engagement with the Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) project. She started in her new role on **24 November 2025**.

#### **CLIMATE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION PROGRAMME**



**Mr. Silipa Mulitalo** has been appointed as **Climatologist - Climate and Oceans Support Programme in the Pacific, Phase 3**. He is a Samoan national and holds a Master of Environmental Science from Sydney University, Australia. Silipa joined SPREP from the Samoa Meteorological Service where he held various roles before becoming a National Consultant for the ClimSA Project in 2023. He started in his new role on **1 October 2025**.



**Ms. Marica Ratuki** has been appointed **Infrastructure and ICT Adviser, Weather Ready Pacific Programme (WRPP)**. She is a Fijian national and holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Auckland University of Technology, along with a Post Graduate Certificate in Business Administration Human Resource Management from the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji. Marica joined SPREP from Ministry of Meteorological Services and Transport, Fiji where she was the Divisional Engineer Central/Eastern since 2021. She started in her new role on **13 October 2025**.



**Mr. Terry Atalifo** is the new **Capacity Development and Training Adviser, Weather Ready Pacific Programme (WRPP)**. Terry is a Fijian national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined in 2023 as the Regional Climate Centre Coordinator. He started in his new role on **27 October 2025**.



**Ms. Sela Soakai-Simamao** is the new **Procurement Officer, Weather Ready Pacific Programme (WRPP)**. She is a Tongan national and has been with SPREP since 2016 in various roles, with her most recent role as the PWP Finance and Procurement Officer. Sela started in her new role on **4 November 2025**.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME**



**Mr. Justin Lima** has been appointed as the **Sustainable Development Adviser**. He is a Samoan national and holds a Master in International Development from Massey University, New Zealand (NZ). Justin joined SPREP from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Samoa where he worked for more than 13 years in various roles and most recently serving as the Assistant Chief Executive Officer, International Relations Division since 2022. Justin started in his new role on **10 November 2025**.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME**



**Ms. Sainimili Bulai** is the new **Technical Officer – Waste Management Policy and Systems GEF ISLANDS**. She is a Fijian national and has been with SPREP since 2019 as the PWP Technical Waste Project Officer – Solid Waste. Sainimili started in her new role on **28 July 2025**.



**Dr. Soseala Tinilau** has been appointed **Hazardous Waste Management Adviser**. He is a Tuvaluan national and holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Geography from the University of Lincoln, United Kingdom as well as a Master of Science in Chemistry from California State University, Northridge, USA. Soseala joined SPREP from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment, Tuvalu where he was the Director of Environment since 2017. Soseala started in his new role **27 October 2025**.



**Ms. France Gautrais** has been appointed as the **Pacific Youth Coordinator, SWAP2**. She is a French national and holds a Master in Environmental Science and Sustainable Development from the Universite de Montreal, Canada. France joined SPREP from EcoRes where she was a Project Assistant in the Climate and Circular Economy Unit. She started in her new role on **17 November 2025**.

### **GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS**

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**



**Ms. Maraëa Slade-Pogi** is the new **Manager, Procurement Unit**. She is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2009 in various roles and most recently as the Procurement Officer with the Finance Department. Maraëa started in her new role on **12 June 2025**.



**Ms. Siniva Tuuau-Enosa** is the new **Financial Accountant**. She is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2016 as the Project Accountant with the Finance Department. Siniva started in her new role on **27 June 2025**.



**Ms. Lutitaumai Saia** has been appointed as a **Finance Officer**. She is a Samoan national and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from The National University of Samoa (NUS). Lutitaumai joined SPREP from Samoa Commercial Bank where she was a Senior Finance Officer and started in her new role on **18 August 2025**.



**Ms. Pennylane Nauer** has been appointed as the **Finance Assistant**. She is a Samoan national and holds a Foundation Certificate in Commerce from NUS. Pennylane joined SPREP from Immigration NZ Office in Apia, Samoa where she was the Administration and Finance Officer since 2024. She started in her new role on **18 August 2025**.

#### **INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



**Mr. Victor Moala** has been appointed as the **Information Technology Network and Security Engineer**. Victor is a Samoan national and he joined SPREP from Vodafone Samoa where he was the Senior Engineer since 2018, prior to that he was the Chief Technology Officer at NetVo Samoa. Victor started in his new role on **12 August 2025**.



**Mr. Adil Ali** has been appointed as the **Information Technology Systems and Security Engineer**. He is a Fiji national and holds a Bachelor in Information Technology from USP, Fiji. Adil joined SPREP from the Fiji Meteorological Service where he held numerous roles, more recently he was a Senior Systems Analyst – Operations and Infrastructure. He started in his new role on **27 September 2025**.

#### **SPREP NORTH PACIFIC OFFICE**



**Mr. Michael Honeth** is the new **Manager, North Pacific Office**. He is a Canadian national and holds a Master in Marine Management from Dalhousie University, Canada and a Bachelors in Administration and Information Management from Ryerson University, Canada. Michael joined SPREP from the Pacific Island Forums Fisheries where he was the Fisheries Management Adviser since 2022. He is based at the SPREP North Pacific Office in the Republic of Marshall Islands and started in his new role on **29 August 2025**.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT**



**Ms. Agetha Nanape** has been appointed as the **Project Development and Implementation Officer**. She is a Papua New Guinea national and a graduate of Mie University Graduate School of Bioresources, Japan with a PhD in Bioresource Science and Master of Science in Bioresources. Agetha joined SPREP from the United Nations Development Programme in Port Moresby where she was the Project Manager, GEF 6 since 2023. She started in her new role on **2 September 2025**.



**Ms. Jezlla Peteru** is the new **Project Support Officer**. Jezlla is a Samoan national, she is no stranger to SPREP as prior to her new role she was consulting as the Battler Resource Base Data Analyst for the PRISMSS team with the Biodiversity Conservation Programme. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Pacific Studies from the University of Auckland, NZ. She started in her new role on **15 September 2025**.



**Mr. Elu Motootua** has been appointed as **Project Officer**. He is a Samoan national and he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Population Studies and Demography from USP, Fiji. He joins SPREP from the Government of Samoa where he worked as a Consultant for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Vaisigano Catchment Project and later on moved to SPREP to take up a temporary engagement as the Grants Officer in June 2026. Elu started in his new role on **1 December 2026**.

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

1. Mr. Niten Kumar – Information Technology Network and Systems Support Engineer, 29 August 2025
2. Mr. Isaia Talaitau – Groundsman, 11 September 2025
3. Mr. Bradley Nolan – Programme Manager, PacWaste Plus, 30 September 2025.
4. Mr. Semi Qamese – Manager, North Pacific Officer, 30 September 2025
5. Ms. Turang Teuea – Project Coordinator, MACBLUE, 31 October 2025
6. Ms. Akanisi Lomaloma – Finance and Administration Officer, MACBLUE, 31 October 2025
7. Ms. Belinda Norris – Coastal and Marine Specialist, Pacific BioScapes, 5 December 2025
8. Mr. Louis Thiercelin -PRISMSS Project Development Coordinator, 19 December 2025
9. Ms. Dannicah Chan – Invasive Species Project Associate, 31 December 2025
10. Ms. Rebecca Polestico – Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Adviser, 31 December 2025
11. Ms. Ofa Kaisamy – Manager, PCCC, 31 December 2025
12. Mr. Kenneth Kassem – Project Manager, By-Catch and Integrate Ecosystem Management Initiative (BIEM), 31 December 2025
13. Ms. Ledua Tuiyalani – Finance and Administration Officer, BIEM, 31 December 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**