

CIRCULAR

FILE: HR 17 - Circulars **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
DATE: 17 April 2026 **CROP Organisations**
CIRCULAR: 26/35 **SPREP Partner Organisations**

SUBJECT: SPREP Staff: New Appointments and Staff Departures

The Secretariat is pleased to announce the following Staff appointments for the first quarter of 2026:

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PROGRAMME



Ms. Isabell Rasch-Mulitalo is the new **PRISMSS Project Development Coordinator**. She is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined in 2019 as Technical and Finance Assistant for the Access and Benefit Sharing Project, and most recently as the Project Manager for the Regional Invasive Species Project which completed in December 2025. She is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific (USP) with a Bachelor of Agriculture in Applied Sciences as well as the National University of Samoa (NUS) with a Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science. Isabell started in her new role on **1 January 2026**.



Ms. Monifa Fiu has been appointed to the position of **Biodiversity and Ecosystems Adviser**. She is a Fijian national. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science and a Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Science from the USP, Fiji. Monifa was with SPREP previously as the Impacts Analysis Adviser from 2020-2023. She re-joins SPREP from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation where she was a consultant for various projects. Monifa started in her new role **on 5 March 2026** and is based at the Suva, Fiji Office.



Dr. Shuba Singh has been appointed as the **Pacific Coral Reef Officer**. She is a Fiji national and holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Kagoshima University, Japan and a Master of Science from USP, Fiji. Shuba joins SPREP from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Oceania Regional Office where she has been the Marine Projects Officer since 2024. She started in her new role on **15 March 2026**.

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME



Mr. Malaki Iakopo has been appointed as the **Project Manager, Building Our Loss and Damage Response Project**. He is a Samoan national and is a graduate of Lincoln University, New Zealand (NZ) with a Bachelor of Science in Environment Conservation and Ecology. Malaki joined SPREP from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Samoa where he was the Assistant Chief Executive Officer (ACEO), Water Resources Division since 2014. He started in his new role on **2 February 2026**.



Ms. Toiata Uili has been appointed to the position of **Technical Officer – Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Hub**. She is a Samoan national with a Master in Water Resource Management from the University of Canterbury, NZ and a Bachelor of degree in Geography and Economics from the USP. Toiata joined SPREP from the MNRE, Samoa where she had been since 2010 holding multiple positions and most recently as the ACEO, Renewable Energy Division since 2021. She started in her new role on **2 February 2026**.



Ms. Mercy Tausili is the new **Finance and Administration Officer, NDC Hub**. She is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2021 as a Finance Officer within the Finance Department. Mercy is a graduate of Macquarie University, Australia with a Bachelor of Professional Accounting. She started in her new role on **27 March 2026**.

CLIMATE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION PROGRAMME



Mr. Sunny Seuseu is the new **Regional Climate Centre Technical Adviser, Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Project**. He is a Samoan national who joined SPREP initially in 2015 as the Climate Services Prediction Services Coordinator with the Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Services Project (ROK PI CiPS), Phase 1. He joined the VanKIRAP project in 2018 where he recently completed his contract as the Project Manager, VanKIRAP in December 2025. Sunny started in his new role on **2 February 2026**.



Ms. Angelica Salele-Sefo is the new **Communications and Knowledge Management Officer, Weather Ready Pacific Programme (WRPP)**. She is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined initially in 2014 as the Information Management Officer and most recently in 2025 as the Temporary Project Development Coordinator, Kiwa Initiative. Angelica is a graduate of Swansea University, United Kingdom (UK) with a Master in Communications, Media Practice and Public Relations and Victoria University of Wellington, NZ with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Criminology and International Relations. Angelica started in her new role on **2 February 2026**.



Mr. Tile Tofaeono has been appointed to the **Climate Prediction Services Coordinator** position. He is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP previously from 2019 – 2023 for the first phase of the ROK-PI CiPSCo Project. Tile rejoins SPREP from the World Meteorological Organisation where was working as an Associate Scientific Officer for the last two years. He is a graduate of NUS with Bachelor of Science. Tile started in his new role on **25 February 2026**.



Mr. Richard Lal has been appointed to the **Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning and Adaptation Officer, WRPP** position. He is a Fijian national and is a graduate of USP, Fiji and holds a Master of Commerce and dual Bachelor in Commerce and Education. Richard joins SPREP from Telecommunications Tokelau where he was the Finance Manager since 2023. He started in his new role on **30 March 2026**.



Ms. Gustina Lee has been appointed to the **Project Support Officer, ClimSA** position. She is a Samoan national and is a graduate of Monash University, Australia and Bachelor of Commerce. Gustina joins SPREP Samoa International Finance Authority where she was a Compliance Officer for the past three years. She started in her new role on **30 March 2026**.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMME



Ms. Renee Kamu is the new **Project Officer, GEF ISLANDS CHILD Project**. She is a Samoan national and has been with SPREP since 2022 as the Finance and Administration Officer under the same project. Renee is a graduate of NUS with a Bachelor of Commerce and Diploma in Banking and Finance. She started in her new role on **1 March 2026**.



Ms. Mavis Joseph has been appointed to the position of **Project Coordinator, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) towards a Global Treaty Project**. She is a Fijian national with a Master of Law in International Maritime Law from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Malta and a Bachelor Laws degree from USP, Vanuatu. Mavis joined SPREP from The Pacific Community where she had been working as the International Maritime Organisation Technical Cooperation Officer since 2018. She started in her new role on **2 March 2026**.



Ms. Carys Brenin has been appointed **Technical Officer, Waste Management Infrastructure GEF ISLANDS CHILD Project**. She is a NZ national and holds a Master of Engineering from the University of Bristol, UK. Carys joined SPREP from Green Earth Development, NZ where she was the Director since 2019. She started in her new role on **16 March 2026**.

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Ms. Seruwaia Qimaqima has been appointed as the **Procurement Officer**. She is a Fijian national and is a graduate of the USP, Fiji with a Bachelor of Arts in Management, Public Administration and Tourism Studies. Seruwaia joined SPREP from the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Fiji where she was the Senior Procurement Officer since 2025. She was previously the Procurement and Travel Officer for the IUCN Oceania Regional Office, Fiji since 2013. She started in her new role on **2 February 2026**.

LEGAL SERVICES AND GOVERNING BODIES DEPARTMENT



Mr. Everett Sioa is the new **Legal Services and Governing Bodies Officer**. He is a Samoan national and is no stranger to SPREP having joined in 2021 initially as the Legal Officer. Everett is a graduate of the USP, Vanuatu with a Bachelor of Laws. He started in his new role on **1 January 2026**.



Ms. Genalyn Almoro has been appointed as the **Legal Services and Governing Bodies Adviser**. She is a national of the Philippines and holds a Master in International Studies from the Korea University and a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts, Political Science. Previously she worked as a Researcher with Human Asia in South Korea since 2023 and held several counsel roles with Accenture, Inc. in the Philippines for over four years. Genalyn started in her new role **2 March 2026**.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION DEPARTMENT



Ms. Ilaisaane Have-Upton has been appointed to the position of **Risk Management and Compliance Officer**. She is a Tongan national and holds a Bachelor of Applied Management from Otago Polytechnic, NZ. Ilaisaane joins SPREP from Natural Hazards Commission, NZ where she held various roles with them, more recently she was the Head of Performance and Reporting since 2022. She started in her new role on **2 February 2026**.



Mr. Joeli Bili has been appointed as the **Partnerships and Donor Relations Officer**. He is a Fijian national and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship and Management from the Fiji National University. Joeli joined SPREP from GIZ, Fiji where he was the Regional Communications Officer since 2023. Previously he had held similar roles with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Fiji Women's Rights Movement. He started in his new role on **30 January 2026**.

The Secretariat would also like to acknowledge the services and contributions of the following staff to SPREP and the region as they leave SPREP to pursue other personal and professional developments:

1. Mr. Clark Peteru - Director, Legal Services and Governing Bodies, 28 February 2026, one of our longest serving Senior Leadership Team and staff members, after 22 years of service.
2. Ms. Olivia Hogarth – Human Resources Officer, 28 January 2026.
3. Ms. Amanda Wheatley – Biodiversity and Ecosystems Adviser, 31 January 2026.
4. Mr. Lawrence Warner – Property Services Officer, 6 February 2026.
5. Mr. Lance Richman – Technical Officer, GEF ISLANDS CHILD Project (Temp), 28 February 2026.
6. Mr. Ainsof So'o – Systems Developer and Analyst, 26 March 2026.
7. Ms. Karen Baird – Threatened and Migratory Species Adviser, 31 March 2026.
8. Mr. Fred Patison – Climate Change Finance Readiness Adviser, 10 April 2026.

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

Yours sincerely,

Easter Chu Shing
Acting Director General