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Subject: Introducing the following:
1. Ms. Kathleen Leewai, Publications & Communications Intern
2. Dr. Rachael Dempsey, Climate Change Specialist
3. Mr. Stanley Ebelewicz, Consultant

SPREP is pleased to introduce the following new recruits who have now joined the Secretariat;

1. Ms. Kathleen Leewai has been appointed to the position of Publications & Communications Intern (PCI). Ms. Leewai is a national of Fiji. She has been working in a number of media organisations in Suva mainly as a media representative in television, radio and publications. She has also completed formal studies towards a Bachelor of Communications. Ms. Leewai started official duties on Monday 12 September 2011.

The PCI will be providing support on communications, publications and administrative matters to the Communications & Outreach Unit.

2. Dr. Rachael Dempsey, Climate Change Specialist from GIZ – SPC coping with Climate Change in the Pacific project has joined SPREP under secondment for four years. Dr. Dempsey is an Australian national and holds a PhD in Environmental Science & Education from the University of Flensburg, Germany. She joins SPREP from Australia where she has been working since 2008 in various projects and recently as the Assistant Director for the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. Dr. Dempsey will be working closely with the Secretariat's Climate Change Team. This secondment is through GIZ's technical assistance aimed at supporting SPREP's capacity building initiatives on Climate Change Adaptation within the Pacific region. Dr. Dempsey started official duties on Monday 3 October 2011.

3. Mr. Stanley Ebelewicz from the UK has also joined SPREP as the resident Team Leader for the Italian consulting firm HYDEA S.r.l, which has been contracted to work closely with SPREP's Waste Management team to implement the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Regional Solid Waste Management Initiative in the next four years. This initiative will focus largely on used oil management in the region and also on building technical capacity of member states. Mr. Ebelewicz

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started official duties on Monday 3 October 2011 and will be supported by other members of the HYDEA S.r.l team based in Italy.

We welcome our new colleagues to SPREP and look forward to improved services in the region with their arrival.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard
Director