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SUBJECT: **Introducing our new staff:**

- **Dr. Frank Griffin (Hazardous Waste Management Adviser)**
- **Mr. Jope Davetanivalu (Planning and Capacity Development Adviser)**

SPREP is pleased to announce the following appointments within the Secretariat:



Dr. Frank Griffin has been appointed to the Hazardous Waste Management Adviser position within the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division. Frank is no stranger to SPREP, having worked as the Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Adviser for SPREP from 2003 to 2009. Frank is a national of Papua New Guinea and holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of York, England and a Masters degree in Chemistry from the Australian National University. He joins SPREP from the University of PNG where he has been working for the last couple of years as the Executive Dean for the School of Natural Sciences. He will be working closely with the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division and started official duties on the 21st of September 2013.

The Hazardous Waste Management Adviser will provide technical advice, support and assistance to SPREP Members on regional hazardous waste and chemical management issues as well as lead and manage the Hazardous Waste Management team. This position is funded by the Government of Australia.



Mr. Jope Davetanivalu has been appointed to the Planning and Capacity Development Adviser position within the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division. Jope holds a Master of Environment Management and Bachelor of Environment Health from the University of Western Sydney, Australia. He has worked in a number of organisations in Fiji including the Ministry of Health and Fiji School of Medicine. He joins SPREP from the Department of Environment, Fiji where he has been working for more than six years - three of those as the Director Environment. He will be working closely with the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division and started official duties on the 1st of October 2013.

The Planning and Capacity Development Adviser will plan, oversee and facilitate activities related to planning and capacity development for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to achieve national and regional environmental outcomes, in line with the 2011-2015 SPREP Strategic Plan. This position is funded by the Government of Australia.

We welcome our new staff to SPREP and looking forward to these positions increasing relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Director General