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SUBJECT: Introducing our new staff:

- Mr. Simon Wilson (Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser)
- Mr. Kilom Ishiguro (Spatial Data Technician)

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



Mr. Simon Wilson, an Australian national, has been appointed to the position of Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser (MEA) within the Corporate Services Division. Simon holds a Masters of Environmental Management and Development and a Bachelor of Arts and Science from the Australian National University, Australia. He also holds a Diploma in Project Management from the University of New England, Australia and is currently undertaking a Diploma in Education from Charles Darwin University, Australia. He joins SPREP from the Australian Department of Environment where he has been working for the last 4 years in various roles relating to monitoring and evaluation and environmental and sustainable policy and recently as Assistant Director, Green Army Implementation Taskforce. He has also worked previously with Carbon Bridge (Laos), Concern Universal (Bangladesh) and the Department of Climate Change (Australia). Simon will start official duties on 13th August 2014.

This will be first time that SPREP has appointed a Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser. The Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser position will be responsible for guiding and implementing effective and robust monitoring and evaluation systems and processes for all SPREP projects and programmes.



Mr. Kilom Ishiguro, a national of the Marshall Islands, has been recruited under the Young Professionals Programme as Spatial Data Technician (SDT) within the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division for 12 months. Kilom holds an Associate Degree specialising in Marine Science and Coastal Management from the College of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and a Certificate in Civil Engineering from Kokakuin University, Japan. He joins SPREP from the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS) where he has been working as a Senior Research Scientist for the last 12 months. He has had previous experience with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry

and Fisheries, Samoa and the Marshall Islands Conservation Society. Kilom is based in Samoa and started official duties on Monday, 4th August 2014.

The Young Professionals Programme aims to provide professional exposure and capacity building for young graduates in Pacific islands and territories. In particular, this is an opportunity for young professionals like Kilom to become involved in SPREP's work and learn about regional environmental issues and priorities. The Spatial Data Technician (SDT) role will provide this opportunity for Kilom and at the same time, the SDT will provide a controlled synthesis of multiple spatial datasets into a centralised database and to provide technical IT support in developing an Open Source Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI).

We welcome our new staff members to SPREP and look forward to these positions improving our support to environmental management in the region.

Yours sincerely,



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