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SUBJECT: Introducing our new staff:

- Ms. Ma Bella Guinto (Solid Waste Management Adviser)

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



Ms. Ma Bella Guinto, a New Zealand national, has been appointed to the position of Solid Waste Management Adviser (SWMA) within the Waste Management and Pollution Control Division. Ma Bella holds a Master of Science in Environmental Management from Griffith University, Australia, a Master of Science in Soil Science (Soil Chemistry) and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Soil Science) from the University of the Philippines. She joins SPREP from the University of the South Pacific, Samoa, where she has been working over the last 12 months. Ma Bella has extensive experience in waste management including experience with the Murrindindi Shire Council in Victoria, Australia as Coordinator Waste Management, the Taupo District Council in NZ as Network Operations Engineer in Solid Waste and with the local Government Unit of Carmona, Philippines as Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer. She started official duties on 18 September 2014 and will be based with the rest of the Waste Management and Pollution Control Team.

The Solid Waste Management Adviser position is supported through funding from the New Zealand Government and has the primary role of providing technical advice, support and assistance to SPREP Members and the JICA/J-PRISM team on regional solid waste management issues.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Director General