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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

- **Mr. Simpson Abraham (SPREP Solid Waste Management Expert – FSM)**
- **Ms. Elizabeth Vanderburg (PacWaste Project Officer)**

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



Mr. Simpson Abraham, a national of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has been appointed to the position of SPREP Solid Waste Management Expert based in FSM. Simpson holds a Diploma in Tropical Fisheries with a major in Marine Environmental Science from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. He has worked in a number of reputable environmental organisations including the Kosrae State Government; Greenpeace International, USA; Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), FSM and recently as Programme Manager, FSM Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change. Simpson is married with six children. He started official duties on Monday, 5th January 2015, and is based at the SPC Office in Pohnpei, FSM.

The Solid Waste Management Expert position has the primary role of providing strategic advice and technical expertise, including coordination and facilitation, on all solid waste management issues within the Federated States of Micronesia.



Ms. Elizabeth Vanderburg, a national of New Zealand, has been appointed to the position of PacWaste Project Officer. Elizabeth grew up in Samoa, and holds a Bachelor of Design from Otago Polytechnic and a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Otago. She has had wide project and technical experience with Geology and Nuclear Science, NZ; Nature Conservancy, USA; Pells Sullivan Meynink, Australia and recently with URS, Australia as an exploration hydro-geologist. Elizabeth has extensive experience in the field management of asbestos exposure and also has extensive experience in development of public relations and web based communication products. She starts official duties on Monday 9th February 2015, and will be based with the Waste Management and Pollution Control team.

The PacWaste Project Officer position will assist with the implementation of the PacWaste Project, particularly to assist SPREP and participating countries in implementing improved health care waste management, and in complying with European Union reporting requirements, and will also co-ordinate public relations and outreach aspects of the project.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Director General