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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

- **Mr. Herman Timmermans (Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Project Manager)**
- **Mr. David Loubser (Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Vanuatu Country Manager)**
- **Mr. Tim Hartley (PacWaste Solid Waste Project Officer)**

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



Mr. Herman Timmermans, a national of South Africa, has been appointed to the position of Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change, Project Manager (PEBACC PM) within the Biodiversity & Ecosystem Management Division. Herman holds a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Rhodes University, South Africa; and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Geographical Science from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He has been working with various organisations in the region including UNDP Pacific Centre and SPC's SOPAC Division. Herman is no stranger to SPREP having recently completed a secondment at SPREP as the Climate Change Adviser under the Pacific German Regional Programme (GIZ) Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region (CCCPIR). He started official duties on Monday 25th May 2015 and is based temporarily at the SPREP headquarters before relocating to Suva, Fiji with his family where he will be based for the duration of his contract.

The Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change Project Manager position has the primary role of managing and implementing a German International Climate Initiative (*ICI*) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (*BMU*) funded Ecosystem-based Adaption project in Fiji, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. This position is funded by the Federal Republic of Germany.



Mr. David Loubser has been appointed to the position of Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change, Vanuatu Country Manager (PEBACC VCM). David is a national of New Zealand. He holds a Masters in Applied Science from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He joins SPREP from the African Wildlife Foundation where he has been working as Technical Director, Climate Change for over two years. David has extensive project experience and has held a number of senior roles within Earth Cubed Ltd, Ministry of Environment, NZ as well as being Director for the NZ Geospatial Office. David will be based in Port Vila, Vanuatu with the Ministry of Climate Change. He started official duties on Monday 6th July 2015. His family will join him in Vanuatu later on in the year.

The Pacific Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change, Vanuatu Country Manager exists to manage and implement the Vanuatu country component of the German BMUB ICI-funded EbA project in Vanuatu. This position is funded by the Federal Republic of Germany.



Mr. Tim Hartley, a national of Australia has been appointed to the new position of PacWaste Solid Waste Project Officer (PWSWPO) within the Waste Management & Pollution Control Division. Tim holds a Master in Environmental Engineering from Melbourne University and a Bachelor of Communications, Electronic, Computer and Software Systems Engineering from RMIT University, Australia. He joins SPREP from GHD Pty Ltd Australia where he has been working as a consultant as well as in different capacities, as environmental engineer, technical adviser and expert in solid waste management projects, over the last 8 years. He started official duties on Monday 29th June 2015. His family will join him in Samoa later on in the year.

The PacWaste Solid Waste Project Officer will facilitate and coordinate the implementation of the PacWaste integrated atoll waste management project. This position is funded by the European Union.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu
Acting Director General