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SUBJECT: Introducing the following new staff:

- **Mr. Roger Cornforth, SPREP, Deputy Director General**
- **Ms. Veronica Levi, Financial Accountant**



Mr. Roger Cornforth, a national of New Zealand, has been appointed as the Deputy Director General of SPREP.

Mr. Cornforth holds a Master of Arts in Biogeography/Coastal Environments and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Biology, Anthropology, and English from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr. Cornforth is no stranger to SPREP having worked as Programme Officer, South Pacific Biodiversity Conservation Programme from 1993 – 1997. He brings extensive strategic leadership and international experience in the environment and development sectors to SPREP, having worked in a number of senior leadership roles in the Department of Conservation of New Zealand and NZAID within New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

His career with NZ MFAT spanned a range of roles including the Principal Environment Advisor, the European Development Counsellor and Senior Vice Chair, Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD and most recently as the Deputy Director for the Pacific Development Division, New Zealand Aid Programme since 2013.

Roger will start official duties as Deputy Director General on Monday, 30 May 2016.

The Deputy Director General will provide strategic leadership and management support to the Director General as well as leadership and management of the corporate and operational functions of the Secretariat.

Roger is married to Betty-Lynne and they have two children and two grandchildren.



Ms. Veronica Levi has been appointed to the position of Financial Accountant within the Finance & Administration Team. Ms. Levi is a national of Samoa and she has been working as the Finance and Procurement Specialist for the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) at SPREP for over a year.

She holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Management and International Business from the University of Auckland, New Zealand and is a Certified Public Accountant with the Samoa Institute of Accountants.

Prior to SPREP, Ms. Levi was the Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Corporate Services Unit with the Samoa Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Labour. She has also worked with UNDP Samoa Country Office as well as the Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry in similar roles.

Veronica is married to Siegfried and they have four children.

She started official duties on Monday, 11 April 2016 and will be based in Module C with the Finance & Administration Team.

The key roles of the Financial Accountant includes overseeing and management of the Budget, Accounts Payable, Cash Flow and all related key finance support functions.

We warmly welcome Roger and Veronica & their families to our SPREP Community and looking forward to working with them over the next three years. We trust these positions will continue to strengthen and increase relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu
Director General