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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

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

- Mr. Philip Marsden, Climate Information Knowledge Specialist, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Ms. Azarel Mariner Maiai, Climate and Oceans Support Programme in the Pacific (COSPPac) Capacity Development Officer



Mr. Philip Marsden joins SPREP as part of his Secondment from GIZ. Philip is a national of Germany. He will be working closely with the Climate Change Division as the Climate Information Knowledge Specialist for the next two years and will particularly focus on the Pacific Climate Change Portal. Philip specialises in the areas of Software based Marketing Information Systems and Project Management. He started official duties on Monday, 1 August 2016. Philip's wife and two children also joins him in Apia for the duration of his contract.

This position will coordinate and provide technical input into the functionality of the portal and identify ways to further improve the connectivity, user interface and overall function of the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) systems.

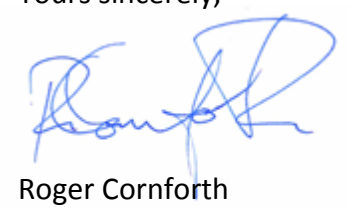


Ms. Azarel Mariner - Maiai has been appointed to the position of COSPPac Capacity Development Officer. Azarel is no stranger to SPREP having worked within the Climate Change Division over the last four years in various roles including the Climate Change Technical Assistant and as the Climate Change Technical Officer. She started in her new role on Thursday, 21 July 2016. Azarel is married with two children, all of whom are based with her in Samoa.

The COSPPac CDO position will develop communications products related to the COSPPac Climate Change tools and provide capacity building for regional National Meteorological Services (NMSs) and relevant stakeholders on climate science and the use of the COSPPac tools. This position is funded by the Australia Bureau of Meteorology.

We welcome Philip to the SPREP family and we congratulate Azarel on her new appointment. We look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,



Roger Cornforth
Acting Director General