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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following:**

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

- Mr. Philip Malsale, COSPPac Climatology Officer (COSPPac CO)
- Ms. Flora Artzner, Pacific Biodiversity Blue Belt Coordinator (PBBBC)



Mr. Philip Malsale has been appointed to the position of COSPPac Climatology Officer. Philip is a national of Vanuatu and holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Science; a Postgraduate Diploma in Geography; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. He has worked for about fifteen years with Vanuatu's Ministry of Climate Change in the areas of meteorological and Geo Hazards services with his recent position being Manager of Climate Services. He started official duties on Monday, 13 February 2017 and will be based at Module D with the rest of the COSPPac Team and Climate Change Division.

The COSPPac CO post exists to provide transition and maintenance of COSPPac climate tools and products as well as support the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) and Pacific Island National Meteorological Services.



Ms. Flora Artzner, a national of France, has been appointed as the Pacific Blue Belt coordinator for the *Biodiversity Blue Belt* project— a three year project implemented by SPREP, in partnership with the French Marine Protected Areas Agency. Flora joins SPREP from the IUCN French Committee where she has been working in various roles in the areas of biodiversity and ecosystems. She holds a Master degree in Engineering from ISTOM, College of International Agro-Development, France. Flora started official duties on Monday 13 February and will be working closely with the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Division.

The PBBBC post exists to provide technical, administrative and coordination support to SPREP to implement the Blue Belt project.

We congratulate Philip and Flora on their new appointments. We look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,



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