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SUBJECT: **Introducing the following;**

- **Mr. Mark Graham, Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Adviser**
- **Mr. Salesa Nihmei, Meteorology & Climate Officer**

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

Mr. Mark Graham has been appointed to the position of Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Adviser (EMRA). Mark is a national of Canada. He holds a Master of Science in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University, Canada, a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Geography, from the University of Victoria, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from University of British Columbia, Canada. He joins SPREP from the Ministry of Environment, British Columbia where he has been working for the last 9 years in different roles such as the Unit Head - Air & Water Networks and Reporting, Air Quality Network Specialist, Air Quality Meteorologist and recently as Manager of Water, Air Monitoring and Reporting. Mr. Graham will be working with the Environmental Monitoring & Governance team. He is joined in Apia by his wife Esther and three children.



The EMRA will be working with Pacific Island Countries on sustaining and developing monitoring and reporting initiatives nationally and across the Pacific region. He will also assist in maximising Pacific Island Country access to funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and other bi-lateral and multi-lateral financing mechanisms and agencies.

Mr. Nihmei Salesa has been appointed to the position of Meteorology & Climate Officer (MCO). Nihmei is a national of Vanuatu. He holds a Master of Science in Meteorology from the University of Philippines, a Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change from USP, Fiji and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (Water, Weather & Atmosphere) from Lincoln University, New Zealand. Nihmei joins SPREP from the Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD) where he has worked for over 12 years in a number of different technical roles including Acting Director, and most recently as the Head of Climate



Services. Mr. Nihmei will be working with the Climate Change team. He is joined in Apia by his wife Sharon and three children.

The MCO will guide SPREP in our efforts to assist member countries develop and strengthen National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS's) through processes outlined in the Pacific Island Meteorological Strategy 2012-2021 (PIMS).

Both officers started official duties in January 2013 and both positions are funded by Australia. We welcome our new recruits to SPREP and looking forward to these positions increasing relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General