



APPLICANT INFORMATION PACKAGE
DIRECTOR, ISLAND AND OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS PROGRAMME

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A. Background Information on SPREP

The *Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environment Programme* (SPREP) is the regional organisation established by the Governments and Administrations of the Pacific charged with protecting and managing the environment and natural resources of the Pacific.

The head office is based in Apia, Samoa with over 130 staff. There are SPREP offices in Fiji, the Republic of the Marshalls Islands and Vanuatu.

SPREP has an annual budget of approximately USD30 million in 2021.

The establishment of SPREP in 1993 sends a clear signal to the global community of the deep commitment of Pacific island Governments and Administrations for better management of the environment within the context of sustainable development.

The strategic direction for SPREP is clearly set out in the 2017-2026 SPREP Strategic Plan. The Plan outlines the mandate, vision and programmes for the organisation, and places strong emphasis on effective delivery of services to SPREP Member countries and territories.

Mandate

SPREP's **mandate** is to promote cooperation in the Pacific region and provide assistance to Pacific island countries and territories in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Vision

SPREP is guided by its **vision for the future:**

"A resilient Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures".

Members

SPREP has 21 Pacific island member countries and territories:

▪ American Samoa	▪ Northern Marianas
▪ Cook Islands	▪ Palau
▪ Federate States of Micronesia	▪ Papua New Guinea
▪ Fiji	▪ Samoa
▪ French Polynesia	▪ Solomon Islands
▪ Guam	▪ Tokelau
▪ Kiribati	▪ Tonga
▪ Marshall Islands	▪ Tuvalu
▪ Nauru	▪ Vanuatu
▪ New Caledonia	▪ Wallis and Futuna
▪ Niue	

and 5 'metropolitan' member countries with direct interests in the region:

- Australia,
- France,

- New Zealand,
- United Kingdom and
- the United States of America;

SPREP Goals and Objectives

The Secretariat continues to strengthen and realign its institutional capacities, competencies, and systems to best support its Members by delivering more integrated, responsive, and cost-effective services to Members and partners and by better coordinating regional efforts.

SPREP's Pacific and metropolitan members agreed that SPREP's Strategic plan should span 10 years to address critical environmental and related social and governance strategic priorities, which are reflected in the strategy's regional and organisational goals and objectives, as well as in SPREP's core 'Values'.

Regional Goals

- **Regional Goal 1:** Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change;
- **Regional Goal 2:** Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems;
- **Regional Goal 3:** Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control;
- **Regional Goal 4:** Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to and best practice of environmental governance.

Organisational Goals

- **Organisation Goal 1:** SPREP has information, knowledge, and communications systems that get the right information to the right people at the right time and influence positive organisational, behavioural and environmental change.
- **Organisation Goal 2:** SPREP has multi-disciplinary processes in programme delivery and in supporting Members to develop national and regional policies and strategies.
- **Organisation Goal 3:** SPREP has a reliable and sustainable funding base to achieve environmental outcomes for the benefit of the Pacific islands region and manages its programmes and operations to stay within its agreed budget.
- **Organisation Goal 4:** SPREP is leading and engaged in productive partnerships and collaboration.
- **Organisation Goal 5:** SPREP has access to a pool of people with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills to enable it to deliver on its shared regional vision.

SPREP's Values

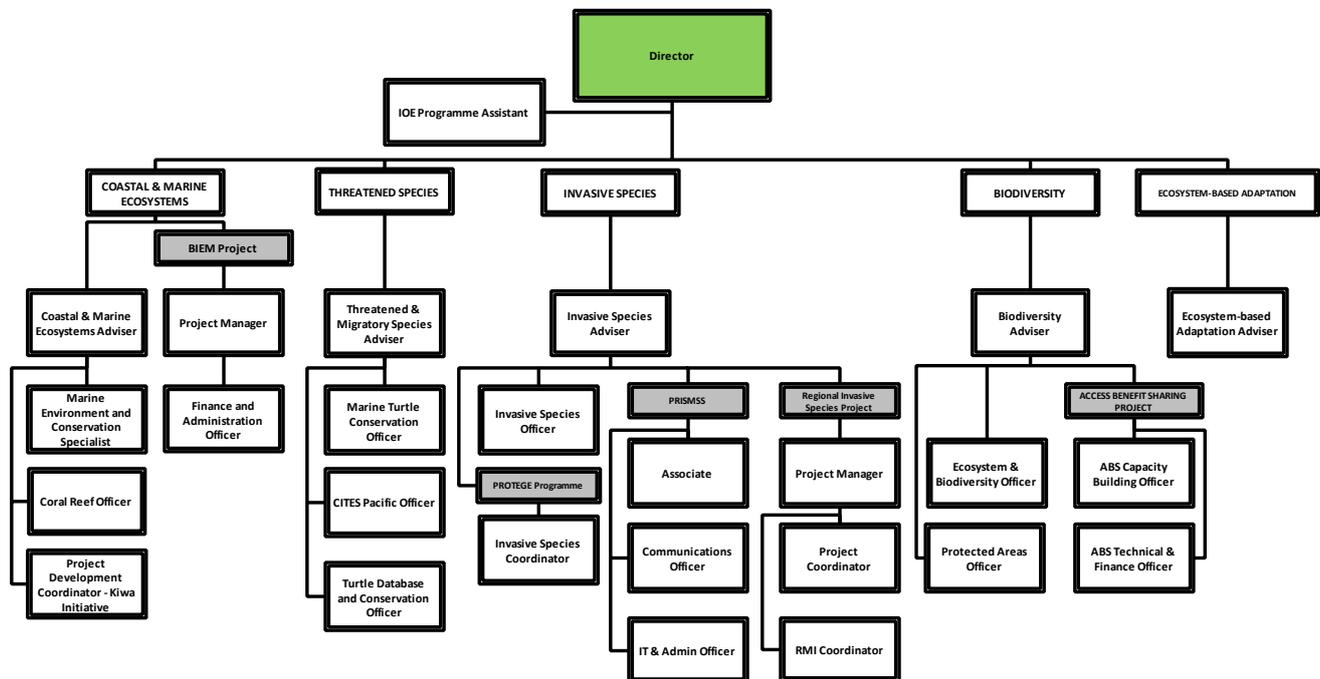
SPREP approaches the environmental challenges faced by the Pacific guided by four simple **Values**. These values guide all aspects of our work:

- We value the **Environment**
- We value our **People**
- We value high quality and targeted **Service Delivery**
- We value **Integrity**

B. JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems (DIOE)
Programme:	Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE)
Team:	Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE)
Responsible To:	Deputy Director General, Technical Programmes
Responsible For: (Total number of staff)	27
Job Purpose:	<p>This job exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide strategic leadership and management of the Island & Ocean Ecosystems Programme
Date:	May 2021

Organisation Context



Key Result Areas

The position of **Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems (DIOE)** addresses the following Key Result Areas:

1. Senior Leadership Team
2. Strategic Programme Leadership & Planning
3. Team Leadership and Management
4. Communications and Reporting
5. Relationship Management and Fundraising

The requirements in the above Key Result Areas are broadly identified below.

Jobholder is accountable for	Jobholder is successful when
<p>1. Senior Leadership Team;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide strategic vision and direction to guide SPREP in its lead role on island and ocean ecosystem b) Work strategically and collaboratively with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to provide an integrated approach to the strategic leadership of SPREP as well as organisational planning, programme design, work programme and budget implementation, performance monitoring and evaluation, and building partnerships in line with the SLT Terms of Reference (TOR), to ensure the ongoing success of SPREP. c) Take part in SLT meetings and effectively contribute to discussions and decision making on key strategic issues for the organisation. d) Lead and drive the implementation of an agreed Outcome of the SPREP People Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic vision and direction is provided to SPREP and has had positive influence on SPREP's role and profile as a leader on island and ocean ecosystems • Participates and contributes strategically and effectively to the SLT TOR, the SLT Meetings as well as all organisational matters • Critical and emerging island and ocean ecosystem issues with strategic action plan options are brought to SLT's attention in a timely manner • Key milestones for implementation of the agreed outcome of the SPREP People Strategy are achieved
<p>2. Strategic Programme Leadership & Planning;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide leadership within SPREP and the region on key Island and Ocean Ecosystems (IOE) issues and related projects b) Provide strategic advice and assistance to the Executive Leadership on issues and opportunities for the IOE programme, building insights into planning and priority setting and bringing critical and emerging issues to the attention of the Senior Leadership Team. c) Lead on and ensure the key objectives and targets for the Programme under the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic and inspirational leadership and effective input is provided to key SPREP and regional IOE issues and related projects as well as key organisational matters • Executive Leadership accepts and values advice and assistance which contributes to the SPREP mandate and strategic objectives • Targets and objectives of the PIP are achieved in collaboration with other programmes

<p>Performance Implementation Plan (PIP) are achieved</p>	
<p>3. Team Leadership and Management;</p> <p>a) Lead and provide direction to the IOE Programme and its team, ensuring that SPREP's IOE goals and objectives, including all related IOE concepts and principles, are integrated into other SPREP programmes.</p> <p>b) Lead, support and manage the continuous professional performance and development of the IOE programme staff</p> <p>c) Ensure that the IOE programme keeps up to date with current IOE issues and practices and identify implications for SPREP.</p> <p>d) Provide strategic leadership, planning and management of all the programme's human and financial resources</p> <p>e) Develop and oversee implementation of the IOE programme's Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) and implementation strategy towards achievement of the PIP goals and objectives, including staffing resources and requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOE programme is a high performing team operating with a positive, cohesive and effective collaborative approach to work within the team and across SPREP • Key environmental IOE concepts and initiatives are well understood within the team and are fully integrated and linked across the other SPREP programmes • Effective and inspirational leader who motivates the team and provides guidance on their work and responsibilities • Efficient and effective management of staffing issues, in collaboration with the Executive Management and HR • AWP&B is developed and implemented with continuous performance monitoring • Programme's Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Report (PMER) is completed and presented to annual SPREP Meeting (SM) • IOE programme's strategic priorities are met and technical assessment and reporting completed • Fully compliance and accountable to corporate responsibilities including budget management, financial reporting, staff recruitment, staff Performance Development Plans, and other general management requirements
<p>4. Communications and Reporting</p> <p>a) Provide effective communication and strategic high-level reporting of all essential IOE information to SPREP Executive Management, SLT, staff and stakeholders</p> <p>b) Communicate and build an environment of open and constructive communication within the IOE programme and across SPREP</p> <p>c) Monitor and provide reporting on progress in implementing the AWP&B and PIP goals and objectives in accordance with SPREP's reporting framework</p> <p>d) Ensure all reporting requirements and commitments to external stakeholders are upheld and strategic communications are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective and strategic high level communication is provided at all times on key IOE issues • Open and constructive communication with IOE programme and across other SPREP programmes • High level reporting on all key IOE issues and requirements are provided in line with SPREP's reporting framework • All programme reporting requirements and commitments to other stakeholders are completed in line with established standards and agreements

<p>undertaken with stakeholders around SPREP's key role and service issues.</p>	
<p>5. Relationship Management and Fundraising <i>IOE Programme and SPREP-wide</i></p> <p>a) Lead and manage the performance of a highly performing professional team by providing a collaborative and productive team environment where feedback is encouraged, members have clearly defined roles, with a clear understanding and appreciation of how their work supports the wider regional and organisational goals</p> <p><i>Member and Donor Liaison</i></p> <p>b) Engage and maintain constructive relationships with Members in policy dialogue including ascertaining their national priorities and the effective delivery of support services within</p> <p>c) Identify strategic opportunities and establish partnerships based on mutual benefits</p> <p>d) Identify and actively pursue funding opportunities and liaison with donors and potential partners to secure funding for the programme and SPREP wide activities</p> <p>e) Develop proposals in close consultation with Members for consideration by partners and donors</p> <p><i>Regional Cooperation and Representation</i></p> <p>f) Establish and maintain national, regional and international partnership networks and coordinate technical or functional support mechanisms which fall within the ambit of the IOE programme</p> <p>g) Represent and strategically advocate for SPREP's interests at high level regional and international meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOE programme is a high performing team operating with a positive, cohesive and effective collaborative approach to work within the team and across SPREP • Members are fully engaged in relevant policy dialogues and SPREP services are well linked to national priorities • Strong and effective partnerships with other organisations are developed and maintained • Constructive relationships with Members and effective partnerships with relevant organisations are established • Existing and new funding opportunities are secured for programme and SPREP activities • Project concepts and action plans for future project proposals and potential donors are developed to secure resources • Effective and beneficial partnerships and networks are established and contribute to the progression of implementation of SPREP'S strategic priorities and its PIP • Partnerships and networks lift the profile of SPREP as a leader and coordinator of IOE issues in the Pacific region • Strategic and effective engagement and advocacy at high level meetings

Note

The above performance standards are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will need further discussion between the Jobholder and the Deputy Director General as part of the Performance Development System.

This section may be copied directly into the Performance Development Plans.

Work Complexity

Most challenging duties typically undertaken:

- Ensuring that SPREP's role as a leader in IOE in the region is well established and implemented
- Providing leadership and ensuring SPREP is on top of key IOE issues and related projects
- Leading and managing diverse multi-disciplinary and multi-culture staff
- Fundraising and relationship management
- Balancing programme management duties with wider corporate responsibilities

Functional Relationships & Related Skills

Key internal and/or external contacts	Nature of the contact most typical
<p>External</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member countries • Donors / Partners • Professional / Scientific organisations • Regional / International organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and assistance • Consultations • Technical discussions and support • Collaborative discussions and financial and technical support • Fundraising and project negotiation
<p>Internal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Leadership • Senior Leadership Team • Programme staff • All staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and management • Supervision and delegation • Coaching and mentoring • Advice and support

Level of Delegation

The position holder:

- manages an operational budget and has oversight of the programme budget
- can authorise costs in own budget
- can carry out negotiations on behalf of SPREP
- can seek funding opportunities for work programme activities

Person Specification

This section is designed to capture the expertise required for the role at the 100% fully effective level (this does not necessarily reflect what the current jobholder has). This may be a combination of knowledge / experience, qualifications or equivalent level of learning through experience or key skills, attributes or job specific competencies.

Qualifications

Essential

1. Minimum qualifications of a Master degree in Environmental Management / Development or related field OR a Bachelor degree in lieu, with applied relevant work experience in excess of the minimum required relevant work experience.

Knowledge / Experience

Essential

2. At least 15 years strategic high level experience in environmental management/ development work relating to island and ocean ecosystems, preferably in the Pacific region, with at least 10 of those years in senior leadership and management roles
3. Extensive strategic leadership and management experience including high level advisory and analytical skills as well as leading and nurturing teams of diverse technical backgrounds and expertise in multicultural and multi-disciplinary environments
4. Extensive knowledge of the Pacific Islands region with excellent understanding of environmental issues, specifically island and ocean ecosystems in the Pacific and challenges facing Pacific Island Countries and Territories.
5. Excellent programme and project leadership and management experience including the development of funding proposals, design and delivery of integrated work programme activities, monitoring and evaluation of performance, resource management as well as a good understanding of synergies and interlinkages across multilateral environmental agreements
6. Excellent experience at strategic and high level communication, negotiation and reporting across diverse audiences, particularly in the Pacific setting
7. Excellent relationship management and fundraising skills and experience that demonstrate a high level of professional and constructive engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders as well as an excellent understanding of key donor partners and funding institutions with proven fundraising experience.

Key Skills / Attributes / Job Specific Competencies

The following levels would typically be expected for the 100% fully effective level:

Expert level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Leadership • Strategic Management • Relationship Management • Environmental knowledge • Programme and project management, monitoring and evaluation • Work programme planning, budgeting and implementation • Resource Management • Inspirational leadership and management principles
Advanced level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Island and ocean ecosystems issues in the Pacific islands region • Emerging environmental issues and challenges
Working Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Financial principles • General Human Resources Management principles • General management principles
Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPREP Strategic Plan • SPREP Performance Implementation Plan • SPREP Work Programmes • SPREP People Strategy

Key Behaviours

All staff are expected to uphold SPREP's Organisational Values and Code of Conduct which are Key Behaviours forming part of the Performance Development:

- Environmental Leadership
- Service Delivery
- Valuing our People
- Integrity

All Directors, Managers and Supervisors are expected to uphold SPREP's established Leadership and Management Behaviours forming part of the Performance Development Plan.

Change to job description

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes in the Job Description in response to the changing nature of our work environment– including technological requirements or statutory changes. This Job Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle or as required.

C. REMUNERATION PACKAGE – TERMS & CONDITIONS

“Due to the current COVID-19 situation affecting the region, and the priority the Secretariat places on its staff safety, health and well-being, please note that there may be delays in taking up the appointment. There will be an opportunity to discuss this matter thoroughly with the successful candidates and any appointment and on-boarding would only proceed when regional conditions permit the deployment of new staff”.

Duty Station: Apia, Samoa.

Duration: Appointment is for a term of 3 years initially with possible renewal up to a maximum of 6 years subject to performance during the initial term, continuity of related programme activities and availability of funds.

Salary: Salary is denominated in International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights (SDRs). Remuneration for this post falls within Band 15 of SPREP’s salary scale. Starting salary will be SDR64,626 per annum. Currently, the equivalent in Samoan Tala is SAT246,632 (USD102,763) per annum. Upon confirmation of probation, salary will be adjusted to SDR72,704 which is equivalent to SAT277,461 (USD115,609) per annum. All positions have been evaluated to reflect the level of responsibilities and level of experience and qualifications required. Further progress in the salary scale will be based on annual performance reviews.

Cost of living differential allowance (COLDA): A Cost-of-Living Differential Allowance of SDR7,155 will be paid to the successful candidate. The current equivalent in Samoan Tala is SAT27,306 (USD11,378). Upon confirmation of probation, this will be adjusted to SDR7,836 which is equivalent to SAT29,905 (USD12,460) per annum. Cost-of-living differential allowance reflects the comparative cost of living difference between Suva and Apia. This allowance is reviewed periodically based on data determined by an independent reviewer.

Adjustments: Salaries and allowances for internationally recruited staff are paid in Samoan Tala and adjusted every month based on the monthly average in the value of the SDR relative to the Samoan Tala (SAT) at the time the salary payment is processed. SDR movement however is limited to within 5% above or below a reference point set annually. Remuneration is paid monthly in SAT equivalent. The international currency exchange rate at the time of writing is approximately USD1.00 = SAT\$2.40

Term: For staff recruited from outside Samoa, the term begins from the day the appointee leaves his or her home to take up the appointment. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical examination, as well as a 6-month probationary period.

An appointment is terminated by (i) completion of term of contract (ii) one month’s notice by either party (iii) without notice by either party paying one month salary in lieu of notice or (iv) dismissed with or without notice as a disciplinary measure.

Performance Reviews: Annual performance assessments and performance rewards will be based on the Secretariat’s Performance Development System.

FOR STAFF RECRUITED FROM OUTSIDE SAMOA, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Relocation Expenses: SPREP will meet certain appointment and termination expenses for staff recruited from outside Samoa, including transport and accommodation en-route for the appointee and accompanying dependant(s) between point of recruitment and Apia, and return, by the shortest and most economical route. This includes:

- economy class airfares;
- reasonable cost of packing, insuring, shipping and transporting furniture, household and personal effects on a 20ft container; and,
- up to 20 kilos of excess baggage each for the appointee and family.

Establishment Grant: A lump sum of SDR1,100 is payable upon taking up appointment and arrival in Apia. This is currently equivalent to SAT4,198 (USD1,749).

Temporary Accommodation and Assistance: On arrival in Apia, the appointee and dependent(s) are entitled to temporary accommodation at a suitable hotel or other fully furnished accommodation for up to 6 working days. The appointee will be assisted to settle into Apia. This will include help in finding suitable rental accommodation.

Privileges and Immunities: SPREP remuneration is tax-free for non-citizens or non-residents of Samoa, including duty-free importation of household and personal effects which have been owned and used by them for no less than six months, within 6 months of taking up appointment.

Repatriation allowance: The appointee is entitled to a repatriation allowance equivalent to two week's salary, upon successful completion of contract, provided the contract is not extended or renewed.

FOR ALL INTERNATIONALLY RECRUITED STAFF, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

Education Allowance: Education expenses maybe reimbursed against actual receipts for dependent children, to cover up to 75% of the actual costs, as stipulated under SPREP's Education Allowance policy. Currently the allowance is up to a maximum of Samoan Tala 15,600 (USD6,500) per annum per dependent child, with an overall maximum of Samoan Tala 46,800 (USD19,500) per annum per family of 3 or more eligible children.

School Holiday Travel: One return economy class flight each year between the place of education (taken to be recognised home) and Apia by (i) each dependent child being educated outside Samoa or (ii) the staff member or spouse to visit the child, providing the journey is not made within the final 6 months of the contract.

Family Leave Travel: Return economy class airfares between Apia and the recognised home for the staff member and dependants after completing 18 months of service for 3-year contracts providing no travel is undertaken within the final 12 months of the contract.

Housing Assistance: Internationally recruited staff shall receive housing assistance of 75% of the typical rent payable in Samoa for expatriate executive furnished housing. The current rate is SAT2,850 (USD1,188) per month. This assistance shall be reviewed annually and adjusted on relative movement in the local rental market.

Security Assistance: Security-related expenses maybe reimbursed against actual receipts up to SAT2,400 (USD1000) per annum as stipulated under SPREP’s Security Assistance policy.

Annual Leave: 25 working days a year (up to a maximum accumulation of 50 days).

Sick Leave: 30 working days a year (up to a maximum accumulation of 90 days).

Other Leave: Provisions also exist for maternity, compassionate, paternity, examination and special leave (without pay).

Duty Travel: SPREP meets travelling expenses at prescribed rates necessarily incurred by staff required to travel away from Apia on official business.

Life and Accidental Death and Disability Insurance: All employees are covered by SPREP’s 24 hour Life and Accidental Death and Disability Insurance Policy.

Medical Benefits: All employees and their dependants are entitled to have all reasonable medical, dental and optical expenses met, under the terms and conditions of the existing SPREP Medical Insurance.

Superannuation: All employees are required to contribute to the Samoa National Provident Fund. An expatriate internationally recruited staff member has the option to nominate another recognised Fund for their superannuation. SPREP will pay the minimum legal requirement of basic salary to the Samoa National Provident Fund or another approved nominated Fund.

Learning and Development

Learning and development opportunities will be based on the approved SPREP Performance Development System and individual Performance Development Plans.

Definitions:

'Dependant' means the spouse and financially dependent children of an employee.

'Dependent child' means an employee’s unmarried, financially dependent, natural or legally adopted child who is:

- under the age of 16 years; or
- under the age of 19 years if undertaking full-time study at a secondary school; or
- under the age of 25 years if enrolled and undertaking full-time study at a university or other tertiary institution; or
- mentally or physically incapacitated.

'Expatriate' means an internationally recruited staff member, who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Samoa, and who resides in Samoa only by virtue of employment with SPREP.

Equal Opportunities: SPREP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Men and women are equally eligible for all posts in SPREP.

General: Appointment will be under the terms and conditions of SPREP’s Staff Regulations, a copy of which will be made available to the successful applicant.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

ESSENTIAL: Applications should include:

1. Completed Application Form – can be downloaded from the Employment Section of our website (*you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will not be considered*);
2. A detailed Curriculum Vitae.

Applications that do not complete the correct SPREP Application Form and submit all the requirements stated above will not be considered.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

- a) **BY EMAIL (MOST PREFERRED OPTION):** Subject matter to be clearly marked “**Application for Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems (DIOE)**” and send to recruitment@sprep.org OR
- b) **BY POST OR FAX:** Application to be addressed and sent to: The Director General, SPREP, P.O. Box 240, Apia or fax number (685)20231 and clearly marked “**Application for Director, Island and Ocean Ecosystems (DIOE)**”

More Information on SPREP and its work in the region can be found on the SPREP website
www.sprep.org

For further enquiries, contact Ms Marion Chan Chui on telephone (685) 21929 ext 328 or Email:
marionc@sprep.org.

Closing date: Friday, 11th June 2021: Late applications will not be considered.

SPREP is an Equal Opportunity Employer