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Participant Profiles



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Recently rejoined the Faculty of Science after completing PhD research on chemical oceanography, studying the dissolution of biogenic carbonates as a function of the saturation state of seawater. Other research interests include chemical and microbiological quality of water resources, marine biogeochemistry particularly on the effects of changing ocean chemistry on the marine biota and overarching effects of human activities on marine resources.

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Professional profile:

Specialized in the organisation in clusters and in planning. I have worked for many years with the French government in developing partnerships between the private sector and the research. I started with SPC in 2010. With SPC, I have three main tasks : relationship with some of our country members, relationship with major donors and design of a more integrated programming approach including innovation. I have a tertiary degree in business and public sector development of territories and master in business management and trade.

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Sheikh Izzal Azid is currently he is Assistant Lecturer in School of Engineering and Physics at the The University of the South Pacific. His research interests include unmanned aerial vehicles, wireless communication, embedded microprocessor applications, intelligent systems and robotics. He has been involved with both PACE NET and PACE Net Plus as project officer at the University of the South Pacific.

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Professional profile:

I'm currently the director of CNRT "Nickel and its environment" based in Nouméa, New Caledonia. Objectives of CNRT are supporting research and technological development for a better management of mineral resources, compatible with natural and human environment preservation. CNRT is mainly acting through funding of applied research projects in the 3 fields of nickel technology, natural environment and social (comprising health) environment. I'm also an international senior environmentalist with more than 20 years of professional experience, specialized in environmental surveys and assessment, natural resources management and ecological restoration of disturbed lands particularly for sectors of open pit mines, quarries, dump sites... and after natural disaster (reshaping of soils, soil erosion control, landscape/ecological integration). I've been involved in several projects of rural development based on integrated watershed management and natural resources valorisation mainly in Africa, and in the development of projects related to renewable energies and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

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Martijntje Bakker is a member of the management team at ZonMw (The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development) and head of the team dealing with the funding programmes on prevention. In the past she has worked at Universities in Maastricht and Rotterdam (with a PhD in health sciences), local government and national funding organisations. A major part of her career dealt with international collaboration in scientific projects (as project manager), as editor of a publication on policies and interventions dealing with reducing socioeconomic inequalities in health and as an independent adviser. Currently she is the Dutch Management Board member in three Joint Programming Initiatives focussing on Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (HDHL) (vice-chair), Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) (steering committee member) and More Years Better Lives (MYBL).

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Professional profile:

DAAD-lecturer in German since 2014; studied Indo-European Linguistics, English Linguistics and German as a Foreign Language at the universities of Rostock (Germany), Cork (Ireland) and Marburg (Germany); held the position of research assistant at Marburg (2007-2008) and Göttingen (2008-2013); obtained her PhD in Indo-European Linguistics on the morphosyntax of the NP in Hieroglyphic Luwian from Philipps-University Marburg (Germany) in summer 2013; teaches language acquisition and linguistics; study and scholarship advisor for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

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Professional profile:

A. Beuf joined the European Commission (EC) in 1991. In this position, he was involved in post evaluation of two specific research programmes: the European programme for measurements and testing (BCR) and the Fisheries and Aquaculture programme (FAR). From 1994 to 1997, he worked with DG Industry as Training Coordinator and support quality Officer for the Information and Communication Technologies programme (ESPRIT). In 1998, he joined DG Research as Principal Scientific Officer and from 2006, he worked with the Directorate for international cooperation. Currently, he is policy and project officer responsible for Pacific countries (Australia, New Zealand, Overseas and Countries Territories, ACP Pacific). In this position, he supports EU Pacific bi-lateral dialogue with Australia, New Zealand and bi-regional dialogue in research, development and innovation. He has experience with EU projects in Western Balkans countries (capacity building programmes), Mediterranean (environment), Central Asia (integrated water resources management), China (health), India (health, water resources management), Africa (health), and Latin America (health). Prior to the EC, he worked with the National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA, France) as Scientific Secretary to the Committee for Genetics Engineering, and provided UNESCO with consultancy services. He studied biology and engineering sciences at Paul Sabatier University (Toulouse) and ENGREF (Paris), law and public finance (University of Paris Orsay), European law (University of Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne), information and communication sciences and anthropology (Sorbonne University). He was trained in agricultural cooperatives (meat, milk, vegetables), in public administration (department of agriculture), in industrial plants (chemicals) and in international organisations (FAO; Division of food and nutrition policies, Roma).

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Professional profile:

Dr Pamela Byrne took over the role of Chair of the Management Board of the Joint Programming Initiative “A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life” (JPI HDHL) <http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/> in June 2013. The JPI HDHL aims to coordinate research on the impact of diet and lifestyles on health, significantly contributing to the construction of a fully operational European Research Area for the prevention of diet-related diseases and strengthening the leadership and competitiveness of research activities in this field. In July 2013, Pamela joined Abbott Nutrition as Director Regulatory Policy and Intelligence, based in Ireland. In her global role, she is responsible for developing and optimizing Abbott Nutrition’s understanding of, response to and influence on the regulatory environment pertaining to research & innovation; foods for special medical purposes; and general food regulation.

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Professional profile:

Professor John Bythell started at USP in 2012. Previously, he was Director of Research in the School of Biology at Newcastle University in the UK. A marine biologist specializing in coral reef biology and ecology, he recently led ongoing research programmes in Australia, the Caribbean, Solomon Islands and Thailand. His main research is focused on emerging diseases in reef corals and understanding how coral reefs respond to environmental impacts, particularly sea temperature increases due to climate change, a critical issue for Fiji and the region. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers, supervised 12 PhD students and dozens of Master’s theses in this area. He contributes to teaching marine ecology and environmental impact assessment at USP. He has worked on the panel of intergovernmental scientists involved in the Coral Reef Targeted Research Programme (funded by GEF/World Bank), provided advice to the UNESCO-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission on coral bleaching, and on the Programme Committee of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association, distributing research funding across east Africa and the western Indian Ocean on behalf of the Swedish development agency, SIDA. In addition, he has provided consultancy advice to the UK Government, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and others. Currently, Professor Bythell is senior manager with responsibility for the Research Office; International Office; Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (PACE-SD); USP Press; College of Foundation Studies, Centre for Vocational & Continuing Education; Student Academic Services & the Centre for Flexible Learning.

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Professional profile:

Thierry Catteau holds a MA from the College of Europe (Major European External Relations), two Masters from the Institutes of Political Science of Paris and Lille. Currently part of the EU Delegation for the Pacific, Natural Resources Section, USP contact point at the Delegation and in charge of Regional Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Projects.

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Ioana Chan Mow is the NUS Project coordinator for PACE-Net Plus. She is an Associate Professor in Computing and Computer education. Her research interests are in ICT4D, e-learning, e-government, e-learning, programming environments.

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Professional profile:

Geosciences applied to tropical mining environment and laterites (terrestrial and marine ecosystems and mines). Geochemist specialized in soils and soils/plant/water systems (lithosphere, hydrosphere, ecosystems, and biodiversity). Expertise on mines and environments; sciences and sustainable economic development, and Research, development and innovation. Leads international research teams, chief manager of research centers, leader of several international applied research programs. Currently, he is senior scientist, IRD DRCE, in charge of expertizing CO₂ natural and anthropic fluxes in NC, as well as Carbon capture sequestration and use possibilities. Previously he was research and innovation adviser to the NC government, Director of IRD research center in Noumea, and also led the research teams "supergene Biogeodynamics and tropical geomorphology", and "geosciences of the continental environment GECO". He was advisor to ministers of Research and for French and overseas countries in creating a research institute on nickel and environment in NC (CNRT created in 2008). He has been a researcher and professor at universities and research institutes in Morocco, Gabon, USA, Australia and NC. 50 field Missions between 1985 and 2004, leading research, cooperation and formation programs in Brazil, Morocco, West Africa, (Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Rep. of Central Africa, Congo, Mali, Senegal), in overseas Territories (NC, La Reunion island, Mayotte), in Australia, Southern Asia (Thailand). In addition to multiple conference presentations and popular articles, he has 98 international first order publications, 6 book chapters, and 3 books. His recent projects include: Initiation and coordination of the collective evaluation on "invasive species in New Caledonia and in the Pacific" (2005), and a feasibility study and initiation of the "mining impact observatory" in the South Province of NC. He also led the PACE-NET project, and initiation and coordination of the collective evaluation "Energy and management of Energy resources, with the economic development of NC.

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Landcare Research New Zealand
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Professional profile:

Thirty years experience in research and management of invasive species in New Zealand and internationally, particularly the Pacific region. Currently Science Team Leader, Wildlife Ecology & Management, a team of 38 researchers and field staff. Member IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group. Member US Invasive Species Advisory Committee. NZ representative, Pacific Science Association.



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Professional profile:

Having worked as a professional Librarian for 15 years, specialising in Health Informatics and Information Literacy, I began a career in research management in 2001 and am currently the Associate Director - Research Management in Auckland University of Technology's (AUT's) Research and Innovation Office, a role in which, among other things, I have been given responsibility for promoting international research partnerships and collaborations. Last year, I completed an 8-year term as a member of the AUT Council, and I am currently a member of the European Union Centres Network (EUCN) Board in New Zealand. I came to New Zealand from Scotland, and my background is in the Arts and Education.

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Willem De Moor is working as an adviser at the secretariat of the Joint Programming Initiative for Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans). JPI Oceans is a coordinating and integrating platform, open to all EU Member States and Associated Countries. It focuses on making better and more efficient use of national research budgets, which represent 88% of the research funding within Europe. In his role as adviser Willem is responsible for the communication and outreach activities and the liaison with the JPI Oceans Strategic Advisory Board. Before joining the JPI Oceans secretariat Willem worked as a policy adviser at the Flemish Ministry for Economy, Science and Innovation where he was part of the EU presidency team. In this role he dealt mainly with the organisation of the Strategic Energy Technology (SET)-plan 2010 conference and the EurOCEAN 2010 conference. Previously he worked as a policy adviser at the cabinet of the Flemish minister of Economy, Science and Innovation.

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Served with the Department of Forestry in Fiji for the past 21 years in various fields from re-forestation programs, forestry technical and academic training, timber research, value adding and policy formulations. Achieved undergraduate degree in Forest Science from Melbourne University in 2004 and a post graduate degree from Southern Cross University in Australia in 2010. A part-time lecturer at the Fiji National University from 2011 till to date delivering Forestry units to Diploma in Forest Management and Undergraduate degree in Forestry programs. Currently acting as Deputy Conservator of Forests Services with the Department of Forests.

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Rado was previously the Executive Director of the Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology cooperation (FEAST), and has held a number of teaching and IT positions at The Australian National University (ANU). FEAST was established by the European Union and the Australian Government to highlight, promote, and facilitate research collaboration between Europe and Australia. He holds a PhD in shock tunnel tomography, and his other research projects have included the spatial modelling of water flows in de-forested landscapes, and adaptive seismic tomography.

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Professional profile:

I have been associated with the Pacific region since 1996 when I was invited by the University of the South Pacific to visit its Law School in Fiji to develop courses. I returned as a Commonwealth Fellow in 1998, and took up a permanent post in 1999. I was based in Port Vila at the Emalus Campus of the university until 2004, and have since then been appointed an Adjunct Professor of USP, and return regularly to deliver flexi schools. Although now based in the UK I have maintained an active interest in the region and use Pacific case studies to illustrate themes which have a wider resonance such as human rights, land and resources, family and gender and most recently intellectual property.

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Mr Fauré-Tournaire has an M.A. in philosophy, and a B.A. in French literature (University of Aix-en-Provence). He attended the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilisations (INALCO) where he studied Hungarian, and then worked as a teacher in Hungary, Yugoslavia and Poland (1977-1986). Mr Fauré-Tournaire joined the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 as Conseiller des Affaires Étrangères (Orient). He has been posted to the French Foreign Ministry's Central Administration in Paris (Directorate-General for Cultural, Scientific and Technical relations), Second Secretary at the French Embassy in Abu Dhabi, Deputy General Consul in Düsseldorf, Member of the European Community Monitoring Mission in the Former Yugoslavia (ECMMY), First Secretary at the French Embassy in Zagreb, assigned to the United Nations Protection Force in the Former Yugoslavia, Deputy to the Head of Mission and Head of the French Delegation to the European Community Monitoring Mission in the Former Yugoslavia (ECMMY), posted to the French Foreign Ministry's Central Administration in Paris (Common Foreign and Security Policy Department), posted to the Permanent Representation of France to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Second Counsellor in Sarajevo, posted to the French Foreign Ministry's Central Administration in Paris as Deputy Director for Oceania at the Directorate for Asia and Oceania, General Consul in Zurich, posted to the French Foreign Ministry's Central Administration in Paris as Deputy Director for North America at the Directorate for America, and Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the Pacific Community. Decorations awarded: - Chevalier in the National Order of Merit, on 25 Nov. 1993 – Foreign Affairs Silver Medal of Honour, on 14 December 1992.

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Miranda Forsyth is a Fellow at SSGM in the College of Asia and Pacific at ANU. In February 2011 she commenced a three year ARC Discovery funded project to investigate the impact of intellectual property laws on development in Pacific Island countries. Prior to coming to the ANU, Miranda was a senior lecturer in criminal law at the law school of the University of the South Pacific, based in Port Vila, Vanuatu for eight years. Miranda is the author of *A Bird that Flies with Two Wings: Kastom and State Justice Systems in Vanuatu* (2009) ANU ePress.

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Professional profile:

Nicolas Garnier is an anthropologist who has been working in East Sepik Province (Papua New Guinea) since 1997. He has developed an approach based on the study of traditional artefacts and their contemporary interpretation by Pacific Islanders. He wrote a PhD on the Chambri Islanders in 2007 (Paris, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle) and is currently finalizing his habilitation à Diriger des Recherches (Paris, EPHE). His publications on anthropology of art have received international attention (*Twisting Knowledge and Emotion: Modern Bilums of Papua New Guinea* 2011, *Motifs d'Océanie* 2011). He has designed a program of Visual Anthropology for the University of Papua New Guinea. In 2012, he was appointed Director of the Melanesian and Pacific Studies Centre and in 2014 Acting Dean for Research and Postgraduate Studies at the University of PNG.

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Professional profile:

Ian Gauci Borda is a Policy and International Executive within the Malta Council for Science and Technology with responsibility for EU matters on Research and Innovation Strategy. He is a graduate of the University of Malta and the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Mr Gauci Borda also currently manages a number of EU-Funded projects, namely, MEDSPRING, ARIMNET and ERANETMED, he also participated in previous EU-funded projects, namely, Black Sea ERA-NET (BS ERA-NET), the Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action (MIRA), and the Pacific-Europe network for science and Technology (PACE-NET). Furthermore Mr. Gauci Borda is also involved in other International Cooperation initiatives, such as, the Strategic Forum for International Cooperation (SFIC), the EU-Africa Partnership 8 (Science, Information Society and Space), the ERAC group and is a member of the United Nations Commission on Science, Technology and Development Panel. Recently involved in the negotiations on the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).



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Professional profile:

Undergraduate studies in 'Political Management' (B.A.) at the University of Applied Sciences Bremen. During my studies, I set a focus on conflict management and development cooperation, mainly in Sub Saharan Africa. One semester abroad at the Univ. of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. After my studies, I worked as an intern for the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Uganda, delivering a capacity-building summer school for trade union youth leaders of East Africa, then as a project assistant for the Uganda Health Marketing Group, a leading social enterprise providing health services. Focus on planning, implementing, coordinating and monitoring project activities of Malaria and HIV/Aids programmes. In 2010, I finished my postgraduate studies in 'Management and Implementation of Development Projects' (M.Sc.) at the Univ. of Manchester, on development management in Sub Saharan Africa. In my dissertation, I questioned aid effectiveness, asking if there is a social movement opposing Official Development Assistance in Sub Saharan Africa. Then, I worked for a NGO in London, being involved in planning of health projects implemented in the Horn of Africa. In 2011, I moved to Namibia to work as an Organisational Development Advisor for an umbrella association supporting wildlife conservation, sustainable tourism and community based natural resource management. Back in Bremen, I worked with refugees; planning and managing a refugees' café with a variety of services and events. In May 2014, I started working for ZMT as a project coordinator supporting the PACE-NET+ project. In Nov. 2014, I also joined the Science Management Department at ZMT, working as an Alumni Relations Officer.

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Science Program Manager for the Pacific-Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning (PACCSAP) Program. PACCSAP is funded by the Australian Government (Department of Foreign Affairs) and managed by the Department for the Environment, with the science component managed and delivered through a collaborative partnership between the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and regional and national partners in the Pacific; latter including (14 Pacific island countries plus Timor Leste). Also program manage the Australian Climate Change Science Program (ACCSP) for CSIRO and the Bureau.

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Martin has extensive experience in managing scientific and research co-operation, public policy initiatives in innovation and international collaboration in the public and private sectors. Presently, Martin also works with the Group of Eight which is a coalition of Australia's leading universities. Previously, Martin was Director of the COST Office (European Co-operation in Science and Technology) in Brussels from 2005 to 2010. COST is one of the longest-running European organisations supporting networking among scientists and researchers across Europe and beyond. Prior to this he was the Inaugural Director of KoWi, the European liaison office of the German research organisations, in Brussels and Bonn. Before moving to Brussels he headed the research unit in the central administration of the Technical University Berlin, Germany. He has a PhD in aeronautical engineering.



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Professional profile:

David Hunter was previously with the University of the South Pacific (USP) Alafua Campus holding senior lecturer positions in the School of Agriculture and Food Technology including Acting Head of School from January 2006 to December 2009. He has comprehensive background and wealth of experience in Agriculture & related research and allied subject areas, holding a MSc (Distinction) in Crop Science from Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands; MAgr in Soil Science from USP Alafua Campus, Samoa; and, BSc in Biochemistry from Otago University, New Zealand.

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Birte Komolong is working with the Papua New Guinea National Agricultural Research Institute as Strategy Planner supporting the Institute with setting research for development strategies and priorities, planning of programmes and projects and monitoring and evaluation at different levels of the organisations. She is by training a Plant Pathologist and also involved in managing multi-disciplinary research projects. The Institute strives to respond to current needs of smallholder farmers in the country to improve their agricultural systems in terms of productivity and resilience and better access to marketing networks. In a country with the majority of farming communities still practicing subsistence agriculture, there is an interest in researching new and innovative approaches, technologies, strategies and policies that will help those farming communities in their transition to more secure and sustainable livelihoods.

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Deputy Secretary for Natural Resources under the Ministry of Lands, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga; Has over 19 years' experience in the Tonga Public Service; Worked in relevant sections and divisions of the ministry including administration, information technology, mapping, geoscience services, urban planning and management. Has participated in formulation of urban development strategies, land use planning and various national strategies and natural resource policies and legislations.

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Professional profile:

Shilpa Kumar-Roiné earned her PhD in 2009 from the University of New Caledonia. The title of the studies leading to this degree was "Development of traditional remedies useful in the treatment of ciguatera in the Pacific". In 2011, she joined the Analytical Environmental Laboratory (AEL), a private laboratory that offers chemical analysis in water, sediments and living organisms in the lagoon ecosystem potentially impacted by industrial activities as well as monitoring of airborne metal pollution. As Scientific Officer, she is currently leading projects related to monitoring heavy metals or biotoxins content in bioorganisms and human health risk assessments. More broadly, she undertakes or contributes to many projects on the effects of mining activities on coastal ecosystems.

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Mr McKinnon's career in international development spans over thirty years. He has worked as a development practitioner leading technical cooperation programmes on the ground for a number of United Nations agencies in Cameroon, Ecuador, Armenia, the Philippines, Iraq, Afghanistan, Rwanda and the occupied Palestinian territories – covering the 5 million Palestine refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza. He has also spent time in staff positions: three years in Washington D.C. as Senior Strategic Planning Adviser to the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, and two years as Chef de Cabinet of the International Planned Parenthood Federation in London. From 2001 to 2006 he was the first Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer of the Vaccine Fund/GAVI, the world's largest child immunisation alliance launched by Bill Gates and developed to a programme of \$2.6 billion. In this capacity he was also Secretary of the Board of Directors, whose Chairman was Nelson Mandela, and included amongst its members H.M. Queen Rania, G. Machel, M. Camdessus, J. Delors, M. Robinson, M. Mstislav Rostropovich, Prof. A. Sen and J. Stoltenberg. As Deputy-DG, Programmes, of the SPC, Fabian is responsible for the development, effectiveness and responsiveness of the \$120M technical assistance programme that SPC implements in the 22 Pacific island countries it serves since 1947, and oversees a team of some 450 staff who provide scientific and technical advice in the areas of Geoscience, Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction, Fisheries, Transport and Energy, Agriculture, Public Health, Social Development, and Statistics. Fabian speaks English, French, Spanish and Italian, and is based at SPC Headquarters at Nouméa, NC.

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