



**Dame Meg Taylor Selected as Incoming
Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General**

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The Leaders of the Pacific Islands' Forum have selected Dame Meg Taylor from Papua New Guinea to serve as the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat.

The Prime Minister thanked the leaders of the other Pacific Island states for their confidence in selecting Dame Meg Taylor to serve the following three-year term that begins in January 2015.

“The election of Dame Meg Taylor, Papua New Guinea's candidate, to the position of Secretary General of the Premier organization in the region is most humbling.

“This is an important time for the Forum following the preparation of the Eminent Persons Group Report that is aimed at improving the operation of the Forum.”

The Prime Minister said that Dame Meg Taylor will take exceptional experience to the Forum Secretariat.

As a former Papua New Guinea Ambassador to the United States, and Compliance Ombudsman with the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, Dame Meg has a wealth of experience.

“Beyond her professional capacity, one of the traits that will see Dame Meg succeed at the Forum Secretariat is her compassion.

“Dame Meg Taylor, as the incoming Secretary General, will be an inspirational leader for her staff and the range of technical officials she will work with across Forum operations.”

In taking her appointment Dame Meg will be the first female leader of the of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and will be supported by two Deputies Secretary Generals who are also Pacific Islands women. These are Andie Fong Toy, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Political Governance, and Security and Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Secretary General for Strategic Partnerships and Coordination and Corporate Services.

Papua New Guinea will host the 46th Pacific Islands' Forum Leaders' Meeting in 2016.

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