



Ms Cristelle Pratt was appointed Deputy Secretary General at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in March 2014. She has practice experience in both the public and private sectors, having worked for the Government of Fiji and in various regional roles with the most senior being that of Director General/CEO of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), from 2004 to 2010. She has also provided policy, technical and strategic advice, in the areas of ocean governance, and climate and disaster risk resilient development to a range of regional and international organisations - including the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP), the World Bank Group and AusAid.

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