



The Director General of the Melanesian Spearhead Group and Staff will receive the Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms Gudrun Kopp and her delegation at the MSG Secretariat on Friday 6 July 2012 in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Deputy Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms Kopp will be accompanied by Dr Christoph Mueller, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Australia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu; Mr Knut Steinhäuser, Private Secretary to the Parliamentary Secretary; Mr Volker Sowade, Country Manager for BMZ; Ms Maike Bates, Political Officer/Officer for Pacific Islands, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Canberra; Dr Wulf Kilmann, GIZ Program Director & Senior Advisor; Dr Christopher Bartlett, GIZ Advisor; and Mr Frank Capellan, Journalist from Deutschlandfunk.

Director General of the MSG, Mr. Peter Forau said: “the staff and I are honored to receive the high level visit by the Deputy Minister and her delegation”.

Mr Forau said the visit is quite a historical visit to the Pacific and more particularly to the MSG Secretariat as a regional organization. He added that the visit will give an opportunity for both MSG and the German delegation to discuss areas of needs by the Secretariat as well as establish relations with the German Government and other agencies.

To mark the special visit, the MSG Secretariat displayed a traditional Melanesian welcome ceremony to officially welcome the Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and her delegation into the MSG nasara.

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