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*"We look forward to FICs participation as we collectively navigate the complex and evolving security challenges facing our people and our countries to ensure that we deliver the best solutions available to keep our countries and our region safe and secure."*

- Mr Maara Tetava Ariki

## Country Representatives



**Mr Maara Tetava Ariki**  
**LLB, LLM, MBA**

National Security Director  
National Security Directorate  
Office of the Prime Minister



COOK ISLANDS

Maara is the National Security Director at the Office of the Prime Minister. Maara is responsible for the development of Cook Islands National Security Policy 2023-2026. He advises the Chief of Staff, Prime Minister and members of the Cook Islands Security Council on national security. He served as Commissioner of the Cook Islands Police Service for 11 years. During this period, Maara was chair of the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) (2013 – 2014); chair of the Board of Management of the Pacific Transnational Crime Network (PTCN) where he was instrumental in the revision of its Memorandum of Arrangement; first chairperson of the Pacific Police Training Advisory Group (PPTAG) and a founding members of the PICP's Executive Leadership Team (ELT); and chair of the Pacific Crime Prevention Advisory Crew (PCPAC) and was actively involved in the establishment of the Pacific Centre for Law Enforcement Co-operation (PCLEC).

In 2019, he was invested to the Paramount Chief title of Tetava Tiatava Ariki of Mitiaro. He is a member of the Cook Islands House of Ariki.



# Country Representatives

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**Mr Alipate Naulivou**

Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Immigration

FIJI



Alipate has been with Fiji Public Service since 1992. He is joined the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration in 2018 and worked with the National Security and Defence Review Team, contributing to the formulation of the Fiji's National Security Strategy that was submitted to government in May 2021. He is currently the focal point for a pilot project on health and security working with the Australia Pacific Security College, the Australian National University.

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**Mr Bernard J Adiniwin LLB**

Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL  
ISLANDS



Mr. Bernard Adiniwin is the Attorney General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to this he was Legal Advisor at the Office of the President and Cabinet from 2016 – 2022 and was also Acting Attorney General between July and October 2022. He has also had an extensive career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Legal Advisor from 2012 – 2013, Assistant Secretary for Bureau of Multilateral Affairs from 2010 to 2012 as well as other roles over a 13 year career with Foreign Affairs from 2001 – 2013.

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**Mr Iven Notte**

Commissioner  
Nauru Police Force

REPUBLIC of NAURU



Iven Notte is the Commissioner of the Nauru Police Force. He has served in the Nauru Police Force for 26 years, joining at the age of 19 and progressively worked through the ranks to become commissioner. In 2015 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Public Administration and Pacific Policing from the University of the South Pacific (USP). He is very proud to be serving his country and people in the Nauru Police Force.

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**Mr Justin Kamupala**

Solicitor General  
Crown Law Office

NIUE



Justin Kamupala commenced working for the Niue Government in 1990. He graduated from Deakin Law School and was admitted to practice in Victoria, Australia in 1999. On returning to Niue he took the position of Crown Counsel at Crown Law Office (CLO). Appointments that followed included Personal Assistant to Premier, Deputy Secretary to Government, Secretary to Justice, Executive Director responsible for public sector transformation Niue Public Service Commission, return to CLO in 2017 as Senior Crown Counsel, appointed to Solicitor General in 2019. He is a board member of Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Corporation which manages the following subsidiaries: Niue Philatelic and Numismatic, Niue Bond Store, Niue Noni Farm, Ex Government Residences.

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# Country Representatives

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**Ms Kate Pullar**

National Security and Intelligence  
Coordinator  
Pacific  
Department of the Prime Minister  
and Cabinet



NEW ZEALAND

Kate Pullar is the National Security and Intelligence Coordinator – Pacific in New Zealand’s Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Her role is to ensure that New Zealand shares national security insights with Pacific countries in a systematic and coordinated way and that a partnership approach to sharing information is prioritised. Kate was appointed to this role in February 2023. Prior to this role, she worked in senior strategy and policy roles across the New Zealand Intelligence Community. Kate has also worked for the New Zealand Public Service Commission, as a lawyer in private practice and as a political advisor to a senior Cabinet Minister.



**Ms Kristin Chambers**

Chief Policy Advisor  
Department of the Prime  
Minister and Cabinet



NEW ZEALAND

Kristin Chambers is the Chief Policy Advisor in the National Security Group of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. She leads the Strategy Unit, which is focused on developing New Zealand’s first National Security Strategy. Previously, Kristin has worked in strategy and policy roles in Defence, at think tanks, and in consultancies.



**Mr Maama Misi**

Advisor on Security and Projects  
Prime Ministers Office



KINGDOM OF TONGA

Maama was an officer of His Majesty’s Armed Forces for 29 years before his assignment to the Reserve Force as a Lieutenant Colonel on 22 December 2022. On 4 January 2023, he was assigned to the Prime Minister’s Office as Advisor on Security and Projects. He has held various command and staff appointments including Director of Policy; Component Commander for Land Forces; Chief of Staff Joint Operation Command and the Director of Intelligence. LTCOL Misi completed various military training and education courses, including in seminars and workshops all over the world. Amongst many others, he has trained in operational planning to security architecture and strategy. Maama graduated with a Master of Science in Project Management from the University of Wollongong, Australia. He has experienced multinational operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Solomon Islands. As officer in charge of HMAF Joint Operation Center, he managed and directed domestic operations, including multi-agency management, coordination and operation.

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# Country Representatives



## Mr Matt Ramage PSM

Assistant Secretary  
Pacific Security in the Office of the  
Pacific  
Department of Foreign Affairs and  
Trade



AUSTRALIA

Matt Ramage is the Assistant Secretary Pacific Security in the Office of the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He has been on secondment from the Department of Defence since May 2021. Prior to taking up this appointment, he was the Assistant Secretary North Asia in the Defence Intelligence Organisation (DIO). He was previously the Assistant Secretary Defence Industry from May 2016-August 2018 responsible for Australia's defence industry strategy and policy including leading development of the then Australian Government's 2018 Defence Export Strategy and 2018 Defence Industrial Capability Plan. Matt was the policy lead for Australia's 2016 Defence White Paper and the preceding 2013 Defence White Paper and before that undertook various roles in Defence's International Policy Division, Strategic Policy Division, and DIO, as well as in the Defence, Strategy and Research Coordination Division of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (2010-2011). Matt also undertook two deployments to Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, with the Peace Monitoring Group (2002,1999). In June 2019, Matt was awarded the Public Service Medal for his contribution to Australia's national security and economic prosperity.



## Ms Roline Tekon

National Security Adviser



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Roline Lesines Tekon is the first National Security Advisor (NSA) of the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu, working in the Ministry of the Prime Minister. She is also the Secretary for the Vanuatu's National Security Council, and responsible for coordinating security and intelligence assessments across government sectors. Prior to her appointment as NSA, Roline was with the Vanuatu's Foreign Ministry as Head of the Treaties and Conventions Division. She also assumed the role of acting Director General of the Foreign Ministry for 2 years. In her early years she worked as a Legal Officer in the Office of the Public Service Commission and the Department of Labour and Employment Services. She studied Law at the University of the South Pacific, and then took her Masters Degree in Diplomacy from the Australian National University. Roline is fluent in all three of Vanuatu's Official Languages: French, English and Bislama.



## Ms Ruby Gavey

Senior Advisor  
Department of the Prime Minister  
and Cabinet



NEW ZEALAND

Ruby is a Senior Advisor in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's National Security Group, supporting New Zealand to share national security experiences with Pacific countries and learn from shared challenges and opportunities. She has been with the Department for five years and previously held roles at the British High Commission in New Zealand, working within trade and policy areas. Ruby is an enrolled barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, and speaks Spanish and Te Reo Māori.



# Country Representatives

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**Ms Shelley deBlair Remengesau**

Chief of the Division of US, North, Central and South America Affairs  
Ministry of State



REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Ms. Shelley deBlair Remengesau has returned to the Ministry of State, Republic of Palau, assuming the position of Chief of the Division of U.S., North, Central, and South America Affairs, after having served as the Special Assistant to the Vice President of the Republic of Palau. Prior to her position of as Special Assistant to the Vice President, Ms. Remengesau was the Special Assistant to the Minister of State for five (5) years. Her years of experience supporting a combination of skills in various areas, including information science, research, leadership, international relations and diplomacy, paired with her passion in public service, are what she brings to the table to help contribute to Palau's Ministry of State and the overall government of Palau.

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**Ms Tanana Bakoa**

Assistant Secretary  
Foreign Affairs and Immigration



REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

Ms. Tanana Bakoa has been an Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Republic of Kiribati since 2014. In 2020, she was seconded to work with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Fiji. She was later posted to assist the Kiribati High Commission in Fiji to help repatriate Kiribati nationals during the pandemic, an experience that has led to her interest in national security issues and decisionmaking under difficult and critical situations. Ms. Bakoa is an alumnus of the University of the South Pacific.

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**Mr Tausi Taupo**

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Justice, Communications  
and Foreign Affairs



TUVALU

Dr. Tausi Taupo is currently the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs in Tuvalu. Prior to that, he was the Permanent Secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister. He has published a chapter with Routledge and relevant articles in Pacific Economic Review, New Zealand Economic Papers, Information Systems Frontier, Asia-Pacific Economic Literature, Economics of Disasters and Climate Change and Environmental Economics and Policy Studies.

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**Mr Tony Jack Manab**

Acting Director General  
Infrastructure Branch  
Department of Prime Minister &  
NEC



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Mr Tony Manab is the current Acting Director General- Infrastructure Branch of the department of Prime Minister and NEC. He has worked for the Department of Prime Minister & NEC since 2008 in the international Relations branch in research and policy before moving to the Infrastructure branch in 2019 to assume the role of Acting Director of Transport before becoming the permanent Director in April 2021. In January 2022 he assumed his current role as Acting Director General – Infrastructure Branch.

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**Mr Trevor Unusu**

Deputy Secretary  
Ministry of Police, Planning and  
Security

SOLOMON ISLANDS



Mr Trevor Unusu is Deputy Secretary – Policy, Planning and Security for the Solomon Islands Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Service. He was involved in the adoption and conclusion of the Solomon Islands National Security Strategy, the subsequent establishment of the Solomon Islands Border Security Strategy as well as developing two strategies' Implementation Plans.

Trevor also oversees the policy priorities of the Solomon Islands Police Force, and the Solomon Island Correctional Service as well as the strategic planning of priorities for the Solomon Islands National Security Division. One of his main tasks is implementing the Solomon Islands security strategies in partnership with key stakeholders and government agencies. Improving security information and assessments for Solomon Islands is another area of his responsibility. Trevor is a graduate of the Universities of Papua New Guinea and Auckland, where he completed undergraduate and postgraduate studies respectively.

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## Experts

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**Ms Ali Giles**

Adviser  
Australia Pacific Security  
College

AUSTRALIA

Ali Gillies is the Senior Adviser at the Australia Pacific Security College, designing and delivering courses on security across the Pacific. She has almost forty years' experience in international development, specialising in the special challenges of fragile and conflict affected areas. She has worked for AusAID, the World Bank and an Australian NGO. She has been Gender Coordinator for the aid program, and was a founding member of the Women and Development Network of Australia. She was Development Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. She was Minister Counsellor responsible for Australia's aid to Timor-Leste and has led policy and program implementation in humanitarian responses and development programs in Papua New Guinea, South East Asia, Africa and Middle East programs. She has a long history of working with other donors through the OECD where she was most recently co-chair of the Task Team charged with improving the effectiveness of aid in fragile and conflict affected countries. She also co-chaired, with the Deputy Minister for Finance of Afghanistan, the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Working Group.



# Experts

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## Dr Henry Ivarature

Deputy Director  
Australia Pacific Security  
College

AUSTRALIA

Dr Henry Ivarature leads on the Australia Pacific Security College's relations with Forum Island Countries on security priorities, national security policy frameworks and strategies in support of the Boe Declaration on Regional Security 2018.



## Mr Timothy George

Adviser

AUSTRALIA

Tim George is a former Department of Foreign Affairs officer whose Pacific postings included Solomon Islands (as Special Coordinator of Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands), Wellington and Suva. His other assignments included Ambassador to Spain, Israel, and Mexico, and High Commissioner to Pakistan. In recent years, Tim assisted the governments of Samoa and Vanuatu in developing their National Security Strategies. He is currently a strategic adviser to the Australia Pacific Security College.



## Mr Ashley Fua LLB, MPP

Consultant  
United Nations Development  
Program

KINGDOM OF TONGA

Ashely Fua is a former Tonga Police Senior Executive with over twenty years of experience and knowledge in national security with operational background in policing and disaster risk management. In the last five years, he lead and implemented the National Illicit Drug Policy for Tonga and laid the preparatory work for Tonga's National Security Policy. A trainer, humanitarian, and a gender advocate, he is currently a consultant for UNDP supporting the Government of Tonga with improving its DRM governance and policies.



## Professor Alfred Oehlers

Asia Pacific Centre for Security  
Studies, Hawai'i

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dr. Alfred Oehlers obtained his doctorate in political economy from the University of Sydney, Australia. He pursued an academic career in Australia and New Zealand prior to joining the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii. His interests and expertise in the Pacific islands ranges widely to include the intersections among economic development, climate change and security, to more specialized security issues such as maritime security, transnational crime, security sector development, national security coordination and strategies, Pacific regionalism and the regional security architecture. In his spare time, he curates the latest news and information on security in the Pacific islands for Pasifik Secure, a newsfeed available on FaceBook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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# Experts

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## Major Andrew Peavy

Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, Hawai'i

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Major Andrew Peavy is a US Army Strategist currently serving as the Deputy of Strategy & Assessments at DKI APCSS. MAJ Peavy has served previously as an operational planner in the US Central Command area of responsibility and on the executive staff for the NATO Allied Land Component Commander. MAJ Peavy holds master's degrees from the Marine Corps University, the Army University, and Kansas State University.

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## Mr Brett Pepler

Acting Director General  
Managing Director  
Intelligent Futures Pty Ltd

AUSTRALIA

Brett Pepler is the Melbourne-based Managing Director of Intelligent Futures Pty Ltd ([www.ifutures.com.au](http://www.ifutures.com.au)) – a specialist management consulting practice designing and implementing intelligence-led solutions for complex problems. Brett spent over 40 years working as a professional intelligence officer, including executive appointments and professional engagements across multiple domains of intelligence practice in the United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, New Zealand, and across South-east Asia. Recently, he undertook a six-month engagement for the Australia Pacific Security College as the Technical Adviser with the National Security Coordination Office (NSCO) in Palau.

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## Dr Jim Gosselin

Consultant

COOK ISLANDS

Jim was awarded a PhD in International Law by the Australian National University. A Cook Islands national, Jim was lead consultant in the formulation of the Cook Islands National Security Policy. He has provided consultancy services to the Cook Islands Government, including preparation of the country's first Anti-Corruption Strategy. He has held senior positions in the Government, including Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, and International Legal Adviser. He has worked at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and for the Government of Tuvalu, including providing consultancy services to all FICs, the PIFS, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the United Nations Development Programme.

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## Mr Richard Sears

Deputy Director  
Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies, Hawai'i

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Richard Sears joined the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) in July 2002 and currently serves as the Interim Deputy Director. He was previously Dean of Admissions and Business Operations with responsibilities for all business operations to include finance, personnel, information management systems, infrastructure, global workshops/engagements, the Research library and all aspects of participant admissions to College of Security Studies programs. He is a retired naval officer and aviator who spent over 20 years of his career deployed to and engaged in operations conducted throughout the Indo-Pacific. Richard is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and holds Master Degrees in Operations Research (M.S.), International Relations (M.A.), and National Security and Strategic Studies (M.A.).



# Regional Organisations

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**Dr Julian Bianco**

Executive Coordinator  
PICP Secretariat

NEW ZEALAND

Julian is seconded to the PICP Secretariat from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) where he has spent the past 25 years in a range of operational policing roles domestically and internationally. He has most recently been the responsible Detective for the Transnational Serious and Organised Crime (TSOC) Joint Task Forces in Melbourne, working alongside International, Commonwealth and State law enforcement partners. Between 2019 to 2021 Julian was the AFP's Senior Officer at the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. This role saw Julian partnering with Pacific law enforcement partners and the Pacific Transnational Crime Network to combat TSOC in the Pacific. For his service in PNG, Julian was awarded the Commissioner's Medal for Conspicuous Conduct in recognition of his sustained professionalism, commitment, and excellence in the pursuit of the AFP's offshore efforts in combatting transnational, serious and organised crime. Julian has also served in the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Indonesia. Julian holds a Master's Degree in International Development.



**Mr James Movick**

Director  
Pacific Fusion Centre

VANUATU

James Movick is from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). His services to the FSM public service from 1979 to 2010 includes being a founding staff of foreign affairs, and head of national and state commercial tuna fisheries development agencies. He has also served as adviser to states and national government in matters of trade, food security and export. He also served in regional advisory roles such as in trade negotiations and product value-added development. In 2003 he was a co-founder and the first Chairman of the Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association and, in 2004, of the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization. In August 2010 he was appointed Deputy Director-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency and in November, 2012 was appointed as its Director-General, serving two terms until 2018.

As FFA Director-General he was involved in PIC regional issues, serving on peak regional coordination bodies, advising governments and Leaders, and undertaking regional advocacy in international meetings. He was also engaged in efforts to expand regional security information sharing and inter-sectoral regional maritime security cooperation. In December 2022, he was appointed as the first Director of the Pacific Fusion Centre. In addition to managing the Centre's production of high-level strategic security assessments and capacity building of Pacific Islands analysts, he is actively engaged in supporting collaboration of regional security secretariats and national security coordination with stakeholders to address Pacific Forum frameworks for unified maritime domain awareness and security related information sharing.



# Regional Organisations

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## Mr Terio Koronawa

Policy Adviser  
Regional Security  
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

FIJI

Terio Koronawa is the Policy Adviser (Regional Security) and Team Leader with the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat. Prior to joining PIFS, Terio was the Director of Policy in the Fiji Ministry of Defence & National Security, where he also served as the Director Intelligence & Assessment from 2017 – 2018, and as the Principal Analyst with the National Security Assessment Unit from 2010 - 2017. Terio has a Masters degree in Policing, Intelligence and Counterterrorism with an Intelligence Specialization from Macquarie University, Sydney. He was an officer in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces for 12 years.



## Mr Shane McLennan

Commissioner Of Police  
Tonga Police Service  
Chairman – PICP

KINGDOM OF TONGA

Shane McLennan is the Commissioner of Tonga Police, having commenced in the role in May 2022. Commissioner McLennan is a law enforcement professional with a broad policing career spanning 40+ years, having commenced with the Queensland Police Service as a police cadet at the tender age of 15. He served the length and breadth of Queensland for over 26 years before laterally transferring to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in 2008. With Masters level tertiary qualifications, Shane has a special interest in crisis and emergency management, national security issues and international capacity development, having deployed internationally several times with the AFP and with the United Nations. Commissioner McLennan is currently the Chair of the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP), a forum that brings together Pacific Police Chiefs to exchange information, share learnings, and form regional agreements. There are 22 members in the PICP, with the Commissioner, Chief or Director of Police of each national police service representing the member state.

