

ANTONIO FREITAS

Mr. Antonio Freitas is the new Director General for Policy Analysis & Research. He was born on 5th August 1973, and after obtaining a degree of Economic Management and Finance in 1997, he returned to University studies in 2005 and completed a Masters degree in Financial Management in 2008. He participated in various training sessions and workshops in the areas of Local Government Decentralization, Financial Management, Aid Effectiveness, Budget and Decentralization and Senior Management.

Mr. Freitas worked as a government employee in the recruitment division from 1998 to 1999 where he gained valuable experience in human resources management. In 2001, Mr. Freitas joined the Ministry of Finance as Senior Budget Manager and due to his success in budget preparation and implementation was promoted to Director of Budget in 2004. In addition, since 2004 Mr. Freitas holds the position of Chairman of NPGA (Non Project Grant Aid Japan) – RDTL government. In this function he represents the government in negotiations and formulates the strategy to utilize NGPA funds. He has provided valuable input into the formulation and implementation of public policy. Mr. Freitas brings to his new role a demonstrated understanding of budget processes, analysis and policy formulation and how research contributes to public policy and policy then informs budget.