

## **FRANCISCO DA COSTA SOARES**

Mr. Francisco da Costa Soares is the new Director General for State Finances. He was born on 02<sup>nd</sup> February 1960 in Uato Carabau and went to school in Ossu-Viqueque and Dili. From 1982 to 1986 he attended the Academia de Financas in Malang and completed his university degree at UNTL in 2006. He participated in workshops about reform of taxation and tax law.

Mr. Soares has significant experience in tax, having worked as tax officer from 1982-1999 and under UNTAET from 2001-2003. He was awarded the position of Manager Audit Taxation and Manager Large Business Division in 2003, and was promoted to Deputy Large Business Division Taxation in 2004. In 2005 he was appointed Tax Commissioner for Domestic Taxation and Manager Transitional Budget in 2007. Finally, in 2008 he was appointed Director National Procurement and since then has been instrumental in developing and implementing various procurement reform strategies, focusing strongly on customer service delivery. His thorough understanding of how procurement links to treasury and budget will add considerable value to his new role.