



**Brigida Susana
Esteves da Silva**
Director-General,
Customs (DGC)

Brígida Esteves da Silva is the new Director-General of Customs. She will be responsible for supervising three national directorates with competencies in the area of administration and collection of taxes and customs' fees upon entering the national territory.

Brígida was born in Uatucarbau, Viqueque, on 11 August 1961. In 1993, she earned a degree in Physics (directed to Teaching) at the University of Salatiga, Indonesia. In 2004, she earned her Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning by the University of Manoa, Hawaii.

Brígida has 32 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started as a civil servant in the Department of Public Works in the district of Dili, in 1981. From 1996-99, she coordinated forestation and reforestation projects within the Department of Environment. From 2000 to 2001, she worked with UNTAET. From 2005-08, she worked for the Asian

Development Bank. In 2010, she was appointed National Director of Customs.