

Inauguration Ceremony

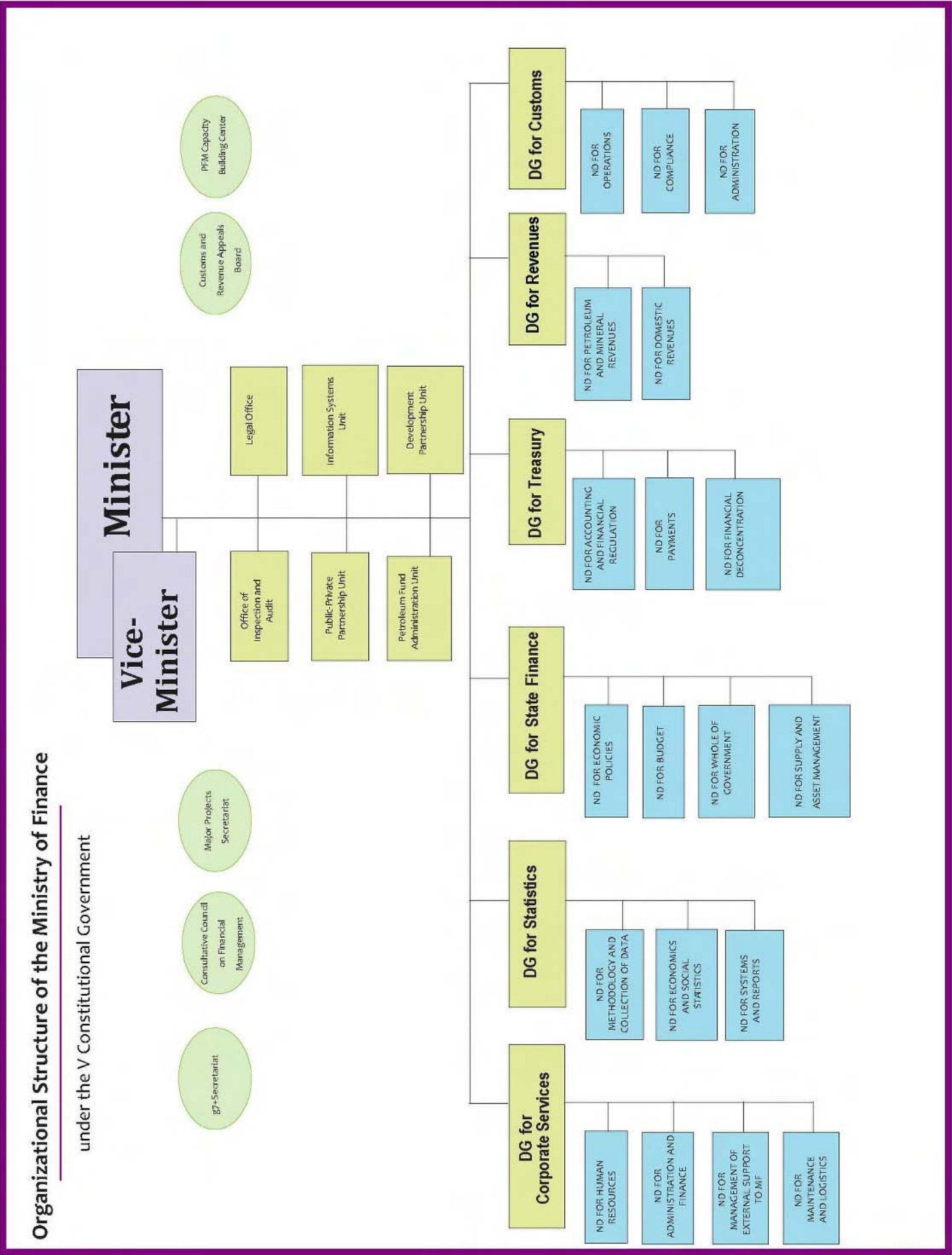
New Ministry of Finance Management Team



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Salão Nobre, Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros Cooperação
Dili, Timor-Leste

Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Finance





**Jose Antonio
Fatima Abilio**

**| Director-General,
Corporate Services
(DGCS)**

José Abílio is the new Director-General of Corporate Services. He will be responsible for supervising four national directorates with competencies in the areas of Planning, Budgeting and Procurement for the MoF, recruitment and development of Human Resources, coordination of the external assistance to the MoF and national logistics, as well as for maintaining equipment throughout the Ministry.

José Abílio was born in Fatuberliu, Manufahi, on 14 May 1958. In 1997, he earned his degree in Political and Social Sciences at the University Gadjarda, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He also completed a degree in Public Administration at the Public Administration Academy of Malang, Indonesia, in 1989.

José Abílio has 29 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started as a junior officer in the district of Manufahi in 1984. In 2002, he became Vice Director of Planning and Coordination of Assistance under the First Constitutional Government. In 2007, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Office of the Minister of Finance, and in 2009, he became Director of Aid Effectiveness.



**Antonio
Freitas**

**| Director-General,
Statistics (DGS)**

António Freitas is the new Director-General of Statistics. He will be responsible for supervising three national directorates with competencies in the areas of National Statistics System, Population and Housing Census and National Accounts, as well as concerning technological systems and storage of related data.

António was born in Dili, on 5 August 1973. In 1997, he earned his degree in Economic and Financial Management at the University STIEKN Jaya Negara, Malang, Indonesia. In 2008, he completed a Master's Degree in Financial Management at the same University.

António has 15 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started his career as a civil servant at the Recruitment Department in the district of Dili, in 1998. From 2004-09, he was the National Director of Budget in the Ministry of Finance and, from 2009-12, he was the Director-General of Analysis and Research, leading the Technical Group for the 2010 Census. Additionally, he has been the designated representative of the Ministry of Finance in the Administration Board of Timor Telecom since 2009.



**Januario da
Gama**

**| Director-General,
State Finance (DGSF)**

Januário da Gama is the new Director-General of State Finances. He will be responsible for supervising four national directorates with competencies in the areas of Economic Policies, drafting the State General Budget, managing the grants allocated to the Whole of Government and managing the State Assets.

Januário was born in Luro, Lautém, on 10 January 1979. In 2008, he earned a degree in Law and Administration at the University of Díli. He is presently earning his Master's Degree in Public Administration at UNPAZ.

Januário has twelve years of professional experience in the public sector, having started his career as a regional civil servant in the area of Supplies in Lautém, in 2001. From 2008-12, he was the National Director of State Asset Management. Additionally, from 2012-13, he was the interim Director-General of Corporate Services.



**Agostinho
Castro**

**| Director-General,
Treasury (DGT)**

Agostinho Castro is the new Director-General of Treasury. He will be responsible for supervising three national directorates with competencies in the areas of accounting, control of the legality and regularity of the financial administration, management and issuance of public debt, payment of salaries, allowances and public grants and financial decentralization of the MoF throughout the districts.

Agostinho was born in Dili, on 21 August 1967. In 1994 he completed a degree in Administration at the Faculty of Social Policies of University Timor Timur, in Dili.

Agostinho has 27 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started his career as a civil servant in the Department of Fisheries in 1986. From 2001-05, he worked as budget manager in the Ministry of Finance. From 2005-09, he was Vice Director of the National Budget Office of the Ministry of Finance. In 2009 he became the National Budget Director of the MoF.



**Monica Rangel
da Cruz**

**| Director-General,
Revenues (DGR)**

Mónica Rangel da Cruz is the new Director-General of Revenues. She will be responsible for supervising two national directorates with competencies in the areas of administration and collection of income and property taxes, as well as administrative fees and other financial contributions.

Mónica was born in Carabalu, Viqueque, on 29 December 1978. In 2009, she earned her degree in Economics, with a major in Accounting, at the University STIE Malangkeçwara, Indonesia.

Mónica has dedicated her professional career to the Ministry of Finance, having started in the National Directorate of Budget in 2002. In 2009, she became the Head of the Department of Expenditure Review and was appointed National Director of Petroleum Revenues in the Directorate-General of Revenues and Customs.



**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.



**Dr. Rui Maria
Araujo**

**| Acting Coordinator,
Human Resources
(Policy), DGCS**

Dr Rui Maria de Araújo will be the interim Coordinator of Human Resources Policies at the National Directorate of Human Resources.

Dr. Rui has a Master in Public Health, from Otago University, New Zealand, majoring in health policy and health financing. Dr Rui has nineteen years of experience as a medical doctor, health policy and management practitioner, in a range of clinical, policy-making, managerial and advisory functions undertaken within the health, public finance and general governance sectors, including almost one year as Deputy Prime Minister and 6 years as Minister for Health.

While the position of National Director of Human Resources is vacant, Dr Rui will coordinate human resource policy issues under the purview of that national directorate. These will be undertaken in addition to his day-to-day duties as Senior Management Advisor to Corporate Services.



Oscar Belo

**| Acting Coordinator,
Human Resources
(Operational), DGCS**

Mr. Oscar Belo will be the acting coordinator of Human Resources operational issues assuming the day-to-day operations of the HR. In his capacity of HR coordinator on operational issues, he will assume the responsibility of supervising and ensuring quality control of the services in the areas of MOF staff recruitment, allocation, mobilization of staff, training, and others relevant areas.

Oscar has a Bachelor Degree in Political Sciences at the Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta in 1990. Mr. Belo has more than 40 years of experience in various areas including development planning, public sector management, city management, district management, and international agency.

While the position is vacant, Oscar will assume the responsibilities to coordinate HR operational issues on top of other duties including ensuring the quality assurance of parliament sessions report, media releases and project inspections reports.



**Martinho
Lopes**

**| National Director,
Finance and
Administration, DGCS**

Martinho Lopes is the new National Director of Administration and Finance. He will be responsible for the planning, budgeting and procurement of all MoF services.

Martinho was born in Maliana, on 28 December 1969. In 1999, he completed a Baccalaureate in Public Management and Administration at the University Brawijaya, Malang, Indonesia. In 1992, he also completed a Baccalaureate in Government Sciences at the Institute of Government Sciences (STPDN), Bandung, Indonesia.

Martinho has 23 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started as a civil servant in the area of human resources in the district of Dili in 1990. Since 2000, he has been working in the area of finance, firstly with the Central Fiscal Authority (UNTAET) and later on with the Ministry of Finance. From 2002-09, he was the Head of the Supply Department. In 2009, he became Head of the Department of Macroeconomics of the Directorate-General of Analysis and Research, while providing administrative support to this very Directorate-General. Since 2012, he was the National Director of Procurement.



**Bernardino da
Costa Pereira**

**| National Director,
Management of External
Assistance Support to MoF, DGCS**

Bernardino da Costa Pereira is the new National Director for Management of External Assistance to the MoF. He will be responsible for the management of technical and financial support provided to the Ministry of Finance by the development partners.

Bernardino was born in Bemori, Dili, on 30 March 1983. In 2007, he completed his Baccalaureate in Engineering (Industrial Management) at the Bandung National College, Indonesia. In 2012, he completed an MBA in International Business and Finance at the Flinders Business School, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia. I

Bernardino has 7 years of professional experience, mostly in the private sector. He started his career as a project inspector at a private engineering company in Indonesia, in 2006. From 2008-09 he worked as technical procurement officer in the PFMCBP-MoF. In 2013, he returned to the Ministry of Finance as a senior officer in the Unit for Managing Development Partnerships.



**Manuela Nelia
Carvalho Alin**

**| National Director,
Maintenance and
Logistics, DGCS**

Manuela Carvalho Alin is the new National Director of Logistics and Maintenance. She will be responsible for managing the maintenance of all assets under the Ministry of Finance, as well as the respective distribution of materials throughout the services and the eventual purchase of goods and services.

Manuela was born in Dili, on 12 May 1972. In 2007, she earned her degree in Public Management at the UNPAZ, in Dili.

Manuela has 21 years of professional experience, having started as administrative officer in an Indonesian private construction company in 1992. She has been working with the Ministry of Finance since 2003, having entered directly in the Directorate-General of Corporate Services. From 2009-13 she was the Head of the Department of Human Resource Management.



**Elias dos Santos
Ferreira**

**| National Director,
Methodology & Data
Collection, DGS**

Elias dos Santos Ferreira is the new National Director of Methodology and Data Collection. He will be responsible for organizing and managing demographic statistics concerning the population, particularly the National Census.

Elias was born in Samalari, on 11 April 1963. In 2012 he earned a degree in Economics and Accounting at the Cristal Higher Education Institute, Díli.

Elias has 24 years of professional experience in the public sector, focusing in the area of Statistics, having started his career as a civil servant in the Department of Statistics in sub-district Tutuala, in 1989. In 2004, he coordinated the population Census conducted in that year. From 2009-12 he was the National Director of Statistics in the Directorate-General of Analysis and Research.



**Paulina Rita
Viegas**

**| National Director,
Economic and Social
Statistics, DGS**

Paulina Rita Viegas is the new National Director of Economic and Social Statistics. She will be responsible for organizing and managing economic and social statistics on behalf of the State.

Paulina was born in Laleia, Manatuto, on 28 April 1964. In 2007, she earned her degree in Public Administration at UNTL, in Dili.

Paulina has 28 years of professional experience in the area of Statistics. She started her career as a civil servant in the Department of Statistics in the district of Dili, in 1985, where she remained until 1999. In 2001, she entered the National Directorate of Statistics of the Ministry of Finance.



Silvino Lopes

**| National Director,
System and Reports,
DGS**

Silvino Lopes is the new National Director of Systems and Reports. He will ensure the filing of statistical data and their socialization to the public, as well as ensure the compatibility of the respective IT systems.

Silvino was born in Liquiçá, on 5 October 1975. In 2013, he earned his degree in Economics at the UNTL, Dili.

Silvino has 18 years of professional experience in the area of Statistics, having started his career in the Statistics Department in Jogjakarta, in 1995. He entered the National Directorate of Statistics of the MoF in 2001 and, from 2009-13, Mr. Lopes was the Head of the Department of Information, Data Management and Socialization.



Helder Lopes

**| Acting Coordinator,
Economic Policies, DGSF**

Mr. Helder Lopes will be the Coordinator for the Economic Policies National Directorate.

Helder has a Master's degree in Agriculture Economics - specialise in development of poor and developing countries from Michigan State University (MSU), USA in 2010. He has over ten years extensive experience with government, international agencies, and universities on macroeconomics and economic development, agriculture and rural development, and planning and public policy.

While the position is vacant, Helder shall assume the responsibilities to coordinate the NDEP on top of his other functions as the Resident



**Salamão
Yaquim**

**| National Director,
Budget, DGSF**

Salomão Yaquim is the new National Director of Budget. He will be responsible for every activity related with the drafting, contents, monitoring and evaluation of the State General Budget.

Salomão was born in Dili, on 31 July 1964. In 2010, he earned his degree in Economics and Management at the UNPAZ, in Dili.

Salomão has 26 years of professional experience, particularly in the area of budget. He started his career as a civil servant in the Department of Budget in the district of Dili, in 1987, where he remained until 1999. After working for the World Bank (Community Empowerment Project) from 2000-04 and for the national NGO Aifunan, until 2005, he entered the Ministry of Finance in 2006, starting directly in the National Budget Office.



**Regina da Conceição
Martins Costa**

**| National Director,
Whole of Government,
DGSF**

Regina Martins Costa is the new National Director for the Whole of Government. She will be responsible for managing all grants allocated in the State General Budget for the Whole of Government, including paying pensions to former holders and members of the sovereignty bodies and the use of the Contingency Reserve.

Regina was born in Baucau, on 3 October 1968. In 2012, she completed her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management at the University Gajayana, Malang, Indonesia. In 1996, she earned a degree in Public Management at the University Timor Timur, in Dili.

Regina has 20 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started in the Department of Finance, in the district of Dili, in 1993. From 2006-07, she was responsible for verifying the implementation of large projects funded by the Trust Fund. From 2009-12, she was the overseer and the person responsible for approving payments through the FreeBalance system to every Ministry and Autonomous Agency.



**Evangelina de
Fatima A. Guterres**

**| National Director,
Supply and Assets
Management, DGSF**

Evangelina Guterres is the National Director of Supply and Assets Management. She is responsible for all processes, procedures and inventories for the management, availability and allocation of movable assets belonging to the State.

Evangelina was born in Baucau, on 6 June 1968. In 1996, she earned her degree in Public Administration at UNTL, in Dili.

Evangelina has 24 years of professional experience, having started her career as a primary education teacher at Colégio de São José, Bagaia, in 1989. She has been working for the Ministry of Finance since 2002, having been a civil servant in the National Directorate of Procurement until 2012.



**Sandra F.P.
Chan Chao**

**| National Director,
Accounting & Financial
Regulation, DGT**

Sandra Chan Chao is the new National Director of Accounting and Financial Regulation. She will be responsible for coordinating the accounting and reconciliation of revenues, expenses and fund transfers, as well as for organizing the current accounts indispensable to the control of those operations.

Sandra was born in Dili, on 22 March 1985. In 2008, she also earned a degree in Economics and Management at the University 17 August 1945, Surabaya, Indonesia. In October 2013, she will be completing her Master's Degree in Accounting at the UNTL.

Sandra has dedicated her career to the Ministry of Finance. Since 2009 she has been working in the National Office of Treasury, after having worked in the Departments of Budget Execution, Revenue Accounting and Financial Management Information System.



Rui Magno

**| National Director,
Payments, DGT**

Rui Ferreira Magno is the new National Director of Payroll. He will be responsible for coordinating the payment of public expenses and the movement of treasury operations.

Rui was born in Beco, Suai, on 6 January 1972. In 1999, he completed a degree in Economics at the Faculty of Economics of Universitas Katholik Parahyangan, Bandung, Indonesia. In 2010, he completed a Baccalaureate in Financial Management at the University STIE, Malangkeçwara, Indonesia.

Rui has 13 years of professional experience, having started his career as advisor to the international NGO Adra (Japan) in 2000. He entered the Finance Ministry immediately in 2003, starting as a finance officer in the Department of Budget Execution. From November 2011 to January 2012, he was the Interim National Directorate of Treasury. Since 2012, he was the Head of the Department of Payroll Management. During the year of 2012, he taught the subject of Consumer Behaviours in the Faculty of Economics of UNTL.



**Lidia de Sousa
Guterres**

**| National Director,
Fiscal Deconcentration,
DGT**

Lídia de Sousa Guterres is the new National Director of Financial Decentralization. She will be responsible for decentralizing MoF services in the areas of accounting and payroll.

Lídia was born in Laivai, Lautém, on 1 January 1977. In 2000, she earned a degree in Accounting at the University Stiek Jaya Negara, Malang, Indonesia. In October 2013 she will be completing her Master's Degree in Accounting at UNTL, in collaboration with Christian University Satya Wacana.

Lídia has dedicated her professional life to the Ministry of Finance. She has 12 years of professional experience, having started in the National Office of Treasury. In 2009, she was appointed Head of the Department of Payroll and Accounting.



**Helga Fatima
Sarmento Fernandes
Fernandes**

**| National Director,
Petroleum & Mineral
Revenues, DGR**

Helga Fernandes is the new National Director of Petroleum and Mineral Revenues. She will be responsible for making estimates and looking after the proper collection of petroleum and mineral revenues.

Helga was born in Laclubar, Manatuto, on 21 February 1971. In 1996, she earned her degree in Accounting at the University Stan, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Helga has 17 years of professional experience in the public sector, always in the area of taxes. She started her career in 1996 as a civil servant in the Directorate-General of Revenues in Jakarta, Indonesia. Since 2000, she has been working in the area of finance, firstly with the Central Fiscal Authority (UNTAET) and subsequently with the Ministry of Finance.



**Uldarico Maria
Rodrigues**

**| National Director,
Domestic Revenues,
DGR**

Uldarico Maria Rodrigues is the National Director of Domestic Revenues. He is responsible for making estimates and for looking after the proper collection of income, salary and service taxes.

Uldarico was born in Los Palos, Lautém, on 29 December 1958. In 2007, he earned his degree in Education Science at the UNTL, Dili.

Uldarico has twenty years of professional experience in the public sector, mostly in the area of Customs. From 2004-09, he was the National Director of Customs.



**Julião Jose
Ximenes**

**| National Director,
Operations, DGC**

Julião José Ximenes is the new National Director of Operations. He will be responsible for applying customs regimes to the movements of people and goods, as well as for detecting any irregularities.

Julião was born in Baucau, on 16 April 1964. In 2009 he earned a degree in Public Administration by UNITAL, Dili. In 2013 he will be completing his Master's Degree in Human Resources by Technology University, Surabaya, Indonesia.

Julião has 24 years of professional experience, having started his career as a civil servant in the district of Baucau, in 1988. He entered the Ministry of Finance in 2001, where he worked for 12 years as an officer in the National Directorate of Treasury.



Filomena Lay

**| National Director,
Compliance, DGC**

Filomena Lay is the new National Director of Compliance. She will be responsible for the correct application of customs legislation in matters of tariffs, exemptions and assets.

Filomena was born in Dili, on 30 July 1971. In 1998, she earned her degree in Forestry Science at the University Nusa Bangsa, Bogor, Indonesia.

Filomena has 15 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started as civil servant in the Department of Forestry in the district of Dili, in 1998. Since 2001, she has been working for the National Directorate of Customs under the Ministry of Finance. From 2006 to 2010, she accompanied her husband in his assignment as Ambassador of Timor-Leste in the European Union (Belgium).



**Armindo dos
Santos**

**| National Director,
Administration, DGC**

Armindo dos Santos is the new National Director of Administration of the Directorate-General of Customs. He will be responsible for collecting, recovering and reimbursing customs fees and other taxes to be collected upon entering the national territory.

Armindo was born in Atsabe, Ermera, on 18 April 1969. In 2010, he earned his degree in Economics and Management at the UNPAZ, in Dili.

Armindo has 23 years of professional experience, having started his career as a civil servant in the Department of Agriculture in the district of Dili, in 1990. After working for the World Bank (Community Empowerment Project) from 2000-02 and for the United Nations Development Programme (Respect) from 2003-05, he entered the Ministry of Finance in 2006, starting directly in the National Budget Office.



**Jose Alexandre de
Carvalho**

**| Chief, Inspection and
Audit Unit**

José Alexandre de Carvalho (Alex) is the new Head of the Office of Inspection and Audit. He will be responsible for reviewing and verifying the administrative, financial and patrimonial management of the Ministry of Finance.

Alex was born in Ossú, Viqueque, on 14 June 1975. In 1994, he had earned a degree in Electronic Engineering by the Polytechnic Institute of Dili. In 2003, he also received a certificate in Business Administration by the Luton Business & Computing College, United Kingdom. In 2012, he completed a Baccalaureate in Economics and Management by University Darul' Ulum, Indonesia.

Alex has 18 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started as a civil servant in the Department of Fisheries, in the district of Dili, in 1995. Since 2000, he has been working in the area of finance, firstly with the Central Fiscal Authority (UNTAET) and later on with the Ministry of Finance. In 2009, he was appointed Head of the Department of the Financial Management Information System. In 2012, he became the Interim National Director of Treasury.



**Viriato da Costa
Seac**

**| Acting Coordinator,
Legal Unit**

Mr. Viriato da Costa Seac will be the Acting Coordinator of Legal Unit.

Viriato has a Bachelor Degree of Law from the *Universidade da Paz*, Dili, Timor-Leste in 2011. Mr. Seac has over 10 (ten) years experience in Law and Public Policy development, over 3 (three) Years of Natural Resources Management, over 2 (two) years of Local Government and Decentralization policy development, over one year experience in Public Financial Management legislation drafting, and over 3 (three) years of Environmental and climate change policy development and a minimum of 5 (five) years of management and leadership working experiences.

While the position is vacant, Viriato will assume the responsibilities to coordinate the Legal Unit to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning. On top of this, Viriato shall continue to provide advice to the Ministry of Finance staff on Public Financial Management related rules and policies.



**Jose dos Reis F.
Abel**

**| Acting Coordinator,
Public- Private
Partnership (PPP)**

Mr. Jose dos Reis F. Abel is the Coordinator of the Public-Private Partnership Unit.

Jose has a Master of Science in Environment and Development from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom. He has also a Master of Science in Regional Economics from the School of Economics in Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. Jose has about 23 years of work experience in various development fields and programmes, notably in the field of social and economic development in Timor-Leste, particularly in Planning and Development. This includes 10 years during Indonesian time, thirteen years under the United Nations system and 5 years with Government of Timor-Leste until today.

While the position is vacant, Jose will assume the responsibilities to coordinate the PPP Unit including setting it up. This responsibility will be on top of his other duties attached to his role in the Large Project Secretariat in the Infrastructure Fund.



Nikunj Soni

**| Acting Coordinator,
Information Systems
(IS) Unit**

Mr. Nikunj Soni will be the acting Coordinator for the Information Systems Unit. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Unit including the performance of the staff assigned to it.

Nik has an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford and 19 years experience in public financial management.

While the position is vacant, Nik will assume the responsibilities to coordinate the work of the IS Unit to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning. This will be on top of his other duties as Senior PFM Adviser to the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Senior Management Adviser on Revenue and Taxation to the Ministry of Finance.



**Felipe Nery
Bernardo**

**| Acting
Coordinator, Petroleum
Fund Administration**

Filipe Nery Bernardo will be the Acting Coordinator of the Petroleum Fund Administration Unit.

Nery completed his Master of Business Administration from Monash University of Australia in 2009. Mr. Bernardo has around 4 years of experience in natural resource management and over 6 years in finance management.

While the position is vacant, Nery will assume the responsibilities to coordinate the Petroleum Fund Administration Unit to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning. This will be on top of his other duties as Petroleum Fund consultant which includes calculating the Estimated Sustainable Income-ESI and petroleum wealth, overall managing the Petroleum Fund investment strategy, He will also represent the Minister of Finance in the Multi-Stakeholder Working Group in the Timor-Leste Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (TL-EITI) and in the Secretariat of Petroleum Fund's Investment Advisory Board.



**Cancio de Jesus
Oliveira**

**| Chief, Development
Partnership Unit**

Câncio de Jesus Oliveira is the new Head of the Development Partnership Management Unit. He will be responsible for ensuring the effective management of the foreign assistance provided by the Development Partners, as well as for coordinating, alongside the MFA, the development assistance channeled by Timor-Leste to other countries.

Câncio was born in Laclubar, Manatuto, on 13 May 1958. In 2001 he earned a degree in English by the Widjaya Kusuma University, Surabaya, Indonesia.

Câncio has 31 years of professional experience in the public sector, having started his career as a customs controller at Dili Airport in 1981. From 1999 to 2000, he was the Timorese counterpart involved in the restructuring and establishment of a Border Service in Timor-Leste. From 2009 to 2012, he was the Director-General of Revenue and Customs in the Ministry of Finance.



Felix Piedade

**| Coordinator, PFM
Capacity Building
Center, MDGs,
and New Deal**

Felix Piedade is the Coordinator for the PFM Capacity Building Training Center.

Felix holds a Master degree in Public Policy and Management from Monash University, Victoria, Australia in 2003. Felix has around 10 years experience in various areas including on human resources, political affairs, planning and public policy.

While the position is being consolidated, Felix has been entrusted to assume the responsibilities to establish the PFM Training Center. On top of this, Felix shall continue to be responsible for the monitoring of MDGs indicators and the New Deal Implementation in Timor-Leste. Felix shall also continue to represent Timor-Leste on international event related to the g7+ work on Indicators.



**Helder da
Costa**

**| Head, g7+
Secretariat**

Dr. Helder da Costa is the Coordinator of the g7+ Secretariat serving 18 fragile and conflict-affected states.

Dr. Helder has a Ph.D. in Trade Policy from the University of Adelaide, South Australia in 2001. Mr. Da Costa has 27 years experience in development economics, agriculture, and aid effectiveness and management in Southeast Asia and Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. Helder has been entrusted to assume the responsibilities to coordinate the g7+ Secretariat to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning. On top of this, Dr. Helder shall continue to provide advice to the Minister of Finance on Aid Effectiveness and the New Deal Implementation at the country and at the global levels.



**Jose dos Reis
Abel**

**| Coordinator, Large
Projects Secretariat**

Jose dos Reis F. Abel is the Coordinator of the Large Projects Secretariat.

Jose has a Master of Science in Environment and Development from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom. He has also a Master of Science in Regional Economics from the School of Economics in Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. Jose has about 23 years of work experience in various development fields and programmes, notably in the field of social and economic development in Timor-Leste, particularly in Planning and Development. This includes 10 years during Indonesian time, thirteen years under the United Nations system and 5 years with Government of Timor-Leste until today.

Jose will continue to assume the responsibilities to coordinate the Large Projects Secretariat to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning.



Ramon Oliveros

**| Acting Coordinator,
Office of the Minister of
Finance**

Mr. Ramon Oliveros will be the acting Coordinator of the Office of the Minister. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Executive Office including the performance of the staff assigned to it.

Ramon has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education which he completed from the University of the Philippines System in 1983. Ramon has 30 years experience in development planning, organizational development work including public sector administration and management.

While the position is vacant, Ramon will assume the responsibilities to coordinate the Office of the Minister to ensure its efficient day-to-day functioning. This will be on top of his other duties as Executive Adviser to the Minister.



**Balbina
Soares**

**| Chief of Staff, Office
of the Vice-Minister**

Balbina Soares is the new Chief of Staff of the Vice Minister of Finance.

Balbina was born in Dili, on 25 June 1975. She is currently attending the second semester of the Economics course at UNPAZ, Dili.

Balbina started her professional career at the daily newspaper Suara Timor Timur in 1997, as an administrative assistance. After receiving training in English Language and Administration by the East Timor Development Agency, she entered the Minister of Finance in 2002 in order to provide administrative support to the National Directorate of Planning. She had been working as executive assistant to the Minister of Finance since 2007.

