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Languages: English (fluent), Tetum (fluent), Portuguese (fluent) Spanish (working proficiency).

Political Career

- *15 June 2010 to current, Executive President, Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) Timor Leste Chapter.*
- *President of PUN Bench, National Parliament(current)*
- *Chair Committee A on Constitutional Issues, Justice, Local Government, Public Administration and Government Legislation*
- *Elected Member of the Superior Defence and Security Council (current)*
- *30 June 2007 – Elected Member of Parliament, PUN(current)*
- *25 January 2007 – Elected National President, PUN(current)*
- *30 October 2005 – Founder, Partido Unidade Nacional (PUN)*

Professional Experience

*Financial Advisor to Right Reverend Bishop of Dili (Diocese of Dili)
May 2004 to October 2005*

- Advise the Bishop on the appropriate reforms for sound governance.
- Develop the appropriate financial management legislative framework.
- Develop financial management systems and procedures.
- Develop internal accountability structures embracing all elements of internal control and management.
- Advise on a strategic planning process that includes financial and business planning.

- Assist in the development of the Diocese of Dili strategic plan.
- Establish accountability and reporting structures.
- Establish resource management structures (Human Resources, Financial management).
- Develop the appropriate policy framework for financial management in all sectors.

Economic Governance Consultant to United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNMISSET)
February 2004 to May 2004

- Assist UNMISSET and the Government of East Timor in the preparation of Transparency and Accountability Plans for implementation by the Public Sector and Central Bank.
- Manage the process of coordinating with multilateral, bilateral, UN Agencies and government officials.
- Prepare the Report on the Transparency and Accountability Workshop.

Minister of Finance, Second Transitional Government, East Timor
Appointed by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on September 20, 2001
Resigned on April 22, 2002

My principal responsibilities as Minister of Finance included:

- Provide policy advice to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and the Prime Minister on all government matters with financial implications.
- Serve on the Council of Ministers, advise the Council on available research, policy and legislative proposals with financial implications, and maintain the Ministries informed on their expenditures.
- Establish organization structures and methods for the Ministry of Finance.
- Manage and monitor the Governments cash flow position.
- As Head of the Central Fiscal Authority (CFA) manage and oversee the development of the Ministry of Finance as an internationally recognised financial institution with transparent organizational methods, systems, procedures and legislative framework.
- Develop human resources policies based on meritocratic criteria and coordinate and oversee the capacity building/training programs of the Ministry of Finance and supervise 434 Timorese and international employees.
- Oversee the formulation of the 2002-03 national budget and projections for the ensuing three years, and chair the Budget Review Committee.
- Close collaboration with the Banking and Payments Authority (BPA) to develop a Service Agreement and on issues relating to the capacity building and training of BPA staff.

Special Assistant to the Deputy SRSG, UNTAET
UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), Dili
March 2001 to September 2001

- Provided policy and organization methods advice to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, who also headed the First Transitional Government.
- Drafted correspondence, reports, speeches and minutes.
- Maintained the oversight role over the BPA and CFA.

Economic Advisor, UNTAET

*UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), Dili
September 2000 to March 2001*

- Oversaw the development of the Central Payments Office (which became the Central Bank) and the Central Fiscal Authority (which became the Ministry of Finance).
- Monitored the implementation of organizational methods, systems and procedures to ensure accountability and transparency in the Central Payments Office and Central Fiscal Authority.
- Organised training and technical assistance programs Timorese civil servants and monitor the Timorization process in the financial institutions.
- Advised the First Transitional Government on financial policies and legislation, and briefed the members of the National Council on proposed financial policies
- Co-chaired the Dollarization Committee to introduce the US Dollar as Timorese legal currency.
- Worked together with the CPO to develop the implementation plan for dollarisation.

Head, Finance, Budget and Economic Affairs, UNTAET

*UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), Dili
January 2000 to August 2000*

- In partnership with the IMF, developed the legal framework for the future Central Bank and Ministry of Finance, and prepared the necessary by-laws for sound financial management
- Assisted the Timorese leadership in assessing the currency options for the Timorese legal tender.
- Established organizational structures, systems, process and methods for the CPO and CFA.
- Assisted the CPO and Treasury establish and payment and clearing system for East Timor.
- Spearhead the establishment and development of the CPO and CFA. Helped establish and nurture the operational relationship between the fiscal and monetary authorities.
- Assisted in the development of financial regulations, budget proposals and sectoral policies.
- Developed strategies to introduce information technology to ensure transparency and accountability in the expenditure and management of public funds

Business Banking Manager, WESTPAC Banking Group

*WESTPAC Banking Group, Sydney, Australia
December 1995 to July 1999*

- Manager of commercial banking clients.
- Responsible for quality of credit submissions and performance of portfolio.
- Management of the credit portfolio for continuous improvement and development.
- Responsible for the relationship and banking operations of portfolio clients.
- Risk assessment of portfolio and early reporting to the credit risk area.

1989-1995 Held various positions with Commercial Banks in Sydney, Australia

EDUCATION

2003 **Master of Business Administration - MBA**

University of New England, NSW, Australia
Double Major in Public Sector Management and
Business Law

1986 **Bachelor of Commerce – B. Com (Econ)**

University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia
Major in Economics

1985 **Matriculation Certificate**

Adelaide University, SA, Australia

1985 **Completed High School**

Nightcliff High School, Northern Territory, Australia

1979 **Completed Primary School**

Jingili Primary School, Northern Territory, Australia