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HE Grand Chief Sir Paulias MATANE GCL GCMG K.St.J | Governor General – Papua New Guinea

HE Grand Chief Sir Paulias Matane became Governor General of Papua New Guinea in 2004. Grand Chief Sir Paulias hails from East New Britain Province, and is a native speaker of Kuanua.

Hon Francis MARUS MP | Member for Talasea Open, West New Britain – Deputy Speaker & Chairman of Committees

Francis Marus MP is the Member for Talasea Open, West New Britain, and parliamentary secretary for Fisheries.

Hon Moses MALADINA | Member for Esa’ala Open, Milne Bay Province

Moses Maladina is currently Chairman of the Parliamentary Ombudsman Committee, having served previously as deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for National Planning. Mr Maladina is a qualified agriculturalist and has practised as a Barrister & Solicitor.

Before joining parliament, Mr Maladina also served as managing director of Air Niugini, and was PNG’s High Commissioner to New Zealand. He has business interests in various parts of the Pacific including Australia and New Zealand and enjoys sports and writing, and has had one fiction novel published in New Zealand.

Hon Bart PHILEMON MP | Member for Lae Open, Morobe Province & Deputy Opposition Leader

Bart (Bartholomew – commonly known as Bart) Philemon was born on 16 April 1945 in Butibam village near Lae, PNG’s second largest city. Mr Philemon attended the University of PNG for two years, studying for a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He worked in the Aviation industry and was assistant general manager of Air Niugini (commercial operations) from 1973 – 1980.

Mr Philemon was chairman of the National Airlines Commission from 1982 – 1986, and served as the provincial member in the Morobe Provincial government between 1984 and 1988.

Mr Philemon chaired the South Pacific Festival of Arts in 1980 and was the chairman of the South Pacific Games Foundation for the 1991 games. He also serves on a number of Boards in the private sector, and prior to successfully contesting the 1992 general election, he was a businessman in the poultry and fruit industries.

Hon Jamie MAXTONE-GRAHAM MP | Member for Angalimp-South Waghi Open, Western Highlands Province

Jamie Maxtone-Graham MP is focused on change for the better through the promotion of agricultural and economic activities in his electorate. As a former political advisor and administrator, he intends to guide the electorate to economic opportunity and stability through partnership arrangements with the Government, Donor agencies, Churches and Non Government Organizations.
Jamie Maxtone-Graham is focused on building on the strengths of the people within the electorate, guided by a strategic vision for development, and supported by partners in sustainable development. He operates an open door policy where partnership networks & projects are established through proper documentation, based on practical transparency and accountability guidelines.

**Mr Paul BENGO | Registrar of Political Parties**

Paul B. Bernard Bengo CBE graduated with a Bachelor of Arts major in public administration from the University of PNG in 1971. He was principal Secretary to the Prime Minister from 1974 – 77; Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet from 1989 – 91; Secretary of the Lands & Physical Planning Department from 1991 – 93; Secretary of the Department of Defence 1993-94; and was first appointed registrar of Political Parties in 2001, before being reappointed for a 6 year term in this position in 2003.

**General Jerry SINGIROK (PNGDF Ret) | Chairman, Guns Control Committee & former Commander, PNG Defence Force**

Major General Jerry Singirok served in the PNG Defence Force for twenty two years as an infantry officer and rose to the rank of Major General in 1999 prior to being discharged from the military in 2001. He is a military science graduate from the Australian Command and Staff College and later was attached to the Australian Defence Force for three years as an exchange officer before returning to PNG in 1991.

He served in Bougainville as Operations Officer, then Commanding Officer where he was shot and wounded. He was appointed Commander PNGDF on two occasions; first in 1995 then 1998. He was removed as Commander for expelling the Sandline mercenaries in 1997 and is a strong advocate of peace through peaceful means. He was the Chairman of the Guns Control Committee that addressed the prevalence of guns in PNG.

He was a Visiting Fellow at Australian National University and is currently a freelancer and provides consultancy on public and private sector reforms.

He is a frequent commentator and critic of national and regional security and continues to advocate for closer security and cooperation in the region to address rising regional security developments particularly trans- international crimes.

**Mr Andrew S. TRAWEN | Electoral Commissioner**

Mr. Trawen is 52 years old and hails from the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. He has 33 years of electoral experience having started with the then Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as a Trainee Electoral Officer in 1974, prior to PNG gaining independence in 1975. He was appointed Senior Electoral Officer in 1984 and has held various senior positions in the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission before being appointed Deputy Electoral Commissioner in 1995.

In his capacity as Deputy Electoral Commissioner Mr. Trawen was actively and directly involved with the preparations of two PNG
general elections, the last was the 2002 elections. In 2001, he was appointed Project Co-coordinator under the AusAID funded Electoral Support Project. Mr. Trawen was made Acting Electoral Commissioner in 2003 and in 2005 he reached the pinnacle of the PNG Electoral Commission through his appointment as the Electoral Commissioner of PNG by the National Government, and in this capacity oversaw the 2007 PNG general election.

His long distinguished and dedicated service to the PNG Electoral Commission and his untiring efforts in promoting democracy in PNG was rewarded with an MBE.

Commissioner Trawen also has extensive international exposure, having attended numerous programs and workshops overseas and recently served as a member of the Commonwealth Observer Group in Guyana, observing that country’s general elections.

**Mr Ogis SANIDA | National Research Institute**

Mr Sanida is the senior research officer of the economics division of the National Research Institute, which aims to be the leading research authority in PNG and the Pacific Islands Region, and continue to contribute to development, through the generation of appropriate research information for debate and discussion, which is designed to lead to more informed decision making by the Government, the private sector, civic society, and ordinary people, in areas of cultural, economic, educational, environmental, political, and social concern.

The Institute is committed to the values of seeking knowledge through free forms of enquiry, and generating constructive criticism and debate that will lead to improved policies and practices, which will ultimately benefit the people of PNG.

**National Parliament of Papua New Guinea:**

**Mr Simon ILA | Acting Deputy Clerk**

Simon Ila is currently the acting Deputy Clerk of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea. Up until late 2006 he served as the deputy director of the Committee Secretariat and was committee secretary to 17 parliamentary committees. He has travelled extensively during his 24 years with the Parliamentary Service to attend training courses and conferences, and as such has vast experience in the operation of parliaments.

**Mr Lalai VALI | Sergeant-at-Arms**

Lalai Vali is Sergeant-at-arms in the Chamber Services Branch of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea. He has worked in the parliament for over 23 years.

**Mr Podi KOHU | First Clerk Assistant**

Podi Kohu commenced work with the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea in 1979 as a parliamentary officer, being appointed Principal Clerk, Table and Bills Division. He was appointed as the First Clerk Assistant in April 1997 and is now a senior Clerk-at-the-Table.
Mr Kohu is a member of the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth parliaments.

Mr John BALAGETUNA | Director of Inter-Parliamentary Relations

John Balagetuna is Director of Inter-Parliamentary Relations for the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea. He has previously served as the deputy secretary of the PNG Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, and as Counsellor Minister in the PNG Embassy in Washington DC.

AUSTRALIA

Hon John AQUILINA MP | NSW Legislative Assembly
Member for Riverstone & Leader of the House | Australian Labor Party

The Hon John Aquilina MP represents the electorate of Riverstone on the north-west fringe of Sydney. Having been elected in 1981, he is the longest serving member of both the NSW Houses of Parliament. During the course of his long career he has been a Minister of many portfolios, most notably Education and Training, Youth and Community Services, Land and Water Conservation and Fair Trading. During the last Parliament Mr Aquilina was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and currently he is the Leader of the House for the Government. His main interests include education, multicultural affairs and the environment.

Mr John ENGLISH MP | Queensland Parliament
Member for Redlands & Deputy Speaker | Australian Labor Party

John English is 44 years of age and has 1 daughter. He holds a Bachelor of Human Movement Studies Degree from the University of Queensland. Prior to getting elected to Queensland Parliament in 2001, he worked in the Queensland Police Service for 13 years, spending most of his service as a Detective rising to the rank of Sergeant. John has a strong interest in law and order and security issues and is currently the Deputy Speaker of the Queensland Parliament.

Mrs Judith HOPWOOD MP | NSW Legislative Assembly
Member for Hornsby | Liberal Party

Judy Hopwood is a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Seat of Hornsby in the NSW Parliament and was elected in a By-Election in February 2002. Hornsby is a metropolitan electorate north of Sydney. She is a Registered Nurse (working for 24 years in a wide variety of nursing fields) and has completed a Master of Bioethics. Judy has a strong interest in women's issues as well as the impact of poverty - she is committed to enabling the ability of local communities to succeed in the face of challenges to health, education and vital needs of daily living.
Judy has served on the Children and Young People Committee of the Parliament, and is currently on the Health Care Complaints Commission Committee and the Legislation Review Committee. She has had Shadow Ministerial experience in community services and mental health, and is also special projects officer of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group (APFG). Judy is married with two adult daughters.

Mr John-Paul LANGBROEK MP | Queensland Parliament Member for Surfers Paradise | Liberal Party

John-Paul won the seat of Surfers Paradise in 2004 following the retirement of former Premier, the Hon Rob Borbidge. Having won the seat, he was appointed the Parliamentary Secretary of the Liberal Party and is now the Shadow Minister for Health. At the 2006 election, John-Paul and the Liberal Party received an increase in primary vote of over 12%, making Surfers Paradise the safest Liberal seat in the State.

He has been a practising dental surgeon for more than 20 years, having received his degree from the University of Queensland. He is the first dentist elected in Queensland since 1936. John-Paul has been married to Stacey for 21 years and they have three wonderful children.

AUTONOMOUS BOUGAINVILLE REGION HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hon Dominic ITTA MP | Member for Kongara, Central Bougainville

Dominic Itta is a Member of the First Bougainville House of Representatives which was inaugurated on 15 June 2005. He is a member of the Parliamentary Sectoral and Advisory Committee on Social Development including Veterans Affairs.

Prior to standing for elections, Dominic Itta was a member for the Bougainville Government Administration based in Arawa, Central Bougainville. He has a five year term in the Bougainville House of Representatives.

Hon Francesca SEMOSO OBE MP | Deputy Speaker & Regional Women’s Representative, North Bougainville Region

Francesca Semoso was elected Deputy Speaker of the Autonomous Bougainville Region House of Representatives on 15 June 2005. She is also the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Select Committee on HIV/Aids.

Prior to her election, Francesca was a radio broadcaster based in Port Moresby after graduating from the National Arts School. She was also a Member of the Bougainville Constitutional Commission which developed the Constitution for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.
FIJI

Mrs Ro Teimumu V. KEPA | Former Member of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Fiji, for Rewa Fijian Communal Constituency & former Minister for Education, Youth & Sports

Ro Teimumu Kepa was a Government Senator and served in Cabinet initially in 2000, as part of the Interim Government in a capacity as Minister for Women, Culture & Heritage, and Social Welfare; and then for two terms as Education Minister for the ruling Soqosoqo Duavata ni Lewenivanua Party (SDL) after the general elections in 2001, and May 2006. She was a member of several Cabinet Sub-Committees, and was elected for a four year term to the UNESCO Executive Board in her capacity as Minister for Education in September 2005, before being ousted by the Military Coup of December, 2006.

Ro Teimumu Kepa is a former coordinator at the University of the South Pacific Student’s Association, and Academic Counsellor at the Fiji College of Advanced Education. Ro Teimumu Kepa also served as Principal of Corpus Christi Teacher’s Training College, and is a former chairperson of the Rewa Provincial Council.

Ro Teimumu Kepa was educated at Levuka Convent, Adi Cakobau School, Loreto High and Corpus Christi College. She is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific and holds a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate in Counselling and Guidance.

Mr Pita K. NACUVA | Former Member of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Fiji, for Nadroga/Navosa Fijian Communal Constituency & former Speaker, House of Representatives

Pita K. Nacuva is a Town Planner by profession and a graduate of Victoria University (NZ) and Edinburgh University (Scotland). He served his country as a Civil Servant for thirty years, reaching the top positions of Permanent Secretary and Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the United States of America and Mexico.

Pita K. Nacuva was elected into Parliament and served as the Minister for Health and Minister for Tourism respectively in the Soqosoqo Duavata Ni Lewenivanua (SDL) Coalition Government from 12th September, 2001 to 18th May, 2006. He was elected the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the 5th of June, 2006. He represented and captained the Fiji Rugby XV National Team and the Fiji Volleyball National Team during his sporting days.

NEW ZEALAND

Ms Jill PETTIS MP | List Member, Labour Party

Current parliamentary roles: Member, Health Committee

Former parliamentary roles: Spokesperson, Conservation; Associate Spokesperson, Health; Associate Spokesperson, Housing; Spokesperson, Youth Affairs; Member, Law and order select

**Personal details:** Born 22 September 1952, married with two adult children

**Career:** Former Nurse; Former Finance Officer, Banking sector; Former Executive Officer, Education sector

**Community activities:** Patron, Birthright Wanganui Incorporated; Business Mentor, serving self employed people; Office holder, Community Education support, Early Childhood, Primary, and Secondary education sectors; Advocate, Low-income families; Honorary Vice President, Wanganui Hearing Association; Former President, Wanganui Student Nurses’ Association; Supporter, Women's Refuge

**Party activities:** Member, Labour Party 1968-; Former Chairperson, Labour Party Castlecliff Branch; Chairperson, Labour Backbench Committee

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**Pita PARAONE MP | List Member, NZ First**

Mr Pita Paraone is a List MP for the NZ First Party having entered Parliament in 2002.

He is his Party spokesperson for Maori Affairs, Housing, Broadcasting and Fisheries and came to Parliament following a 38 year career in the NZ Public Service specialising in Maori economic and social development. This also included work in the Maori Land Court and Maori Community Services.

His tertiary qualifications are in Social Work and Business Development. He is an alumnus of the Auckland University and Victoria University, Wellington. He has attended both the NZ Staff College of Management and the Henley Management College, UK. He has served on an Energy Supply and Radio Station Boards, Chaired his tribal council and a tertiary institute and currently sits on a tribal forestry trust and a national trust board. He is a member of other committees involving his tribe.

Pita lives in Auckland and with his wife have three adult children and five grandchildren. In addition to family interests he enjoys Maori history, rugby, rugby league and tennis.
Hon. FIAME Naomi Mataafa MP | Member for Lotofaga & Minister for Women, Community & Social Development

Fiame entered Politics in 1985 as the Member for Lotofaga for the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP). In her second term (1988 – 1991) she was the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Finance, working mainly in the development of strategies to implement VAGST.

Fiame has been a Cabinet Minister since 1991 and has held the Education; Youth, Sports and Culture and Labour portfolios. After the March 2006 General Election, she continued in Cabinet with a new set of portfolios; Women, Community and Social Development; Public Service Commission; Salaries Tribunal and the Office of the Ombudsman.

Internationally, Fiame has represented Samoa and the Pacific Islands on the Executive Board of UNESCO and the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning.

Fiame is a keen advocate of women’s development and maintains strong ties with the National Council of Women (NCW) and the Inailau Women’s Leadership Network.

“FIAME” is a chiefly title and is the ranking title of the Lotofaga district. Naomi was conferred the title Fiame in 1977.

Hon. TOLOFUAIVALELEI Falemoe Leitatau MP | Member for A’ANA ALOFI No. 2 & Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa.

Territorial Constituency: A’ANA ALOFI No. 2
Political Party: Human Rights Protection Party
Years as Member of Parliament: 1996 (March - September), 2001 - 2006, 2006 - present
1996 (March - September): Minister of Posts Office and Telecommunications
2001 – 2006: Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
2006 – present: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Committees:
2001 – 2006: Chairman of Bills Committee, Internal Affairs & Environment Committee, Deputy Chairman of Electoral Committee, Standing Orders Committee, Parliamentary Association & Union Committee, Member of Business Committee, Privileges & Ethics Committee.
2006 - : Chairman Business Committee, Standing Orders Committee, House Committee, Officers of Parliament Committee, Electoral Committee, Committee for Parliamentary Associations & Unions
Career: Politics, Cultural Affairs & Music/Entertainment
**Solomon Islands**

*Celsus Talifilu*

Celsus Talifilu works as Parliamentary Research and Committee Secretary to the National Parliament of the Solomon Islands. His work mainly involves assisting MPs with committee hearings, research and information.

**Timor-Leste**

*Mr Lucas Da Costa MP | Democratic Party*

Mr Da Costa is a member of Commission C (Economic, Finance and Anti Corruption) and Rector of Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ). He has a PhD in Micro-Economics from Airlangga University, Indonesia.

*Mr Domingos Sarmento MP | Fretilin*

Mr Sarmento is currently a member of Commission A (Constitution, Justice, Public Administration, Local Authority, and Government Legislation). In the previous parliament he served as Timor-Leste’s Minister of Justice. Mr Sarmento graduated from the Faculty of Law, Atmajaya University, Jakarta, Indonesia.

**Tonga**

*Mr 'Isileli Pulu MP | People’s Representative, Tongatapu No.2*

Mr 'Isileli Pulu was re-elected into parliament for a second term in the March 2004 General Elections. Mr 'Isileli Pulu is a staunch advocate of democratic ideals in Tonga. Mr. Pulu was educated in Tonga High School and holds a BA.

*Mrs. Lepolo Mahe Taunisila | People’s Representative, 'Niuatoputapu & Niuafo’ou*

Mrs. Taunisila is a teacher by profession and has taught in Tonga for many years before moving to the isolated northern islands of Niua, where she rose to the position of Deputy Principal at the local secondary school. She entered the House at the 2005 by-election to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Peauafi Haukinima. Although she is not the first woman to be elected to the Tongan parliament, she is only the fourth ever women to be a member of the House. She is the Deputy Chair of the Friendly Islands Human Rights & Democracy Movement as well as a member of the People’s Committee for Political Reform. Mrs. Lepolo holds a BA from the University of the South Pacific and an MA from Deakin University in Australia.
Dr William F. SHIJA | CPA Secretary-General

Dr William F. Shija became Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in January 2007.

Born in 1947, Dr Shija is married with 5 children, and holds a PhD from Howard University, Washington D.C. along with degrees from New Delhi and Tanzania.

Dr Shija was a Member of the Parliament of Tanzania from 1990–2005. During this time he served as Minister of Industry & Trade, 1997-98; of Energy & Minerals, 1994-95; of Information & Broadcasting, 1992-94; and of Science, Technology & Higher Education, 1990–92. He also served as Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee (1999-2005); Member and Chairman, Committee on Education, Culture, Tourism and Human Resources, Pan African Parliament (2004-05), and has authored numerous academic and government and parliamentary policy papers on communications and development issues.

Dr Shija is the CPA’s Chief Executive Officer, responsible for the interpretation and implementation of its policies and the enhancement of its activities.

Prof Ben REILLY | BA (Hons, 1st Class, UNSW), PhD (ANU)

Benjamin Reilly is Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions and Professor of Political Science in the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University (ANU). In addition to his academic career, he has previously served with the United Nations, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), and the Australian government. Professor Reilly has held visiting fellowships at Oxford, Canterbury and Harvard universities, and has received financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the United States Institute of Peace, the East-West Center and the Australian Research Council. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the ANU.


Professor Reilly has advised governments and international organizations on issues of democratisation, constitutional reform, party politics, electoral system design and conflict management in Afghanistan, Bosnia, East Timor, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Fiji, Guyana, Lebanon, Papua New Guinea, and Solomon Islands. He was also a polling official in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in 1993.

Mr Quinton Clements | BA (Hons, 1st Class, ANU)

Quinton Clements BA is Deputy Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions at the Australian National University. His work focuses on strengthening parliaments and implementing good governance best practice.

Prior to taking up this position, Mr Clements held a number of positions in the Australian Public Service and in the Department of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia. He served as Inquiry Secretary to the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories; and acting Committee Secretary for the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. Mr Clements has also worked in the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea as Committee Secretary to the Parliamentary Select Committee on a Pacific Economic Community.

Mr Clements has consulted on issues of parliamentary strengthening and good governance in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Island Countries for agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme. He has been an associate of the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the Australian National University. Mr Clements’ academic research focuses on nation building, nationalism and identity formation, and issues of socio-economic development and governance. He contributed to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute’s report on the Solomon Islands, Our Failing Neighbour: Australia and the Future of Solomon Islands; and co-edited a book Building a Nation in Papua New Guinea: Views of the Post-Independence Generation (Pandanuss Press, 2003).

Luke Hambly | BA (Hons, Anthropology, ANU), MA (ANU)

Luke Hambly was appointed Executive officer of CDI in 2005. Previous to this, he worked within the discipline of Anthropology at the ANU since 2001, most recently as research assistant to the Anthropology Department in the Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies (RSPAS).

In 2004 Luke completed a post graduate degree at the ANU, being awarded a Masters degree in Applied Anthropology and
Participatory Development. Luke was employed at AusAID between 1998 and 2000 working in a variety of areas within the agency, including the PNG branch, where in 2000 he was given the opportunity to work for 3 months with the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group as a civilian monitor on the island of Buka. In 1999 he also spent 3 months in Alice Springs working with the NT Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority assisting in the registration of sacred sites within the Northern Territory of Australia.


**Vicki VENESS**

Vicki Veness is the CDI Project/Financial Officer. Ms Veness has extensive experience in financial management and administration roles at the ANU, and before her current position has worked for a number of different areas at the University including the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR), and the National Graduate School of Management (NGSM).