



FILIMONE WAQABACA
[Bio-data]

HE Filimone Waqabaca, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Fiji to Japan presented his credentials to His Majesty Emperor Naruhito on 8 March 2023.

From November 2015 to June 2022, he was High Commissioner to New Zealand. Before his diplomatic appointment, he served as Permanent Secretary for Finance since February 2011. He also acted as Permanent Secretary for National Planning.

In these capacities, he was the Chair of the Tax Agents Board and Board Member of the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority, Reserve Bank of Fiji, University of the South Pacific Council, Fiji National University Council, National Disaster Management Council, National Employment Centre Board, National Housing Council, National Financial Inclusion Taskforce, Fiji National Council for Disabled Persons, Fiji National Sports Council, Fiji Aftercare Fund, Budget and Aid Coordinating Committee. He was also a Member of the Service Excellence Committee, Consultative Committee on Financial Services, Performance Management System Committee and Disaster Risk and Climate Mitigation Board.

He was also a board member or represented on the board of state owned enterprises like Fiji Electricity Authority, Fiji Meat Industry Board, Amalgamated Telecom Holdings and Pacific Fishing Company. Mr. Waqabaca was also the Chairman of the Air Terminal Services from May 2013 to March 2015 and Chairman of the Fiji Rugby Union from April 2013 to March 2015.

Mr. Waqabaca joined the Reserve Bank of Fiji in 1990 as a Technical Assistant in the Economics Group. He rose through the ranks and was appointed Adviser in the same group in October 1998. He then joined the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat as Economic and Policy Analyst in March 1999. He rejoined the Bank's Economics Group in May 2003 as Senior Adviser. In January 2004, he was appointed acting Chief Manager Economics and was confirmed to the post on 1 March 2005.

He was Adviser to the Executive Director in the South East Asia office of the International Monetary Fund from May 2007 to April 2009. Mr. Waqabaca was Chief Manager Financial Systems Development and Compliance prior to his appointment as the Permanent Secretary for Finance.

Mr. Waqabaca obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South Pacific and a Master of Science in International Banking and Financial Studies from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom.

His interests include volleyball and touch rugby where he has played the games professionally and was also involved in the management of the sports. He is also interested in farming and living off the land.

Mr. Waqabaca is married to Mrs. Caroline Waqabaca, the current Chief Manager Economics at the Reserve Bank, and they have three children.

H.E. Mr Filimone Waqabaca

フィリモネ・ワガバザ
駐日特命全権大使
フィジー共和国大使館

【略歴】

フィジー準備銀行経済局最高責任者、フィジー国家計画省事務次官、その他の要職を経て、駐ニュージーランド高等弁務官に就任。2022年8月に来日、2023年3月8日に天皇陛下に信任状を捧呈し、駐日特命全権大使に就任

2023.3.8～ 駐日特命全権大使

2015－2022 駐ニュージーランド高等弁務官（特命全権大使）

2011－2015 フィジー共和国国家計画省事務次官 この期間、税務署、歳入関税局、準備銀行、南太平洋大学理事会、フィジー国立大学理事会、フィジー電気公社、食肉産業会などの多数の役員を兼任する。

2013－2015 エア・ターミナルサービスやフィジーラグビー協会の会長を務める

2007－2009 国際通貨基金（IMF）東南アジア事務所長のアドバイザーを務める

2003－2007 フィジー準備銀行に戻り、その後経済局の最高責任者となる

1999－2003 太平洋諸島フォーラム経済政策アナリストとして勤務

1998－1999 フィジー準備銀行経済局のアドバイザーとして勤務

1990～ フィジー準備銀行経済局テクニカルアシスタントとして勤務を開始

【その他】

1967年10月28日生まれ（55歳）

既婚（子ども3人）

【学歴】

南太平洋大学で学士取得、サウサンプトン大学（英国）で国際銀行と金融学で修士

【趣味】

タッチラグビー、バレーボール、農業