

**BRIEF BIODATA FOR
MR TUILOMA NERONI SLADE, SECRETARY GENERAL,
PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT**

Mr Tuiloma Neroni Slade of Samoa was elected to the position of Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat for three years on 20 August 2008.

Before taking up his tenure at the Forum Secretariat, Mr Slade was elected to the International Criminal Court in 2003 for a three-year term, and served as Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber II at The Hague in the Netherlands. He then went on to practice as an International Legal Consultant between 2007-2008.

Mr Slade's extensive diplomatic career from 1993-2003 saw him serve as Samoan Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations; concurrently Ambassador to the United States of America and High Commissioner to Canada. Preceding this, Mr Slade worked as Assistant Director of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Legal Division in London.

From 1976-1982, Mr Slade served as the Attorney-General of Samoa, following his roles as Parliamentary Counsel to the Government of Samoa and Principal/Legal Counsel and Senior Prosecutor for the Attorney-General's Office of Samoa.

Mr Slade is a recipient of Order of Samoa – Poloaiga Sili a Samoa (2005), Global Oceans Leadership Award (2003), Elisabeth Mann Borgese Medal for services to small island developing States and the oceans (2003) and Laureate, Elizabeth Haub Award for Environmental Diplomacy (2001).

He has also served as chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (1997-2003).