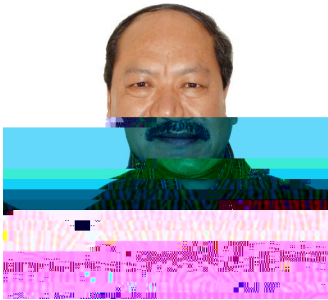


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Mr. Sonam P. Wangdi is currently the Secretary, National Environment Commission and responsible for overall regulation of the Environmental Sector. He is Chair of the LDC Group under UNFCCC and selected as one of the 100 most influential people in climate policy by a political magazine. He is also recipient of Civil Service Gold Medal for years of distinguished service.

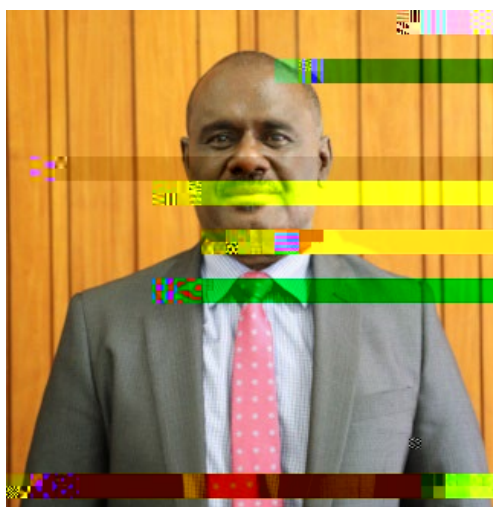
He holds a Masters of International Law and Economics degree from the World Trade Institute.



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Title: Secretary, NEC

## Biography



Hon. Jeremiah Manele  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade  
Solomon Islands

Honourable Mr. Jeremiah Manele is the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Solomon Islands. He possesses vast civil service experience having held senior Government positions and represented Solomon Islands as a career diplomat.

Hon. Manele recently presided as President-in-Office during the 112<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States in July 2021.

Hon. Manele was first elected to the National Parliament as the Member of Parliament for Hograno/Kia/Havulei Constituency in 2014, and has throughout his political career, held posts as the Leader of the Official Opposition Group in Parliament (2015).

He previously held another ministerial portfolio when he served as the Minister for Development Planning and Aid Coordination (2018).

Prior to his political career, Hon. Manele held senior government positions, serving as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Development Planning, the Secretary to the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

He also served as Secretary to the Solomon Islands Government RAMSI Intervention Taskforce.

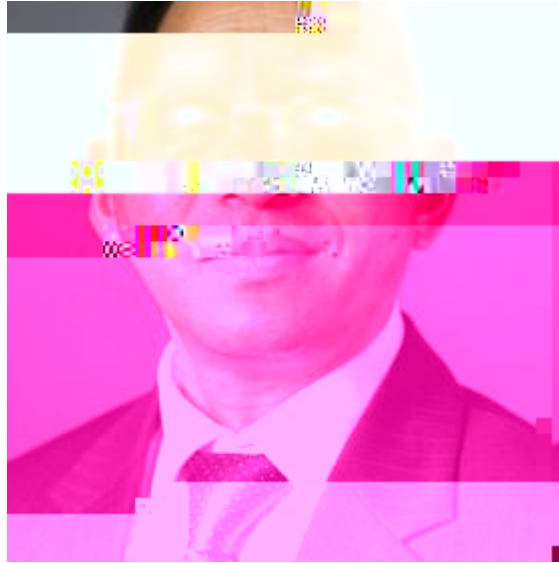
Preceding that, Hon. Manele was deployed on diplomatic posting as Counsellor and later served as Charge d'Affaires a.i of the Solomon Islands Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Hon. Manele holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Certificate in Foreign Service and International Relations from Oxford University.

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## Curriculum Vitae

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Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA); 1992, Nepal Commerce Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

Career History: Chair, The Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) at the seventh session

Joint Secretary, Policy Planning Division, 03 Dec 2018-03 March 2019, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

27 December 2014-02 December 2018: Ambassador of Nepal to South Africa with eighteen other concurrently accredited countries

Joint Secretary, South Asia Division, August 21, 2013- Ministry of foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal  
Joint Secretary, Europe America Division, March 9, 2013- August 20, 2013, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

Under Secretary, BIMSTEC and Multilateral Economic Diplomacy Division, October 2012-March 9, 2013, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal



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