

Inia Seruiratu has been the Fijian Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management since 2014. Prior to this he held ministerial appointments for fisheries, forestry and provincial development. For over 10 years, Mr Seruiratu has served as chairperson, director, and member for various national and international boards and bodies, in both the private and public sector. This has provided him with in-depth insights into the dynamics of engaging with an array of actors and has exposed him to the intricacies of local and international policy development issues, including climate change, in different sectors but more especially in food security, agriculture, disaster risk reduction, rural development, fisheries and forestry. Mr Seruiratu is a strong advocate for strengthening the resilience of local communities against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change, having experienced first-hand the impacts of sea-level rise and coastal erosion in his own village.