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**Tuiloma Neroni Slade** is currently the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and is also the *Pacific Ocean Commissioner* – a high level advocacy role underpinning the *Pacific Oceanscape* Framework's holistic approach to ocean management and conservation. Before taking up his tenure at the Forum Secretariat in October 2008, Mr. Slade served a three-year term as a Judge of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague; and was Samoa's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1993-2003 and concurrently Ambassador to the United States of America and High Commissioner to Canada. Mr. Slade has also served with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London and as the Attorney-General of Samoa.

Mr. Slade has had a long association with the negotiations and development of key international conventions, including the UNFCCC, CBD and UNCLOS. He was the inaugural co-chair of the UN Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS) from 1999, and has been recognised internationally for his leadership and work on oceans issues and for his services to the small island developing States (SIDS). He was the Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) from 1997-2003.

He brings to the *Pacific Oceanscape Framework* first-hand experience of the challenges facing Pacific countries in their efforts for effective management and conservation of the oceans and its resources, and of sound policy-making and integrated actions, with the understanding and support of the international community, to address critical priorities on the basis of effective and sustainable development.