

Alfred Solomon SASAKO

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Date of Birth: 26 May 1953
Marital Status: Married – 4 children
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Professional Training and Qualifications

Diploma, Leadership for the 21st Century: Conflict, Chaos and Courage
John F Kennedy School of Government, Executive Program **Harvard University**
[December 2002]

Diploma, Initiatives in Conflict Management: Planning for Civil-Military
Cooperation John F Kennedy School of Government, Executive Program **Harvard
University** [May 2001]

Diploma in Advanced Journalism – Thomson Foundation Editorial Study Centre,
United Kingdom [May-July 1982]

Diploma in Journalism, School of Journalism, University of Papua New Guinea,
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea [1977]

Secondary School Certificate, Su'u Secondary School, Malaita Province,
Solomon Islands [1973-1975]

Senior Primary School Certificate, Fote Primary School, Malaita Province,
Solomon Islands [1970-1972]

Employment History

Media Consultant, Solomon Islands Government [Dec 2007 -]

Manager, Secretariat of the Media Association of Solomon Islands [MASI]
[August 2006 – June 2007]

First elected to Parliament in 1997; re-elected in 2001. Served two consecutive terms of four years each [1997 – 2005]

Minister for Infrastructure & Development, Solomon Islands Government
[December 2005 – March 2006]

Chairman, Bina Harbor Deep Seaport & Auluta Palm Oil Development Projects,
Malaita Province, Solomon Islands [June – December 2005]

Minister for Agriculture & Livestock, Solomon Islands Government [September
2004 – March 2005]

Opposition Spokesman on Foreign Affairs [2002 – 2004]

Solomon Islands' first **Minister of State, Assisting the Prime Minister**, Solomon
Islands Government [1997-2000].

Head of the Information Department, South Pacific Forum Secretariat, Suva Fiji
Islands [April 1991 – March 1997]

South Pacific Correspondent, Australian Associated Press [AAP], Sydney, and
Brisbane, Australia [1986 – 1991].

Chief of Staff, Niugini Nius newspaper, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea [1983-
1995]

Chief Political Correspondent, Post Courier newspaper, Port Moresby, Papua
New Guinea [1980-1982]

Reporter, Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, Honiara, Solomon Islands
[978 – 1979]

Information Officer, Government Information Service, Honiara, Solomon Islands
[1975 – 1978]

International Media Assignments Undertaken for Pacific Islands Media Outlets

Provided News Coverage of ...

- UN Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1992;
- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting [CHOGM], Limassol, Cyprus 1993
- Small Islands Developing States [SIDS], Barbados, Caribbean 1994;
- UN Population and Development Summit, Cairo, Egypt 1994
- UN Poverty Alleviation Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark 1995;
- UN Food Summit, Rome 1996

International Meetings attended on behalf of SIG

- Japan – South Pacific Leaders' Summit, Tokyo, Japan 1997
- Commonwealth Youth Ministers' Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 1998
- UN Special Ministers of Youth Conference, Portugal 1999
- International Whaling Commission Meeting, Grenada, Caribbean 1999
- South Pacific Commission Conference, Pape'ete, Tahiti 2000
- Accompanied Prime Minister B Ulufa'alu to negotiate Framework for Technical Arrangement with Taiwan 1997

Others

UNESCO Consultant [provided two-week media training for journalists in Fiji] 1987.

Fellow, United States International Visitors Program 1993

Fellow, Japan's Senior Officials' Familiarization Visit 1992