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Mr. Georges Singana Maniuri brings to his post a significant and highly accomplished career as an experienced public official, having served at the highest level of Vanuatu's civil service for 17 years. He has been Director General of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management of the Republic of Vanuatu since 2008, holding the same position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation from 2005-2008 and also at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism from 1998 to 2005.

Throughout his career, Mr. Maniuri has played central roles in important developments for the country, including the revival of Vanuatu's foreign services and the establishment of diplomatic missions in strategic locations around the world. Mr. Maniuri has also played prominent roles in the negotiations for the accession of Vanuatu to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and for the Pacific Island Trade Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) and ACP-EU Economic Partnership Agreements. He also participated in Vanuatu's delegations to major international meetings of the United Nations, the WTO as well as ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

Mr. Maniuri served as the National Authorising Officer (NAO) for the European Development Fund (EDF) for a number of years, and is currently on key national commissions such as the Board of Directors of the Vanuatu Reserve Bank and Air Vanuatu (of which he is Vice-Chair). He holds a Master's degree in Commercial Law and Licence Droit Privé from the Université de Bordeaux in France. He is multi-lingual, speaking French, English, Bislama and Namakura.

Mr. Maniuri is scheduled to take office in May 2015.