

SAMOA IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD:

THE NECESSITY TO ADAPT IN A
CHANGING ENVIRONMENT TO
REMAIN RELEVANT



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His Excellency

Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia

SAMOAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

His Excellency Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia has been the Samoan ambassador to the U.S. and to the UN since 2003. Elisaia has had diverse experience representing his government in a wide range of professional activities including previous service as assistant chief executive officer, Corporate and Support Services, in the Samoan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2001–03), co-director of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Samoa (1988–2001), and deputy secretary for foreign affairs (1984–88). He was also

first secretary in his country's High Commission in New Zealand (1981–84) and had been acting division head and division head in the Economic and Aid Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1979–1981), and served in the Samoan Mission to the UN in New York (1979). Elisaia received a BA in political science and administration from the University of the South Pacific in Fiji and a certificate in diplomacy from Oxford University.