

ELECTION PLATFORM/CONSTITUTION

**“Hugag ‘esea, Haihanisiga ma fe’eni
tae la ut’akia is famor Rotuma se rere”**

This *Platform* provides the **Policy Foundation** from which I intend to work with the Rotuman Community in my aspiration to be elected as Rotuma’s Parliamentary Representative in Fiji’s forthcoming General Elections.

I consider it my next calling and look forward to serving our people. I intend to contest the Election as an **Independent Candidate** who would be **Responsive**, and **Representative, Accountable** and **Accessible, Efficient** and **Effective** in trying to meet our peoples’ hopes and aspirations.

Responsive and Representative

I reaffirm my commitment to be truly **Responsive** and **Representative** by regularly consulting widely with the Chiefs and people.

Accountable and Accessible

I strongly believe that the National Government must be both **Accountable** and **Accessible** to Parliament and the Electorate at all times.

Efficient and Effective

I also believe that Government’s objectives and goals are best achieved if its services are delivered in the most **Efficient, Transparent** and **Effective** manner possible.

Sovereignty and The Constitution

As Rotumans, our sovereign rights as members of the Indigenous community is guaranteed in the Compact of our Constitution. In this regard we should appreciate and cherish with pride the old adage of **‘Viti Kei Rotuma’**.

I believe that the Constitution must be understood but more importantly, respected by all if we as a nation are to continue to meet the increasingly complex **Economic, Environmental, Political** and **Social Needs** and **Aspirations** of our people.

Core Values and Principles

I believe that if we are to progress and prosper as a Nation, then we as a people must ensure that Government legislate and strictly adhere to a **Code of Conduct** for our leaders. I will demand and expect the highest standards of **Integrity, Transparency, Openness** and **Accountability** in all decision making.

I contend that the **Family** is the fundamental group unit of society

and that its **Economic Security** is of paramount importance. The truest measure of a good society is the care it provides for those most in need and the opportunity it provides them. I believe that all people are created **Equal** in their entitlement to **Dignity** and **Respect**, and should have an equal chance for every person to realise his or her full potential I believe that we must be **Compassionate** and be **Committed in Reaching Out, Embracing, Protecting** and **Supporting** those who are in need and less fortunate in our community.

Human Rights

I am fully committed to a just and tolerant society which fully supports and protects the **Rights** and **Freedoms** of all. This includes the fundamental political and civil rights of everyone to **Freedom of Conscience, Expression** and **Association**, and to due process of law. I strongly believe that **Rights** must be accompanied by **Responsibilities** to behave **Honestly, Humanely** and **Fairly**.

Priorities

To fully realise each individual’s potential, I am committed to providing the best opportunity for our people in: Improving their living standards and quality of life; Gaining access to **Employment, Education, Housing, Health and Welfare Services**.

Service Delivery

I believe that there is a need for a continuous improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of **Government Service Delivery**. In this regard, I am committed to improving the **Shipping** and **Air Services** to our home island of Rotuma.

Access and Equity

I reaffirm my commitment to the principles of participatory decision making and a selective process which should be based on **Merit** as I believe that **Women** are often discriminated against and are significantly under-represented at senior and middle management levels in both the public and private sector.

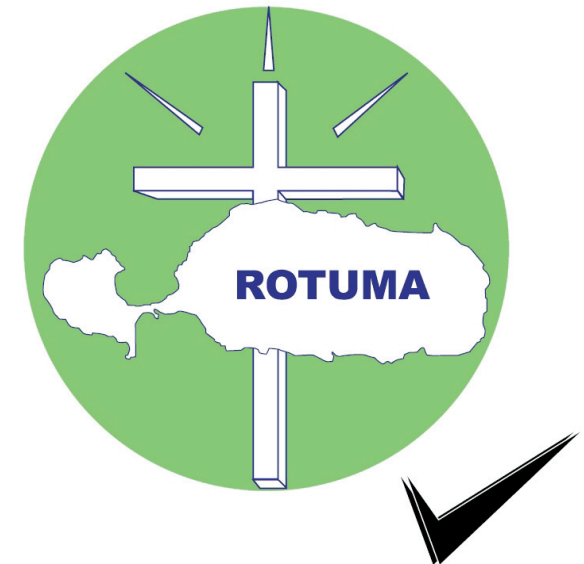
Environmental Sustainability

I also believe that the protection of the **Environment** is a key value. In this regard I am committed to bringing **regulatory, economic** and **educational tools** to help Government prioritise sustainable water and land management, recognising the importance of land and water conservation in enhancing biodiversity, human health and economic prosperity.

Constitutional Reform

I am committed to engaging the Government of the day to ensure that the interests of our community and our special and unique status as an **Indigenous** ethnic group are protected at all times. In this regard I am equally committed to ensure that all amendments to the existing statutes (**Rotuma Act, Rotuma Land Act etc**) are done following wide consultations, but more importantly changes are effected with the full endorsement of the Chiefs and the people.

**Hugag’esea ho’am Hairot’akiga
Hugag’esea ho’am Haifakte’akiga
Hugag’esea ho’am Hai’afaiga
Hugag’esea ho’am Hai’aleiiga, ka ‘ati se
Hugag’esea ia ho’am Haihanisiga**



CURRICULUM VITAE

Date of Birth : 26 December 1947
Marital Status : Married to Sarote Konrote
Children : Lisa Rita Francis
Emmanuel Jioji Konrote
Andrew Elaise Konrote

Educational Record and Qualifications

Primary : Draiba Fijian Sch, **Suva**. Motusa Primary Sch. **Rotuma**
Secondary: Malha'a Secondary Sch, **Rotuma**. Natabua High Sch.
Lautoka.

Military Training/Education

New Zealand Army - Administration & Tactical Sch. **WAIOURU**
Graduate, Australian Army Officer Cadet School, **PORTSEA**,
1972
Graduate, Australian Army Command & Staff College, **QUEEN-
SCLIFF**, 1982, psc
Graduate, Australian College of Defence and Strategic Studies
CANBERRA 1996 (Fellow)
Graduate, Programme for Senior Executives in National and
International Security, **John F Kennedy School of Government,**
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2000

Awards/Decorations

Fiji Independence Medal	1970
UNIFIL Peace Medal	1978
Military Cross (UK)	1982
Meritorious Service Decoration	1987
Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem(UK)	1995
Officer of the Order of Fiji (Military Division)	1997
Order of Merit (Italy) November	1997
Order of Cedar (Lebanon) October	1999

Senior Military and Civil Appointments

March 1986 - April 1987 **Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Fiji
Infantry Regiment, UNIFIL**
April 1988 - April 1990 **Chief of Staff, RFMF**
April 1990- April 1991 **Deputy Force Commander UNIFIL**
April 1991-September 1997 **Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff,
RFMF**
October 1997-October 1999 **United Nations Assist-
ant Secretary General, Force Commander, UNIFIL**
February 2000-March 2002 **Permanent Secretary for Home Af-
fairs and Immigration**

April 2002 - March 2006 - **High Commissioner of the Fiji Islands**
to the **Commonwealth of Australia** and **The Republic of Singapore**.

Record of Service.

Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote enlisted into the Royal Fiji
Military Forces (RFMF), in May 1966. He was seconded to the
New Zealand Armed Forces in 1970 to 1971 and served with **1
Ranger Squadron, NZ Special Air Service (NZSAS)**. In 1972 he
graduated as a Second Lieutenant into the Fiji Infantry Regiment
from the **Australian Army Officer Cadet School, PORTSEA**. As
a Lieutenant he was seconded to the British Army Far East Land
Forces and served as a Platoon Commander with the **1st Battalion
Royal Hampshire Regiment** and as a **Staff Officer in Headquarters
51 Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong** from 1974 to 1975.

Summary – Personal Qualities and Achievements

Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote is one of Fiji's most outstand-
ing and decorated military officers. He has been recognised by his
superiors as an excellent **Regimental and Staff Officer** and highly
regarded by those he has served with. He has been particularly
noted for his courage, strong sense of morality, forethought, profes-
sionalism, flexibility and adaptability. His outstanding qualities
have been shown by the calibre of his judgement under trying
and difficult circumstances. Major General Konrote was highly
respected by both the Lebanese and Israelis for his wide experience
with UNIFIL, but more so for his fair, friendly but firm stance in
resolving very difficult situations which frequently arose between
the different warring factions. His active involvement and assist-
ance to the **1996 Peace Monitoring Group** was greatly appreciated
by the **United States of America, French, Syrian, Israeli and
Lebanese** delegates alike. In appreciation for his efforts in Com-
manding UNIFIL, which was one of the biggest and perhaps the
most difficult United Nations Peacekeeping Operation Worldwide,
Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote was awarded the **Order of the
Cedar and the Order of Merit** by the Lebanese and Italian Govern-
ments, respectively.

Major General Konrote has had a very long, dedicated and distin-
guished career in serving Fiji as a Military Officer/ Commander, an
International Peacekeeper as a United Nations Assistant Secretary
General and Force Commander UNIFIL, a Senior Civil Servant as a
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Immigration and as a
Diplomat, High Commissioner for the **Commonwealth of Australia
and the Republic of Singapore**.

Major General Konrote's 41 years of service for his country and its
people is a paragon of loyalty, courage and devotion to duty in his
performance as a Military Commander, honesty and dedication as a
Senior Civil Servant and tact and perseverance as a Diplomat.



Major General
JIOJI KONOUSI KONROTE (Ret'd)
OF (Mil) MC, BStJ, MSD,
Fellow (ACDSS)psc

