



Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum is the Fijian Attorney-General and the Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications and the minister responsible for climate change. He is the second-ranking elected official in the country.

Since 2007, Mr. Sayed-Khaiyum has been a driving force behind the Fijian Government's series of legal, political, and economic reforms. He has initiated a comprehensive program to modernize Fiji's laws by introducing groundbreaking laws in such areas as electoral law, domestic violence, corporate governance, and the criminal code.

Through his strong leadership, the Minister reformed key economic sectors - roads, ports, state-owned enterprises including the mahogany and telecommunications industry in Fiji vastly improving service delivery, accessibility & connectivity, affordability, investment, job creation and transparency. From an economic perspective, the Minister has a visionary approach for a modern revenue administration with a long-term goal to help improve Fiji's social and economic well-being.

The Minister is also a strong proponent of climate adaptation and increasing access to climate finance, and is working with governments, multilateral organizations and development banks to allow countries such as Fiji to obtain adequate levels of funding – on the basis of vulnerability – to build their resilience to climate change. He is also leading advocate of granting concessional finance to vulnerable countries in the aftermath of a severe weather event.

Mr. Sayed-Khaiyum completed his Masters in Law degree at the University of Hong Kong. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and to the High Courts of Australia and Fiji. He attained his Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia, majoring in political science and development studies.