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Chief of Staff
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Ms. Landisang L. Kotaro is the Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic of Palau, President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., marking Ms. Kotaro as the first woman to hold this position. This appointment followed the completion of her role as Secretariat of the Transition Committee for President-elect Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. Ms. Kotaro was a Senior Legal Researcher and Senior Committee Advisor for the House of Delegates of the Ninth and Tenth Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress) prior to working for the Whipps Administration. During her time at the Legislative Branch, Ms. Kotaro also represented Palau in negotiations at the United Nations in matters relating to the Ocean and Law of the Sea.

Ms. Kotaro attained her Bachelor of Science in International Studies with a focus on Terrorism and Security at the University of Utah and attained her Master of Arts degree in Asia-Pacific Studies at National Chengchi University in the Republic of China, Taiwan. She has also participated in a number of leadership development trainings and programs including the Pacific Islands Leadership Program at the East-West Center in Hawaii. Ms. Kotaro lives to love and compassionately serve others with the framework of cultural and personal values that she believes will help empower others to realize their own strengths to become beacons of hope for themselves, their families, communities, and societies at large with the guidance of the Almighty at the forefront of every step.