

# Curriculum Vitae



## I. Personal Data

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## II. Education

- 2000 Destination Management Course entitled Eco-Tourism Planning and Management by The International Eco-Tourism Society (TIES): The International Institute of Tourism Studies of the GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - WASHINGTON DC. USA
- 1994 United Nations Studies Masters Certificate  
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY  
New York, N.Y. USA
- 1994 Master of Science in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY  
New York, N.Y. USA
- 1993 Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences and International Relations, CUM LAUDE  
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE  
New York, N.Y. USA
- 1986 Séminaire Des Etudes Africaines  
GROUPE FRANCOPHONE-DIPLOMA  
Caire, Egypte
- 1985 Basic Principles of International Law and Obligations  
Seychelles, Indian Ocean
- 1985 Foreign Service Training Diploma  
AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUREAU  
Canberra, Australia
- 1976 Certificate in Front Office Training  
HOTEL AND TOURISM TRAINING CENTER  
Seychelles, Indian Ocean
- 1973 Cambridge "O" Level School Certificate  
SEYCHELLES COLLEGE  
Seychelles, Indian Ocean

### III. Summary of Professional Skills and Expertise

#### ***Participation in International Meetings***

During my diplomatic career covering a period of nineteen years (1977-1996), I represented Seychelles as Head of Delegation/other capacities at numerous international conferences, and meetings covering a wide range of issues, including the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the Non-Aligned Movement, La Francophonie, the Organization of African Unity, African Union, the World Tourism Organisation (WTO), the South African Development Council (SADC), the Indian Ocean Tourism Organisation (IOTO) and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

For nine consecutive years (i.e. 1987-1995) I served as Seychelles Vice-Chairman of delegation to nine regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly (Cold War Era).

Represented President France Albert Rene, the former Seychelles Head of State at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations (New York - October 1995).

Vice-Chairman of the Main Committee at the UN Barbados '94 Meeting on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Delegate at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro 1992).

On a tourism standpoint, since 1989 I have travelled extensively attending conference such as WTO, USTOA, ASTA, DEMA, ATS, CLIA, ITME, IT, FIT, IOTO, SADCC and IOR-ARC. Have attended trade shows such as DEMA, SEATRADE, American Travel Market (ATM), World Travel Market, Travel Age, Tour Expo, Travel and Leisure, Arabian Travel Market (ATM) and many others.

- 2007 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU), General Debate on the future of the Union (Accra, Ghana) Delegate. Audience with his Royal Highness, King Otunfuo Osei Tutu II – King of the Asante Kingdom - Kumasi (Delegate)
- 2006 14<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (Havana, Cuba) Delegate
- 2006 Summit of the African Union (Khartoum, Sudan) Delegate
- 2005 UNWTO General Assembly 16<sup>th</sup> Session (Dakar, Senegal) Head of Delegation
- 2005 23<sup>ème</sup> Sommet Afrique-France (Bamako, Mali) Delegate
- 2005 UNWTO Executive Council Meeting (Nessebar, Bulgaria) Head of Delegation
- 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Tourism Ministers Meeting (Abuja, Nigeria) Head of Delegation
- 2005 42 Session of UNWTO Commission for Africa (Gaborone, Botswana) Delegate
- 2004 X<sup>ème</sup> Sommet de la Francophonie (Ouagadougou – Burkina Faso) Delegate
- 2004 WTO Commission for Africa Meeting (Seychelles) Delegate

- 2003 Vice Chairman of delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the WTO General Assembly (Beijing – China)
- 2002 Vice-Chairman of Delegation to the World Summit on Ecotourism – Quebec, Canada
- 2000 Participated in the Commonwealth Workshop on Democracy & Small States (MALTA)
- 1999 Head of delegation to the 13<sup>th</sup> Session World Tourism Organisation (WTO) General Assembly (Santiago – Chile)
- 1998 to 2000 Served as a Board Member of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO)
- 1998 Head of delegation to the 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) (Tierra Del Fuego – Ushuaia, Antarctica)

During my 13 year term in New York, N.Y was associated to the following environmentally focussed associations: Wildlife Conservation, National Conservancy, Sierra Club, Cousteau Society, National Geographic Society, the Audubon Society, Smithsonian Institute and the International Eco-tourism Society (TIES).

From 1978 to 2008, I have travelled extensively on official visit, solo, as head of delegation and/or accompanying the Head of State/The Vice President/Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Transport and other dignitaries of the Republic of Seychelles, to many foreign countries. They include: Argentina (Tierra Del Fuego – Antarctica), Austria, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bermuda, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China (PRC), Columbia, Cuba, Cyprus, Egypt, Former Yugoslavia, Former Soviet Union, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong (SAR), Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Macau (SAR), Mali, Malta, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Portugal, People's Republic of China (PRC), Republic of South Africa, (RODRIGUE), Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Scotland, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Zimbabwe.

### ***Speaking Engagements***

- (a) Throughout my (13 years) term of office at the United Nations in New York City, I have lectured/provided university students with information/positions of Seychelles on various international issues before the United Nations Organization, for their projects such as “Model United Nations”.
- (b) Have travelled extensively across the United States Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and other American countries promoting/marketing Seychelles as a unique Indian Ocean tourism destination.
- (c) 6<sup>th</sup> November 1992 – Guest Lecturer at Cornell University NY on Tourism issues, namely Sustainability/Marketing, and Promotion by Small Island Developing States (SIDS), such as the Republic of Seychelles.
- (d) As Chairman of the Eco-Tourism Committee which formulated the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecotourism Strategy for the Seychelles (SETS 21) I have conducted numerous seminars / lectures / workshops on the particular issue of Eco-tourism and Sustainable Tourism in general.

- (e) Have intervened on behalf of Seychelles in many national and international conferences/meetings/seminars and other similar manifestations on various social, economical, political, and overall world issues.

#### **IV. Summary of Relevant Work Experience**

Dec 2007 to date	Secretary General and Founder of the Ecotourism Society of Seychelles (TESS)
Oct 2007-Oct 2008	Chairman of The Anse Royale Eco-Tourism Committee (TAREC)
Sept 2004-Aug 2008	Special Advisor to the Vice-President of the Republic of Seychelles
April 2000-Sept 2004	Special Advisor to the Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Transport – Seychelles
Jan 2001-Dec 2003	Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Tourism Organisation (IOTO) – Seychelles Secretariat
Aug 1996-April 2000	Served under four US Presidents namely:- President Georges W. Bush (January 2000 to April 2000 – in transition) President William Jefferson Clinton (January 1992 to January 2000) President Georges H Walker Bush (January 1998 to January 1992) President Ronald Reagan (February 1987 to January 1988) Regional Director – North and South America - Seychelles Tourist Office New York, N.Y. USA
March 93-July 96	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative Seychelles Mission to the United Nations New York, N.Y. USA
March 93-July 96	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America New York City, N.Y. USA
March 93-July 96	Seychelles High Commissioner to Canada New York, N.Y. USA
Feb 87-March 93	Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. First Counsellor Seychelles Mission to the United Nations New York, N.Y. USA
Feb 87-March 93	Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Seychelles Embassy – United States of America New York, N.Y. USA
Nov 87-Aug 93	Acting High Commissioner Seychelles High Commission to Canada New York, N.Y. USA
May 86-Feb 87	Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Seychelles Embassy Paris, France

1982-1986	Desk Officer Consular Affairs/American Affairs/Commonwealth Affairs Ministry of Planning and External Relations Seychelles, Indian Ocean
1980-1982	Senior Protocol Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs Seychelles, Indian Ocean
1977-1980	Protocol Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs Seychelles, Indian Ocean
1974-1977	Hotel Management: Coral Strand Hotel (100 Rooms) Front of House Manager/Assistant Reception Manager Trainee Manager Seychelles, Indian Ocean

## V. Other important engagements 2000 - 2017

- Seychelles Committee on Eco-Tourism which drafted the 1<sup>st</sup> Seychelles Eco-Tourism Strategy – (SETS 21) : Chairman
- The Seychelles Tourism & Hotel Training College (SHTTC) Project Committee: Vice-Chairman
- Seychelles Tourism Master Plan Review Committee: Member
- Overall responsibility for the Department of International Co-operation in the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, Seychelles.
- Town and Country PLANNING Authority: Member
- Seychelles Horticultural Society: Chairman
- Preparatory Committee for the December Seychelles Conference on Eco-tourism in Small Island Development States (SIDS) and other islands: Vice Chairman.
- 42 Session of the WTO Commission for Africa – Seychelles – Vice Chairman
- Committee on Vision 21 – The Seychelles Tourism Blue Print for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Member
- Member of The Anse Royale Ecotourism Committee (TAREC) designated to undertake Ecotourism pilot projects in the district VPO / Stake Holder
- Founder and Secretary General of The Ecotourism Society of Seychelles (TESS)
- National Ecotourism Expert who undertook the ReCoMap Anse Royale Coastal Protection Project funded by the European Union through the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) – (1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011)

- Horticulture - 2000 to date: Creator and Owner of the Kot Man-Ya Exotic Flower Garden (Jardin de l'Ambassadeur) – two acres of floral delight – Eco-Tourism Landmark in Anse Royale district, honouring late Marie Sidonie Marengo (single Mother 30/8/16 – 18/06/04).
- January 2010 to date Creator and operator of Kot Man-ya The Florist (Flower Shop): (The financial arm of TESS).

## VI. Publications

P.S. Through the above positions, I have not only effectively implemented the Economic Foreign and Tourism Policy of Seychelles, but I have also gained much experience in policy making and in formulating related recommendations/decisions.

Speech writer for the Vice-President, Ministers' of Foreign Affairs; Economic Planning; Environment; Tourism; Transport and Civil Aviation, and other senior Government officials and now the Community at large.

Producer and publisher of The Ecotourism Society of Seychelles (TESS) bimonthly Motivation/Inspirational E-Newsletters (2008 – to date) with wide circulation...150 episodes to date...

## VII. Recognition

2008 – to date – Livre d'Or of Kot Man-Ya Garden : (Jardin de l'Ambassadeur) heartfelt expressions of appreciation, gratitude, love and support for a job well done.

2009 – to date L'avis du Petit Futé – Jardin Kot Man-Ya, visite tourisme, Mahé.

2008 – to date have appeared in numerous international TV programmes, written Press on Kot Man-Ya Garden – Ecotourism in Seychelles.

August 2008 Seychelles Nation – Article entitled: “Nursery New Ecotourism draw for Anse Royale”.

August 2008 The People Magazine centre spread feature entitled: “Kot Man-Ya Garden of Passion”.

2008 Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation – Prime time News – 20 Minutes feature on “Kot Man-Ya Exotic Flower Garden”, Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation (SBC). (reruns in check).

2008 Five Minutes TV feature on Kot Man-Ya Exotic Flower Garden entitled: “The Secret and Sacred Flower Garden”.

2007 Silhouette Magazine: The Air Seychelles in Flight Magazine volume 18, Number 1. Feature entitled: Flowers and Ecotourism – Creator of Les Canelles Nurseries.

Sept 2006 Isola Bella Magazine Issue Vol. 3 Page 4 : Article entitled : Flowers and Eco-Tourism

2005 – 2008 National Agriculture and Horticultural Show - Awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze, prizes for outstanding flower exhibits.

2003: Alumni profiles from Government, Politics and Public Service – Office of Institutional Advancement at Marymount, Manhattan College, New York City, N.Y. Volume II No. 2

1996: WHO IS WHO IN THE WORLD  
Who is who American Publication (since 1996)

## **VIII. Languages**

English, French, Creole – All fluent.

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The journey continues.