

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 Master of Science in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
New York, USA
- 1994 United Nations Studies Masters Certificate
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
New York, USA
- 1993 Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences and International Relations, CUM LAUDE
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE
New York, USA
- 1986 Séminaire Des Etudes Africaines
GROUPE FRANCOPHONE-DIPLOMA
Cairo, 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 have 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 50th Anniversary of the United Nations (New York - October 1995).

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

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

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 9th 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
- 2006 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (Havana, Cuba) Delegate
- 2006 Summit of the African Union (Khartoum, Sudan) Delegate
- 2005 UNWTO General Assembly 16th Session (Dakar, Senegal) Head of Delegation
- 2005 23^{ème} Sommet Afrique-France (Bamako, Mali) Delegate
- 2005 UNWTO Executive Council Meeting (Nessebar, Bulgaria) Head of Delegation
- 2005 2nd Commonwealth Tourism Ministers Meeting (Abuja, Nigeria) Head of Delegation
- 2005 42 Session of UNWTO Commission for Africa (Gaborone, Botswana) Delegate
- 2004 X^{ème} Sommet de la Francophonie (Ouagadougou – Burkina Faso) Delegate
- 2004 WTO Commission for Africa Meeting (Seychelles) Delegate

2003	Vice Chairman of delegation to the 17 th Session of the WTO General Assembly (Beijing – China)
2002	Vice-Chairman of Delegation to the World Summit on Ecotourism – Quebec, Canada
2000	Participated in Commonwealth Workshop on Democracy & Small States (MALTA)
1999	Head of delegation to the 13 th 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 th Session of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) (Tierra Del Fuego – Antarctica)

During my term in New York, I 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).

Over the last three decades, I have travelled extensively on official visit, solo, as head of delegation and/or accompanying the Head of State/Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Transport and other dignitaries of the Republic of Seychelles, to many foreign countries. Amongst others, 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, 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 tourism destination.
- (c) 6th November 1992 – Guest Lecturer at Cornell University 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 1st Ecotourism Strategy for the Seychelles 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 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 89-April 2000	Regional Director – North and South America - Seychelles Tourist Office New York, USA
April 93-July 96	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative Seychelles Mission to the United Nations New York, USA
April 93-July 96	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America New York City, USA
April 93-July 96	Seychelles High Commissioner to Canada New York, USA
Feb 87-April 93	Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. First Counsellor Seychelles Mission to the United Nations New York, USA
Feb 87-June 93	Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. Seychelles Embassy – United States of America New York, USA
Nov 89-Aug 93	Acting High Commissioner Seychelles High Commission to Canada New York, 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 - 2010

- Seychelles Committee on Eco-Tourism which drafted the 1st 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 21st Century – Member
- Member of The Anse Royale Ecotourism Committee (TAREC) designated to undertake Ecotourism pilot projects in the district VPO / Stake Holder
- National Ecotourism Expert to undertake the Anse Royale Coastal Protection Project funded by the European Union through the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) – (1st November 2009 to 30th April 2011)

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.

VII. Recognition

2009 – 2010 L'avis du Petit Futé – Jardin Kot Man-Ya, visite tourisme, Mahé.

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).

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

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

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

VII. Languages

English, French, Creole – All fluent.

Ambassador Marc MRM Marengo

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