### PERSONALIA

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2014 to date Lecturer

Law Faculty and Faculty for Social Sciences Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname

- CARICOM Law in the Masters and Bachelor Program (2018), Law Faculty
- Treaty Law, Law Faculty
- Human Rights Law, Law Faculty
- Diplomatic and Consular Law, Law Faculty
- Diplomacy and Protocol (2021), and International Organizations, (Public Administration Department)

### Main achievements

- Speaker at the 47<sup>th</sup> Course on International Law (2022) organized by Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI) and the Department of International Law of the Secretariat of Legal Affairs (SAJ) of the OAS, 1-12 August 2022
- Secretary of the Bureau of the Agent of State to the Inter American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2021 to date)
- Member of the drafting group of the Bill establishing the National Human Rights Institute (according to the Paris Principles) (2022)
- Training and coordination of Law and Public Administration students for Liaison Officer duties during Suriname's Chairmanship of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government, July 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Conceptualization of the incorporation of CARICOM Law course in the Bachelor Program as well as its implementation from 2018

### September 2016 to February 2020 Head International Affairs,

### Supreme Audit Institution, Republic of Suriname

### Main achievements:

- Conceptualization and actualization of the Department of International Affairs for the Supreme Audit Institution of Suriname,
- Finalization of a capacity strengthen projects financed by a World Bank grant
- Designing a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy (SES) to include a needs assessment and approach to Parliament, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), ministries and media,
- Assessing the state of SAI Independence of the institution and identifying the needs and resources,
- Conceptualization of a regional technical cooperation agreement with the Inter- American Development Bank.
- Organizing a High-Level Dialogue on SAI Independence with relevant senior Government officials in the Offices of the President of the Republic of Suriname and ministries as well as members of the Parliament.

August 2013 to August 2016

Deputy Permanent Secretary Regional Integration
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Suriname

#### Main achievements:

- Content conceptualization and logistical organization of the First UNASUR Youth Congress as well as the introduction
  of the dialogue on the participation of Youth in the structure of decision- making processes of UNASUR.
- National Coordination of the Pro Tempore Presidency of Suriname in the areas of cooperation related to Culture, Social Development, Health and the Electoral Committee.
- Approval of the UNASUR annual budgets for 2014 and 2015.

March 2008 – March 2013 Directo

Director Sustainable Tourism
Association of Caribbean States

#### Specific achievements:

- Establishment of a Network of International, Hemispheric and Regional Institutions for Sustainable Tourism.
- 2. Publication of a quarterly Newsletter "In the Zone" with three years of distribution,
- 3. Finalization of the Second Phase of the STZC Indicators project and the initial development of the Webpage,
- 4. Organization and execution of the Second Meeting of Ministers of Tourism of the Greater Caribbean in 2009,
- 5. Formulation of pipeline projects and initiatives concerning:
  - Tourism Safety and Security and the engagement of at –risk youth,
  - Cruise Tourism Sector and Micro Small and Medium sized Enterprises: Opportunities for Women, and
  - the exchange of students to facilitate language immersion,
  - the interaction among Airline executives and Tourism authorities

April 2013 – July 2013 Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Suriname in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

December 2005 – July 2007 Chargéd' Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Suriname in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

April 2001 – September 2003 Head of the Division of the Americas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of

Suriname

July 1998 – April 2001 Desk Officer in the Division of the

Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

**Republic of Suriname** 

July 1997 – July 1998 Bureau Immunities and Privileges

Desk Officer,

**Protocol Division, Ministry of Foreign** 

Affairs, Republic of Suriname

### **Special assignments:**

- Member of the Group of Experts advising the National Assemblée of the Republic of Suriname on the Bill on Collective Rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (2022)
- Moderator of the consultation session with Indigenous and Tribal Communities in Suriname organized by the National Assemblée of the Republic of Suriname on the Bill on Collective Rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (February 2022)
- Organizer and moderator of monthly webinars on various legal topics hosted by the Suriname Lawyers Association (2021- to date)
- Head or Member of Delegation to several conferences and technical meetings of the Caribbean Organization for Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI) and the International Organization for Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) (2016 – 2019)
- Delegate to various CARICOM and ACS Summits and Ministerial Meetings from 1998 2016
- Head or Member of Delegation to several CARICOM, ACS, UNASUR and ACTO Special Commission or Technical meetings from 1998 – 2016
- Member of the National CARICOM COHSOD Commission
- Member of the National Caribbean Court of Justice Commission
- Secretary of the Meeting of the Joint Suriname Guyana Border Commission
- Secretary of the Suriname Guyana Cooperation Council
- Member of the Suriname –Venezuela Anti-Narcotics Commission
- Delegate to the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- Head of Delegation to the Inaugural Meeting of the Social Charter of the Americas, Caracas, Venezuela
- Head of Delegation/ Rapporteur to 21st Meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)/ Caribbean Development Cooperation Commission (CDCC), Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

### TERTIARY EDUCATION

2013 July - Executive Master in Business Administration (MBA),

Australian Institute of Business, Australia

2003 June - Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations,

Institute of Social Sciences, the Netherlands under the auspices of the FHR

Lim A Po Institute, Suriname

2000 August - Masters in Law (LL.M.)

Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname, Suriname

### CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

2019 - to date Drafting national reports to UN Treaty Bodies such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

the Convention on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination and the updated Common Core Document as well as for analytical reports

for CSOs in various areas of Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

2003 – 2019 Conceptualization of projects including Drafting ToRs and the management of project

cycles in the field of Sustainable Tourism, Capacity strengthening and Youth participation

in decision making.

### SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATES

2022 April Docent Professionalisering Onderwijs

(online) Universiteit van Suriname

2021 May Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Law of State

(online ) Responsibility

United Nations' Programme Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,

Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

2020 NovemberIntroduction Forensic AccountancySurinameCentrum Democratie en Rechtspleging

2020 March Legal English for Commercial Law

Suriname Stichting Juridische Samenwerking Suriname Nederland (SJSSN)

2017 September Certificate - Workshop: "Chinese Culture and Language

People's Republic of China for Diplomats for AIB countries"

Beijing International Chinese College

2016 May Certificate - Workshop: "Managing for Development Results

Suriname and Project/Program Management"

Suriname Business Forum/Caribbean Development Bank

2011 February Certificate - Workshop: "Cultural Tourism Master Class"

Trinidad and Tobago Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality & Tourism Institute

2010 December Certificate - Workshop: "International Law and its

Trinidad and Tobago Relevance for CSME litigation"
The Caribbean Court of Justice

The Cambbean Court of Justice

2004 May – June Certificate - Workshop: "Small & Medium Enterprises

Republic of Korea Promotion for ACS Member Countries"

The Small Business Corp. & and the Korea Intl. Coop. Agency

2003 July Certificate - Workshop: "The Greater Caribbean in

Trinidad and Tobago International TradeNegotiations".

The Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)

2002 August –2003 June Certificate - Cycle of Studies in International Relations Paramaribo, Suriname 2002-2003: "Designing our Way into the Future"

1. Global Scenario's 2. The Informal Economy

The F.H.R. Lim A Po Institute, Suriname, under auspices of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2002 June – November Certificate – "International Policy Skills"

Paramaribo, Suriname 1. International Negotiations and Intercultural

Communication Skills, 2. Effective Performance of Foreign Policy

Processes, 3. Contemporary Diplomatic Practice

The Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendeal, The Hague and F.H.R Lim A Po Institute

2002 July Diploma – VII Curso de Formacíon Diplomatica para

Mexico City, Mexico Funcionarios de Cancillerias de Centro América y el Caribe

Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Instituto Matías Romero, Dirección General de Asuntos Culturales

2000 October Certificate - WTO/ UNITAR Workshop on

New York, USA International Trade Negotiations

WTO/ UNITAR

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

English - Fluent

Dutch
 Fluent (Native Language)
 Fluent (Lingua Franca)
 Spanish
 Intermediate Knowledge

Mandarin - Basic Knowledge

### MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

2008 - 2012

- The Greater Caribbean Kitchen Culinary Tourism Our Potential, ACS Sustainable Tourism Newsletters
- Facing Reality; Establishing an Association of Caribbean Cruise Ship Destinations, ACS Sustainable Tourism Newsletters
- Suriname Celebrates Sport, Culture and Health, ACS Sustainable Tourism Newsletters
- Viado A National Pastry Dish of Suriname, ACS Sustainable Tourism Newsletters
- Challenging Times for Tourism, Trinidad and Tobago Guardian News Paper
- The Year of Reefs, Trinidad and Tobago Guardian News Paper
- Diversity in Unity, Trinidad and Tobago Guardian News Paper
- New Tool to Fix Tourism, Trinidad and Tobago Guardian News Paper ACS Column

### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

2019 to date Board member *Surinaamse Juristen Vereniging*2013 to date Board member *Vrouwen Creatief Collectief* 

2003 -2013 Children's and Youth engagement in Faith based organizations