

**CURRICULUM VITAE
GLORIA MONIQUE DE MEES**

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

**Director Sustainable Tourism
Association of Caribbean States**

Specific achievements:

1. 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

**Chargé d’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**

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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 55th 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.

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SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATES

2022 April (online)	Docent Professionalisering Onderwijs Universiteit van Suriname
2021 May (online)	Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Law of State Responsibility United Nations' Programme Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
2020 November Suriname	Introduction Forensic Accountancy Centrum Democratie en Rechtspleging
2020 March Suriname	Legal English for Commercial Law Stichting Juridische Samenwerking Suriname Nederland (SJSSN)
2017 September People's Republic of China	Certificate - Workshop: "Chinese Culture and Language for Diplomats for AIB countries" Beijing International Chinese College
2016 May Suriname	Certificate - Workshop: "Managing for Development Results and Project/Program Management" Suriname Business Forum/Caribbean Development Bank
2011 February Trinidad and Tobago	Certificate - Workshop: "Cultural Tourism Master Class" Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality & Tourism Institute
2010 December Trinidad and Tobago	Certificate - Workshop: "International Law and its Relevance for CSME litigation" The Caribbean Court of Justice
2004 May – June Republic of Korea	Certificate - Workshop: "Small & Medium Enterprises Promotion for ACS Member Countries" The Small Business Corp. & and the Korea Intl. Coop. Agency
2003 July Trinidad and Tobago	Certificate - Workshop: "The Greater Caribbean in International Trade Negotiations". The Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)
2002 August –2003 June Paramaribo, Suriname	Certificate - Cycle of Studies in International Relations 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 Paramaribo, Suriname	Certificate – "International Policy Skills" 1. International Negotiations and Intercultural Communication Skills, 2. Effective Performance of Foreign Policy Processes, 3. Contemporary Diplomatic Practice

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

2002 July
Mexico City, Mexico

Diploma – VII Curso de Formación Diplomática para Funcionarios de Cancillerías de Centro América y el Caribe
Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Instituto Matías Romero, Dirección General de Asuntos Culturales

2000 October
New York, USA

Certificate - WTO/ UNITAR Workshop on International Trade Negotiations
WTO/ UNITAR

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English - Fluent
- Dutch - Fluent (Native Language)
- Sranang Tongo (Surinamese) - 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