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EDUCATION (Higher)

- International Diploma in Humanitarian Affairs: granted by the Centre for International Humanitarian Cooperation in cooperation with Fordham University, the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and the United Nations System Staff College, 2012
- Bachelor of Arts (Political Science): Fordham University, New York, NY, 1986

EDUCATION (Secondary)

Caracas International School; United Nations International School, New York; American School of Madrid; Rockcliffe Park Public School, Ottawa.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Executive, Project Management Office, Federation of Chambers and Associations of Commerce of Venezuela (FEDECÁMARAS), Caracas 2014-present

- Mobilises extra-budgetary resources for projects at the national level

Independent Consultant, Caracas, 2011-2014

- Many contributions to the work of the Conference of Democratic Unity. These include the preparation of the Government Programme of presidential candidate Henrique Capriles Radonski, chapters: "A New Foreign Policy for Venezuela in the Caribbean" (Author) and "Reintegration of Venezuela in Multilateral Organisations" (co-author).

Head of Projects, SELA, Caracas, 2011

- Drafted proposals mobilised resources (human, financial, etc.) and oversaw Projects: Prospective for Latin American and Caribbean Economic Development, Financing of Agro-Industrial Micro-Enterprises in Cuba and UNIDO-SELA Project for financing small and medium enterprises in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Director for Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction, Association of Caribbean States, Port of Spain, 2005-2010

- Mobilised overhaul of ACS DRR Agenda toward an HFA-approach through organisation, both substantively and logistically, including resource mobilisation, of the Workshop on Experiences in Disaster Risk Management (US\$60.000,00), the first High-Level Conference on Disaster Reduction for the Greater Caribbean (US\$310.000,00) and the adoption of the Saint-Marc Plan of Action.
- Mobilised resources for the broadcast of the radio soap opera "The Rough Season" (US\$16.333,00) for four consecutive years.
- Oversaw the implementation, including resource mobilisation, of the Projects: "Map of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean" (US\$35.000,00) and "Port and Maritime Database of the Greater Caribbean" (US\$351.000,00).
- Organised (both substantively and logistically) 8 Meetings of the Special Committee on DRR, 8 Meetings of the Special Committee on Transport and Meetings of the Technical Groups of each body in several Member Countries.
- Participated in the peer-review process of UNDP/CRMI
- Successfully introduced the concept of gender perspective for the first time in the ACS.

Political Advisor to the Secretary General of the ACS, 2003-2005

- Organised (both substantively and logistically) the IV Summit of Heads of State/Government of the ACS.
- Organised (both substantively and logistically) several Meetings of the Ministerial Council, the Intersessional Preparatory Meeting and of the Executive Board of the Council, all held in several Member Countries.

Mission of Venezuela: Chairmanship of the G-77 and China, UN, NYHQ 2002-2003

- Led the G-77 during WFFD; WSSD; UNCSW; UNCSD; UNCPD; ECOSOC and UNGA.
- Personally negotiated entirety of Chapter X (Means of implementation) of the WSSDPOI.
- Personally negotiated first NEPAD Resolution on behalf of the G-77 and China.
- Personally negotiated first UNGA Resolution on African countries emerging from conflict.

Venezuelan MFA, Directorate General for Foreign Policy, Directorate of the Americas, Caracas, 2001-2002

- Coordinated the work of the MFA and Venezuelan Embassies, including the preparation of briefs and instructions.

Venezuelan MFA, Assistant to the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Caracas, 2000-2001

- Special Assistant to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for the logistic and substantive matters related to the 2002 OPEC Summit held in Caracas.

Venezuelan Embassy in the United Kingdom, London, 1996-2000

- As Head of Consular Section, oversaw the significant bilateral movement of persons and trade.

- Oversaw Host-Country relations and was responsible for diffusing major bilateral incidents.
- Led successful efforts at IMO to confront non-tariff protectionist measures against Venezuela.
- Handled the major oil spill incident by the *Nissos Amorgos* in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela at IOPC.

Venezuelan MFA, Assistant to the Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Caracas, 1994-1995

- Advised Vice-minister Minister on matters related to the internal functioning of the Ministry
- Advised Vice-minister on matters related to the Venezuelan Investment Fund.
- Organised resources and logistics to provide succour to Antigua and Barbuda and to rescue Venezuelan citizens from St. Maarten following Hurricane Luis.

Chargé d’Affaires, Venezuelan Embassy, Saint Lucia 1994

- Took charge of the Embassy during downgrading of relations following diplomatic incident with CARICOM.

Venezuelan MFA, Directorate for Multilateral Affairs, Caracas, 1992-1994

- Part of the team that oversaw the work of the Venezuelan Delegations before the United Nations Security Council and the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States. Duties included follow-up and drafting of instructions.
- Oversaw participation in the Amazonian Cooperation Treaty.
- Coordination of External Assistance in case of Disasters in Venezuela. Drafted the first Manual for Venezuelan Embassies in this regard.

Venezuelan Embassy in Chile, Santiago, 1989-1992

- As Head of Consular and Commercial Sections, oversaw the significant bilateral movement of persons and trade. In charge of Embassy (Chargé d’affaires) during coup d’état that briefly overthrew the democratically elected government of Venezuela.

Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations, New York, 1986-1989

- Member-Advisor to the Venezuelan Delegation 41st, 42nd and 43rd UNGA (3rd Committee)
- Member-Advisor to the Venezuelan Delegation ECOSOC
- Representative in the Working Group for the Drafting of an International Convention on the Rights of all Migrant Workers and their Families.
- Representative in the Executive Board of UNICEF. Negotiated first UNICEF intervention in Venezuela.

UN TRAINING

- *Estimating the Macro Socio-economic Impacts of Natural Disasters*: ECLAC, Port Of Spain, 2007
- *Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development*: UNITAR, New York, 2002
- *Human Rights of Refugees*: Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, Caracas, 1992.
- *Negotiation of International Treaties*: International Peace Academy, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1987.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

- *Politics and Economic Policy in Spanish America*: London School of Economics, 1998-1999.
- *Politics and Policy in Developing Countries*: London School of Economics, 1997-1998.
- *Democracy and Development in Latin America*: London School of Economics, 1997-1999

LANGUAGES

| | READ | WRITE | SPEAK | UNDERSTAND |
|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Spanish | Native | Native | Native | Native |
| English | Native | Native | Native | Native |
| French | Fair+ | Poor | Fair+ | Well |
| Italian | Basic | Basic | Basic | Basic |

Publications

Weekly articles on political affairs, disaster risk reduction and transport in *The Trinidad Guardian* and several newspapers, web pages and specialised magazines of the Greater Caribbean 2003-2010. May be consulted at <http://carpionet.com>