

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Professional Profile

Senior sustainable development consultant. Experience includes international relations and social and development planning. Specific areas of expertise are sustainable participatory processes, women's leadership and governance, health sector and reproductive health management. Wide working knowledge of public and private sector and civil society through work involving health sector development, public sector reform and green economic development. Management of social development processes through non-governmental organizations.

Founder of women's rights and political participation organizations. Participated in international human rights and democratic governance processes. Chaired Boards of WEDO (Women's Environment and Development Organization, New York), Foundation for Development of Indigenous and Maroon communities (FOB Suriname), Suriname Family Planning Association (Stichting Lobi),

Presently Civil Society Member of the Multi Stakeholder Group of the Extractive Industries Transparency International Initiative (EITI) in Suriname, Chair of the Advisory Group of WEDO (New York), Chair Advisory Board Stichting Scholen Suriname and member of BINI (Citizen's Initiative for Participation and Good Governance).

### Education

MA International Relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, USA.  
BA Sociology, University of California in Los Angeles, USA.  
Languages: Dutch, English, French, Sranan

### Relevant professional experience and activities

- Senior Gender Advisor Project "Development of a National Vision and Strategy for REDD+ in Suriname"
- Senior Researcher Study on Women's Political Participation in the Caribbean, UNDP
- Consultant Draft Policy Sexual and Reproductive Health (MOH)
- Research paper on Access to Justice in Suriname (UNDP)
- Resource person for Review Gold Mining sector (GOS/UNDP)
- Upgrading MCH Care in LHZ Hospital (MOH)
- Evaluation 5-year Country Cooperation Program UNICEF)
- TA in preparation of HIV/AIDS proposal for Funding, PAHO
- FHI Rep Suriname / Caribbean HIV/AIDS program
- Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation Suriname, 2005-2010
- Chair Conference on Land Rights Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of Suriname, GOS, July 2009
- Organizational and financial transition project WEDO, Ford Foundation, 2008
- UNFPA/EC program country evaluation Suriname, 2008
- Officer in Charge/Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Suriname
- Head Planning and Monitoring Unit Health Sector Projects, Ministry of Health
- Boardmember IPPF and CFPA

### References

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