

Professional Experience

RODRIGUES EDUCATIONAL CO LTD, Rodrigues Island, Mauritius

The Rodrigues Educational Company Ltd (REDCO Ltd) operates and manages 5 public secondary schools in the island of Rodrigues on behalf of government. It is a leader in the fields of secondary education in the island and is the second largest employer in the island.

Economics Teacher, 02/1994 to 08/1994, 01/1999 to 08/2006, 03/2016 to 02/2017

Registered as Secondary School Teacher in Mauritius and in the State of Victoria, Australia (VIT)

Fully registered teacher with Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) teaching Economics at secondary O level (School Certificate) and A level (Higher School Certificate). Examinations conducted by the Cambridge International Examinations Syndicate.

(Syllabuses are available at www.cie.org.uk/images/164510-2016-2018-syllabus.pdf and www.cie.org.uk/images/164442-2016-syllabus.pdf)

Positively assessed as Secondary School Teacher by AITSL, Australia.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Known and reputed as a reference in the teaching of economics in the community. Known ability to arouse interest in the abstract topics and theories in the syllabus by linkages to student's daily environment situations.
- Provider of after-school tuition to assist students in their specific individual needs and weaknesses.
- Acted as Head of Department of Economics and responsible for coaching of new teachers in the field
- Promoted positive relationships with students, parents, fellow teachers and non-teaching staff.
- Earned high pass rates for students who formerly had learning difficulties and desperate hopes about the subject
- Coached and supervised a number of students in their school projects, presentations and inter-college/national competitions.

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY, Rodrigues Island, Mauritius

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) is a constitutional body established in 2002 as an autonomous local government body for the island of Rodrigues, Mauritius. It is an 18 member elected Assembly from which is formed an Executive Council which acts as the local government of Rodrigues.

Chief Commissioner, 08/2006 to 01/2011

The Chief Commissioner heads the Executive Council and is answerable before the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and to the Prime Minister of Mauritius. Develop and manage public policies in the fields of sustainable development, land planning, agriculture, public infrastructure, poverty alleviation, fishing, tourism, and housing etc.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Spearheaded the design and launching of the SIDPR – Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues – the island of Rodrigues' committal to sustainable long term economic development.
- Developed and introduced into the Assembly for adoption a number of innovative regulations in the fields of tourism, fishing etc. Tourism Regulations 2007 provided the operating cadre for tourism businesses and activities on the island. Marine Reserve regulations provided for the setting of protected marine reserves.
- Developed unprecedented Land Use and Planning Regulations for the island based on the Millennium Development Goals and the specific traditional land tenure aspects of Rodrigues.
- Created and spearheaded the creation of Rodclean Ltd, the in house waste management company of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly thereby increasing worker welfare, efficiency and cost competitiveness.
- Created and supervised the setting up of the Rodrigues Water Company in view of rationalizing the distribution of water in the island of Rodrigues.
- Created and launched the Rodrigues General Fishing Co Ltd as a government company providing boats on lease, refrigeration, ice, and warehousing facilities to local fishers in the island

- Created and launched the Rodrigues Tourism Office and the Discovery Rodrigues Ltd, a company which manages the Tourism Office, tourism sites in the island and the international promotion aspects of Rodrigues as a tourist destination.
- Headed the team which introduced and tested the first digital television network in Africa on the island together with Multicarrier Mauritius Ltd and the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation.
- Promoted the setting up of innovative websites for the RRA and the Rodrigues Tourism Office
- Setting up of the Invest Rodrigues Office, a gateway for local and non-local investors and business persons willing to set up business in the island.
- Setting up of the Economic Planning and Monitoring Unit under the SIDPR. Coaching of two junior graduate economists at the launching of the office. Put in place the cadre and operational set up for the issue of periodic statistical data on tourism, trade and exports.
- Introduced several highly commended measures aimed at empowering poor people in the fields of land tenure, agriculture, housing, income generating activities in farming, fishing, handicrafts, food transformation and in education at all levels with focus on properly equipping schools, students and teachers.
- Piloted the transition from the traditional line budget to the PBB – Programme Based Budgeting System with focus on inputs, time frames and selected targeted output benchmarks.

Minority Leader, 10/2002 to 08/2006, 04/2011 to 12/2011

The Minority Leader heads the opposition at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

Member of Rodrigues Regional Assembly. 10/2002 to present

A member participates and votes in the debates and proceedings at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly. The member is elected following democratic elections held every five years.

LE REFUGE, Rodrigues Island, Mauritius

Le Refuge is a family owned and managed eco-lodge on the island of Rodrigues. Our clients originate from all countries with the core originating from France and European countries. See www.lerefuge.mu

Owner-manager, 06/2001 to present

Family owned business.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Setting up of the lodge in compliance with local tourism norms and regulations.
- Setting up and launching of an innovative website www.lerefuge.mu with significant daily visits and visitor queries from it
- Registration of the lodge with major online booking and tourism sites such as www.tripadvisor.com, www.ih.com and www.booking.com
- Setting up of a management and bookings cadre for the lodge being monitored and controlled remotely from overseas.
- Numerous positive outstanding comments on tourist sites and forums from past visitors.

LA TRIBUNE, Rodrigues Island, Mauritius

La Tribune is a local based newspaper being published in French in the island of Rodrigues, Mauritius.

Editor, 06/2003 to 12/2012

The Editor supervises a small team responsible for writing articles, attending press coverage, page making of the newspaper and its printing.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Setting up of a Heidelberg printing press to print the newspaper.
- Significant increase in sales volume and reader interest
- Growth of advertising and publicity revenue.
- Training of several persons in the design and printing of the newspaper.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Mauritius

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Mauritius is a ministerial department found in the cabinet of the government of the Republic. It is considered as the most executive and important ministry in the cabinet after the Prime Minister's Office.

Economist, 05/2001 to 01/2002

The economist in the Ministry assists in the formulation and execution of government's economic policies. Involves economic qualitative and quantitative analysis and counseling on all aspects of government intervention, preparation of reports, participating in stakeholder meetings and liaising with international donor organizations in the implementation of their programmes.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Assisted in the implementation and execution of several community based projects such as in water provision, child care and basic health care.
- Acted as a liaison person with the Ministry for the European Union(EU) funded Anti Erosion Programme in the island. Provided management services and economic advice.
- Acted as consultant for a fishing project for deprived local fishermen willing to embark in off lagoon fishing under the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme
- Welcomed and guided visiting delegations from the EU, the UNDP etc during their visits
- Assisted in the implementation of budgetary measures and the periodical review of their progress with the different departments.

Education

Presently completing **LLB** with the University of London.

MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE
Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building) - 2017

MAURITIUS INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, Mauritius
Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), 12/2000
Major: Business Studies with Economics

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS 1 – PANTHEON SORBONNE, Paris
Master in Economics, 09/1998
Major: Economic Analysis and Policy

UNIVERSITY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN – AIX-MARSEILLE II, Marseille
Degree in Econometrics, 06/1997

UNIVERSITY OF LA REUNION, Reunion Island (France, Indian Ocean)
Diploma in Economics, 06/1996

RODRIGUES COLLEGE, Port Mathurin, Rodrigues Is.
Higher School Certificate, 12/1993 (Laureate for Rodrigues)
School Certificate, 12/1991

IT Skills, Languages & Awards

Fully versatile with MS Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher)
Ability to relearn and adapt with most software including econometrics software such as SAS.
Languages: Creole (Mother tongue), French (Fluent), English (Fluent – IELTS Academic overall band score 8)
Awards: Republic of Mauritius National Award of Grand Officer of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (GOSK), 2008.

Interests

Fishing. Hiking, DIY activities, Travel, Gardening, Fishing and Navigation. International affairs, history and politics. Registered Commercial Skipper with the Tourism Authority, Mauritius.
