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Seventeen years in International Banking with Citibank and Chase Manhattan Bank respectively. I undertook several International consulting assignments with the World Bank and the USAID from 1985 to 1990 specializing in the privatisation programmes of the State-Owned Enterprises and private banking restructuring. I spent ten years with United Nations Development Programme and overall, I have held posted assignments in the US, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

I initially arrived in South Africa in January 1995 to establish the UNDP office in Pretoria and was appointed DRC Ambassador to South Africa in 2001. Being the longest serving Ambassador in South Africa, I became the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in 2011.

I also serve as the DRC focal point for the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Educated in the United States, I hold B.A. in Economics and Business Administration, M.B.A. in International Finance and post M.B.A. certificate in Organization Theory and Forecasting.