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Ambassador for Sustainable Development
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1999-2003 Global Environment Facility (GEF) Country Relations Coordinator
Coordinated at the GEF Secretariat efforts with the Implementing Agencies, UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank to strengthen member country involvement in the GEF. Prepared policy conclusions for the GEF Council and conducted consultations with the Implementing Agencies in the formulation of strategies, business plans and action plans. Coordinated in the period 2000-2002 the GEF involvement in the regional preparatory meetings of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

1995-1999 Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Advisor on policies related to Climate Change/ Ozone Depletion

Developed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS) in the Hague a Climate Change Study Program for Developing Countries. Participated in the negotiations to implement the Climate Change Convention and in the negotiations leading to the Kyoto Protocol in 1997.

1982-1995 Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

As a foreign service career officer posted at the Netherlands Consulate-General in Chicago (US), and at Embassies in Kinshasa, Riyadh and Tunis. In 1984-1987 desk-officer at the Ministry at the Directorate for Economic Co-operation.

1979-1981 UN-FAO

Environmental Toxicologist involved in applied research program of FAO and WHO, in Zambia and Burkina Faso.