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Education

Year	Degree	Field of Study/ Specialization	Institution
2013	Ph.D.	Conflict Analysis and Resolution Specialization in Environment/International Development	Nova Southeastern University, USA
1996	M.Sc.	Biotechnology Specialization in Plant Bioprocessing	University of Texas, USA
1992	B.Sc.	Agricultural Production Honors: Best Student of the Faculty of Technology	University of Suriname, Suriname

Professional Experience

Appointments and Employment

Year	Institution	Focus area	Project topics	Clients
2015- now	Perspectives of Freedom Foundation <i>Executive Director</i>	Conflict resolution, Stakeholder engagement, International development	Climate change, goldmining, agriculture, nature conservation indigenous peoples, healthcare, poverty eradication, impact assessment	UNDP, World bank, Intrinsic Value Exchange, Green Growth Suriname Foundation, FAO, French Geological Survey, IAMGOLD, Conservation International, World Wildlife Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, European Union, IUCN, Rainforest Trust, Organization of Indigenous Peoples, Firm Engineering
2013-2015	Attune Consultants <i>Director</i>	Conflict resolution, Stakeholder engagement, International development	Climate change, goldmining/Minamata convention, indigenous peoples, social field methodologies, impact assessment	World bank/Government of Nepal, Conservation International, Tropenbos, Royal Holloway University London, Tullow oil, Strukton Engineering, Nova Southeastern University
2004-2013	Amazon Conservation Team <i>Program Director</i>	Conflict resolution, International development	Nature conservation, indigenous people, culture, traditional healthcare, impact assessment	Organization of American States, Avina, RAISG, Inter-American Development Bank, Government of Suriname, Moore foundation, BHP Billiton, Forestry Network European Union, private foundations

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2002-2004	Freelance consultant	International development	Biosafety framework, impact assessment, gender assessment	United Nations Environmental Program/Global Environmental Facility, Government of Suriname, Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network, Inter-American Development Bank
1997-2002	University of Suriname <i>Lecturer/ Researcher</i>	Biology/Agriculture	Tomato rootstock research, Banana cultivar research, impact assessment	Organization of American States, Inter-American Development Bank
1993-1994	Suriname Agriculture Farms <i>Researcher</i>	Biology/Agriculture	Banana research and development	Fyffes banana company, UK/Ireland

Relevant Experience in Social and Cultural Studies

2021	Team leader/social expert for the Construction of a Basic Shore Base at Suzannasdaal, Commewijne, Suriname. Firm Engineering/HJ de Vries Development Project. [Ongoing]
2020	Environmental and socio-cultural expert for the regional ESIA for road infrastructure in South Suriname. Conservation International/European Union.
2019	Social expert for the Social Cultural Analysis of the Line Route for the project Integration of Moengo, Albina and Villages Along the East -West Corridor into the Energy Supply Paramaribo (EPAR) Network. Cesi/Energy Bedrijven Suriname.
2018	Team leader/social expert for the Socio-cultural Analysis for Improving the Healthcare System of Suriname including Indigenous Peoples. Inter-American Development Bank.
2017	Social expert for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the Construction and Operation of the Office of Tax Administration Building. Inter-American Development Bank.
2017	Socio-cultural expert for the feasibility study of a goldmining project in the Guianas. French Geological Survey.
2016	Socio-cultural baseline assessment for the establishment of an agricultural processing center in Robles, Colombia. Perspectives of Freedom Foundation.
2016	Context analysis: Environmental and Social Impact analysis for Coastal region, Greenstone Belt and South Suriname landscapes. World Wildlife Fund.
2015	Social expert for the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Construction of Wanica Hospital. Ministry of Public Works.
2014	Team leader/social expert for the Social Impact Assessment of the Railroad Paramaribo-Onverwacht. Strukton Engineering BV.
2014	Social expert for the Helipad Constraints Study. Tullow Oil/RPS Energy
2014	Social expert for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for 3D Seismic Acquisition in Block 54 offshore Suriname. Tullow Oil/RPS Energy.
2013	Social expert for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for the oil exploration drilling phase Block 47 offshore Suriname. Tullow Oil/RPS Energy.
2010	Team leader/social expert for the Social Impact Assessment for the Road Albina-Meerzorg. IIRSA.

Relevant Experience in Environmental and Social Impact Assessments and ESMP Implementation

2021	Social Expert for the Implementation of the ESMP of the Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification Project. Government of Suriname/Worldbank [Ongoing]
2019	Team leader/social expert for the ESIA of the Water Supply Modernization Program. Inter- American Development Bank/Suriname Water Supply Company.
2014	Environmental and Social expert for the financial-economic feasibility study project Weg naar Zee Coastal Protection Works. Proplan consultancy.

2009	Mediated with communities for the Environmental and Social Assessment of the Tapajah Hydropower project. Staatsolie Suriname.
2008	Mediated communities for the Environmental and Social Assessment for the Bauxite mine at Bakhuis mountains. SRK Consulting/BHP Billiton/Suralco.
2004	Environmental and Social expert for the Country Environmental Impact Assessment for Suriname. Inter-American Development Bank.
2003	Team leader/environmental and social expert for the Greenstone Belt Gold Mining Regional Environmental Assessment for Suriname. Inter-American Development Bank/ National Institute for Environment and Development
2002	Social expert for the Environmental Impact Assessment on proposed Loan: Agricultural and trade policy reform. Inter-American Development Bank.

Relevant Stakeholder Engagement and Grievance Redress Experience

2020	Design and implementation of stakeholder engagement for the establishment of an environmental fund under the Environmental Framework Law (Green Growth Suriname Foundation/NIMOS)
2020	Design of stakeholder engagement and community building strategy and grievance mechanism for citizen science in Suriname (Spotteron Austria/Green Growth Suriname Foundation).
2019	Design and facilitation of stakeholder engagement and grievance redress mechanism for values exchange for nature conservation in USA (Intrinsic Value Exchange).
2017-2018	Design and facilitation of stakeholder engagement and grievance redress mechanism for the revision of the Nature Conservation Law in Suriname (Conservation International, World Wildlife Fund).
2016	Design of stakeholder engagement for the REDD+ readiness project in Suriname (FCPF/Worldbank/UNDP).
2015	Design of a grievance redress mechanism for REDD+ in Nepal with specific focus on inclusion of vulnerable stakeholders (FCPF/Worldbank).
2013-2017	Preparation of stakeholders and development of a roadmap for the ratification of the Minamata Convention in Suriname.
2012-current	Member of the Climate Change Expert Group in support to policymaking by the Cabinet of the President in Suriname.
2012	Design and facilitation of the stakeholder engagement for the REDD+ project proposal in Suriname (FCPF/Worldbank/UNDP).
2002-2004	National Focal Point, Lead negotiator and Project Coordinator for the ratification of the Biosafety Protocol in Suriname (United Nations Environment).

Relevant Teaching and Training Experience

Teaching and Guidance

2013-now	<p>Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guest instructor for Ph.D. and MSc. Level teaching in course: Global practicum on Conflict in International development ▪ Online guest instructor for Master- and Doctoral level teaching in: Environmental Conflict Resolution, Workshop Development ▪ Guidance of Master- and Doctoral level practicum and thesis research University of Texas at San Antonio ▪ Guest instructor for MSc. Level teaching in course: Plants and society, Climate change
1997-2002	<p>University of Suriname, Suriname</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instruction of courses at the B.Sc. level in Residential environment: Biotechnology, Bioprocessing, Biochemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Quantitative Methods 1 and 2 ▪ Guidance of Bachelor level practicum and thesis research ▪ Administrative appointment as Vice Chair Department of Agriculture. Special emphasis on curriculum development and establishing partnerships.

Training in Conflict Resolution and Natural Resource Management

Year	Training course	Client
2021	Negotiation and road impact assessment, training of trainers	Indigenous people of South Suriname (TWTIS)/Conservation International
2020	Conflict resolution skills and tools	Alumni Association University of Suriname
2019	Conflict resolution skills and tools	Telesur Telecommunication, Suriname Airways
2018	Capacity building training for Indigenous Peoples	Conservation International
2018	Consensus building	Telesur Telecommunication, Surinam Airways
2018	Capacity building training for Maroons	lamgold goldmining company
2018	Conflict resolution for small fishermen and cooperatives	Food and Agricultural Organization
2017	Conflict resolution	lamgold goldmining company
	Conflict resolution skills and tools	ATV entertainment
	Stakeholder engagement with Indigenous Peoples	Conservation International/World Wildlife Fund
2016	Conflict resolution tools and skills	Food and Agricultural Organization
	A team approach to conflict resolution	lamgold goldmining company
	Stakeholder engagement	UNDP/World bank
2015	Social cartography for territorial planning	Community of Robles, Colombia
2014	Conflict resolution for development field agents	Tropenbos/UNESCO
	Participatory methods for documenting local environmental challenges	Royal Holloway University UK
2013	Project proposal writing for local/indigenous communities	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
	Skills and tools for handling conflict at policy-level	Nova Southeastern University, USA/Government of Suriname
2012	Training of trainers: Skills and tools for handling conflict in the mining sector	Nova Southeastern University, USA/Government of Suriname
2012	An introduction to conflict resolution and multi-stakeholder processes for governance and sustainable development	Nova Southeastern University, USA/Government of Suriname
2012	Facilitation for climate change/REDD+	UNDP/World bank/Government of Suriname

Professional Affiliations

- United Nations Roster of Experts for Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Afro descendants
- United Nations Roster of Experts on Climate change and REDD+
- Association of Conflict Resolution
- Society for Conservation Biology
- Articulaci3n Regional Amaz3nica
- Green Growth Suriname Foundation

Selected Media Appearance

- Visit by Laurene Jobs, widow of Steve Jobs (Apple Inc.) of my work, after it was selected as one of the six best indigenous-engaged conservation projects globally (January 2018)
- Featured for stakeholder engagement methodology in the film by Conservation International and World Wildlife Fund on the South Suriname Conservation Corridor (April 2016).
- Interviewed by Emmy Award winning filmmakers Douglas Eger and Cristina Khuly for film on conflict between development and environment in Suriname (July 2016).
- Featured in National Geographic on indigenous communities (conflicting) views on climate change mitigation (April 2012).

Awards, Assistantships and Scholarships

Year	Award, Assistantship or Scholarship
2018	Nomination Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award Nova Southeastern University
2017	Hogges and Cowins Book Award, Miami, Florida
2008-2010	Organization of American States. LASPAU programs for the Americas/Harvard University \$38,616.45 for 2 years
1994-1996	Fulbright Scholarship. \$40,000 for 2 years
1989-1990	Assistantship Forestry Research, University of Suriname. \$2,000 for 1 year
1988-1989	Assistantship Botany, University of Suriname. \$2,000 for 1 year

Publications

Books

Year	Function	Title
2017	Author	Conflict and Sustainability in a Changing Environment: Through the eyes of communities. Ecosystem and Restoration Series. Anthem Press: London, New York
2013	Author	Participation of the Trio Indigenous Community in Climate Change Mitigation Projects in Suriname: A Worldview Conflict Analysis. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation. Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Nova Southeastern University
2008	Co-author	Macrofungi: Collection and preservation in the area of Tepu-South Suriname. Paramaribo, Suriname: Suriname: Amazon Conservation Team, CELOS and National Herbarium of Suriname

Book Chapters

Year	Function	Title
2014	Author	Conflict Resolutie: Een Methode ter Onderhandeling van het Surinaams Grondenrechten Vraagstuk. In E. Jagdew & H. Gezius (Ed.): Grondenrechten in Suriname: Het vraagstuk nader bekeken. Paramaribo, Suriname: IMWO, Anton de Kom University of Suriname His/Her Tori no.5, 143-155
2000	Co-author	The importance of gender issues in revitalizing commercial agriculture in Suriname. In A. Spring (Ed.) Woman farmers and commercial ventures. London: Lynne Rienner Publishers
1997	Co-author	Plant-and Food Biotechnology: an opportunity for Suriname's Agricultural Sector? In P. Dixit (Ed.), Developing Suriname: A Technological Approach. 20th Anniversary Commemorative Volume. Faculty of Technology, Anton de Kom University of Suriname

Other publications: peer reviewed journals, research reports, training guides

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2021	Author	Community in a "conflict system": a case study of community engagement for the establishment of the South Suriname Conservation Corridor. [Submitted to Journal of Conflict Management]
2020	Author	Collaborative (co) management as a model for bio-cultural conservation in Suriname. White Paper Green Growth Suriname.
2020	Author	The Tribal Characteristics of Suriname Society
2019	Author	The Rules are Changing: Indigenous Peoples and Social Impacts Assessments. White Paper Green Growth Suriname.
2017	Author	Co-management with Indigenous Peoples: Using Conflict Resolution Methods for the Establishment of the South Suriname Conservation Corridor.
2014	Author	Climate Change REDD+ Manual for Indigenous and Maroon peoples. Tropenbos Suriname/Guiana Shield Facility/UNDP
2014	Author	MAPCID: A Model for the Analysis of Potential Conflict in Development. Journal of Conflict Management 2(1): 7-32
2014	Author	Training guide: Basic tools for Conflict Resolution. Modules for community level forest managers. Tropenbos Suriname. Larensteyn University/UNESCO/Nuffic
2014	Author	Study of the Perception of Trio and Wayana on Proposed Road Infrastructure in South Suriname. Amazon Conservation Team/World Wildlife Fund
2010	Author	Carbon-based Conservation Projects in Ecuador and Suriname: An Analysis of Vulnerability and Conflict Potential. Peace and Conflict Review 5(1): 1-1
2010	Author	Planet or Profit: Remodeling the Climate Change Negotiations. Journal of Alternative Perspectives in Social Sciences 2(1): 28-45

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2010	Editor	Land Rights, Tenure and Use of Indigenous Peoples and Maroons in Suriname. Report for the Sustainable Development of the Interior. Ministry of Regional Development/ Inter-American Development Bank
2010	Editor	Traditional Authority Structure of Indigenous Peoples and Maroons. Report for the Sustainable Development of the Interior. Ministry of Regional Development/ Inter-American Development Bank
2009	Co-author	Disease Concept and Treatment by Tribal Healers of an Amazonian Tribal Culture. Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine 5(27). DOI 10.1186/1746-4269-5-27
2007	Co-author	Performance of rice bran, calcium carbonate (CaCO ₃) and a mixture of rice bran/paddy husks as supplements in production of spawn of edible mushrooms. Interactie 8: 1-4

Languages

Dutch – native language

English – fluent read, write and speak fluently

Surinamese – fluent read, write and speak

Spanish, French – comprehensive reading

Trio (Indigenous language) – comprehensive speaking