

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Summary

Dr. P.I. Gomes acquired thirty-five years working experience in international development policy analysis, social science research, planning and promotion of institutional development between developed and developing countries.

Dr. Gomes has an excellent record of interpersonal, written and oral communication skills and wide experience in negotiating mutually beneficial programmes with higher education, research institutes, international donor agencies, agricultural sector interests.

A citizen of Guyana, Dr. Gomes was appointed as Ambassador in 2005 and until taking office as ACP Secretary General on 1 March 2015, served also as Ambassador of the Republic of Guyana to the European Union and the European Commission, the Kingdom of Belgium and the African, Caribbean & Pacific (ACP) Group of States, resident in Brussels, Belgium. He is also non-Resident Ambassador to Austria, Cyprus, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands and Norway. Ambassador Gomes is Guyana's representative to the WTO, FAO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Key Career Highlights as Ambassador of Guyana to the European Union

From appointment in 2005, worked on trade and commodity development for ACP economies in specific sectors and regions.

As Co-chair with Suriname for the **ACP-EC Working Party on Rice, programmed a project of Euro 23.5mn.**

Instrumental in project on **Strengthening Fisheries Management** in ACP Countries (FISH I & II); as member of the Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development participated in establishment of an **ACP Forestry Research Network.**

Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development in 2007 promoted the **All-ACP Agricultural Commodities Programme** that included participation of international organizations –FAO, ITC, UNCTAD and the World Bank.

From 2007 Chairman of the Sub-Committee (S/C) on Sugar and represented the ACP Group on Sugar Issues at International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Conferences in South Africa, London and Brussels; leads the Bureau of the S/C on discussions with the EC Directorates for Agriculture and Development on interests of ACP Sugar industries. The ACP Sugar Group achieved, in addition to the EDF support, an **Accompanying Measures Programme for 18 ACP former sugar protocol countries** worth €1.24Bn for 2007-13.

Chairs Sugar Sub-Committee supervising the **Research & Innovation Programme of €13mn for 11 projects in ACP research centres in Barbados, Fiji, Jamaica and Mauritius** providing advanced equipment, training of young scientists, preparing common plant quarantine services, developing irrigation systems for small scale operators and reducing environmental impact of factory waste.

Prospective research areas for a Phase 2 under discussion and an **MOU to be signed with the renowned International Centre for Agricultural Research & Development (CIRAD)**, based in Montpellier, France for joint research, training and policy advice for ACP sugar growing Member States.

As Chairperson of the ACP Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development, played a key role in strengthening and restructuring the Joint ACP-EU Centre for Technical Cooperation on Agriculture & Rural Development (CTA) during 2008-10, resulting in an **increased Intra-ACP allocation** and a Strategic Plan 2007-10 which has been since upgraded under the current leadership.

Member of Guyana's delegation, led by the Honourable Minister of Foreign

Affairs, to the 6th ACP Summit of Heads of State & Government in Accra, Ghana in 2008 and *co-sponsored proposal by Mauritius, Guyana and South Africa to explore an All-ACP Free Trade Area.*

As Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors (CoA) from August 2010 to January 2011, organised in collaboration with Organisation Internationale de Francophonie (OIF), ***the inaugural ACP Symposium on “Enhancing South-South Cooperation”*** on January 31, 2011. Participants included senior officials of development agencies from Brazil, India, Cuba, Nigeria and South Africa.

Coordinator with OIF of the Post-Busan **Building Block on South-South & Triangular Cooperation** and prepared a Draft Work Plan for the Block comprising about 40 governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Addressed UN’s South-South Stakeholders’ and High Level Development Cooperation Directors’ General Meeting on ‘**The ACP Group’s Experience in Promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation**’, held in Vienna, Austria in November 2012 and received on behalf of ACP Secretariat an award from the UNDP Office for SSC.

Panel participant at OECD/DAC/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal’s **Policy Dialogue on Triangular Cooperation, 16-17 May 2013.**

Secured technical assistance from Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development to prepare an **ACP Policy Paper, Mapping Exercise and Selected Case studies** of ACP Member States in South-South & Triangular Cooperation, 2014.

CARIFORUM Representative on the ACP’s Ambassadorial Working Group on Future Perspectives (WGFP) at its inauguration in 2010. From September 2011 to present chairs the WGFP.

Over the last three years, the WGFP has engaged in a broad-based consultative process with stakeholders in and outside Brussels, organized a management retreat, collaborated in consultations, workshops and studies with the UNDP, Commonwealth Secretariat, the Council of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), the Centre for Conflict Resolution in South Africa, various EC officials, the ACP Parliamentary Assembly, European think-tanks and civil society organizations. In regard to concrete outputs, a broad awareness that the “status quo is not an option” and a transformed/reinvented ACP Group to become a visible, dynamic global player with a restated Vision, Mission and Core-values has been adopted at all levels of the Group and endorsed by the Council of Ministers.

Enhanced identity and visibility are being promoted with an ACP Flag and Anthem; the successful negotiation of project financing for a new ACP House in Brussels at a value of 18mn Euros from the EDF marks significant progress over several years delay on this matter.

A pre-feasibility study has been done for an ACP Trade & Investment Financing Facility (The ACP Bank Project). The WGFP's proposals for the ACP Group to be re-organised as a Knowledge Management Institution focused on 4 "strategic policy domains" promoting structural transformation of ACP economies in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda through South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) endorsed by the Council of Ministers in Nairobi, Kenya in June 16-17, 2014.

As Chairman of the WGFP, liaises with the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) appointed by the 7th Summit of ACP Heads in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, December 2012; participated in multi-stakeholder, regional consultations in Benin (W. Africa), Addis Ababa (E. Africa), Malabo (Central Africa) and Grenada (Caribbean). The Final Report of the WGFP to be presented to the Council of Ministers in December 2014.

Career Highlights prior to 2005 Appointment as Ambassador

November 2003 to January 2005: Consultant Project Manager for the **FAO/CARICOM/CARIFORUM/ Government of Italy-funded Project** on Promotion of Food Security and Food Safety.

In 2001, Team Leader for a **Review of the Structure and Functioning of the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**, mandated by the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community & Common Market (CARICOM).

From 1992-2003, **Executive Director of the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)**, an intergovernmental agency of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), based in Barbados.

Senior **HRD Policy Adviser (1990-92)** at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/Caribbean Development Cooperation Committee (ECLAC/CDCC) in Human Resources and Institutional Development; designed and implemented programmes of technical cooperation with CARICOM Member-States, the Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, the Spanish and English speaking Caribbean.

From 1979 on the Scientific Advisory Committee and Programme Committee and subsequently appointed to the Board of Directors of the **European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)**, headquartered in Maastricht, the Netherlands; becoming Chairman of the Board of Governors in 2012.

From 1974 at **Faculty of Agriculture**, Department of Agricultural Extension at the **University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago**, for sixteen years in teaching, research and outreach activities in the sociology of agriculture and rural development throughout the then-Commonwealth Caribbean.

As a Policy Analyst and Development Sociologist worked with Ministers responsible for Public Administration and Governance, Development Cooperation, Agriculture & Rural Development and Permanent Secretaries as well as senior officials of international and regional donor agencies, Faculty members of the Midwest Universities' Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA).

Wide contribution of 16 years in higher education, training, research and outreach in the Faculties of Agriculture and Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine and collaboration with North American and European institutions on development research and donor-funded projects providing advisory services to national governments, regional and international organizations.

Continued writing on regional integration and published on “*CARICOM Integration: The need for Institutional Transformation*” in K. Hall & M. Chuch-A-Sang ed., **CARICOM – Policy Options for International Engagement**, Ian Randle Publishers, 2010; and very recently “Reshaping an Asymmetrical Partnership: ACP-EU Relations from an ACP Perspective” in **Jo. Int Dev.** 25, 714-26 (2013).

Academic Background and Professional Training

Ph.D. (Social Institutions and Sociology of Development)
Fordham University, New York 1979 (Dissertation: CLR James' Marxian Paradigm on Caribbean Social Structure: A Comparative Critique)

MA (Sociology: Social Institutions and Organizational Change) Fordham University, 1970 (Thesis: Social Research and Action for Post-colonial Guyana)

Postgraduate Fellowship in Applied Social Demography, University of Chicago (Community and Family Study Centre), Summer Quarter, 1970 USAID-funded

Research Internship, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)-Horizon House, New York, 1969

Roman Catholic Regional Seminary, Mt. St. Benedict, Trinidad & Tobago, 1961-63 (Latin, History & Philosophy); 1964-67 (Canon Law, Theology and Ethics) – Ordained Priest 6 August 1967, Guyana

Further Details of Professional Career and Public Service

As Executive Director, Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), Barbados, the regional intergovernmental agency for Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member countries undertook reviews and assessment related to organisational performance, strategic planning, legal and regulatory frameworks for public sector management; served as facilitator/resource person for retreats and consultations of Government Ministers, senior officials and leaders from among the social partners on public sector reform.

Managed implementation of UNDP's Capacity 21 Project on *Strengthening Capacity for Sustainable Development in the English-speaking Caribbean* (RLA/94/g81/a/5G/99); mobilised a technical cooperation grant of US\$500,000.00 from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for a Strategic Plan on Governance and Management Development; a CARIFORUM/EDF Grant of Euros 1.3mn was subsequently implemented by CARICAD in the area of *Strategic Planning for Caribbean Public Services*.

From 1974 – 1990 successively progressed as **Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Head of Department and Project Co-director** of Agricultural Research and Extension at U.W.I, St. Augustine in the Faculty of Agriculture.

In collaboration with the Institute for Development Studies of the University of Guyana and the Institute of Social and Economic Research, U.W.I a **Caribbean Technology Policy Studies Project (Phase 1)** participated from 1975-1977; co-author with Professor Norman Girvan of the General Report and Dr. Lloyd Coke on a Sector study of *“Agricultural Policy and Performance of Research Institutions in the sugar and banana industries of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean respectively”*.

As Co-Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Extension Project (CAEP), instrumental in the design and analysis of the organisation and management

systems of the agricultural sector in the member states and territories of the OECS and Belize (1979-89) in conjunction with the USA Midwest Universities' Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) through the Universities of Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin with USAID grant assistance. Direct **project financing was approximately US\$11 million from 1980 - 89.**

Began university teaching in the USA as an Adjunct Instructor at New York University and Fordham University at Lincoln Centre, New York from 1972-1974 on Industrial and Non-industrial Societies: Comparative Social Systems; Social Change and Modernisation and Comparative cultures.

Public Service with national, regional and international organizations include

- Caribbean Conferences of Churches: Chairman of Steering Committee for Caribbean Identity Research Programme, 1975-1983
- Faculty of Agriculture representative on Sugar Industry Control Board, a statutory agency of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 1985 - 1987
- Chairman, Committee on Disposal of the Assets of the Sugar Industry Control Board and Design of Alternative Mechanisms to Address Problems of Small Cane Farmers in Trinidad and Tobago, December 1987
- Member, Professional Committee of the Ministry of Planning and Reconstruction for Proposals on Restructuring of the Sugar Industry and Caroni (1975) Ltd., Trinidad and Tobago, 1987
- Member, Project Advisory Committee - CANADA/UWI Institutional Strengthening Project, 1992
- Founding Member, Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management, 1994

Conferences and Research Papers include

- UNESCO Division for Study of Development, Mexico, 1980
- University of Guelph Symposium on Integrated Rural Development, Canada, 1983
- UNICEF Conference on Hunger and Society, Tanzania, 1983
- Greater London Council Conference on Third World Trade and Technology, London 1985
- Wageningen and Guelph Universities on Higher Agricultural Education, Malang, Indonesia, 1986
- Universite des Antilles et Guyane International (Seminar) Guadeloupe, 1990
- University of Havana/ECLAC/CDCC Consultation on Human Resources Development, Havana, Cuba, 1991
- United Nations Staff College Project, Turin, Italy, September, 199
- **Technical Reports**

Commission of Inquiry into the Saint Lucia Banana Growers' Association with Justice E. St. Bernard, A. Ali, C. George and W. Skeete. Castries, August, 1980
Report of a Land Reform Commission with Professor G. Beckford, N. Liverpool, L. Cole, C. George and M. Pierre, Castries, Saint Lucia, 1981
The OAS and Regional Development Planning in Saint Lucia: The Case of the Mabouya Valley. OAS-GOSL, Natural Resources Management Project, Saint Lucia, 1988, pp 167
“A Socio-economic Study of the Sub-watershed Area of the Castara, Community, Tobago.” UNDP, Port-of-Spain, 1988, pp 61

Books

Editor and Author, Rural Development in the Caribbean (Hurst and St. Martin's Press, 1985), pp. 246
Chapter in South-North Partnership in Strengthening Higher Education in Agriculture (Pudoc, 1989), pp 117-37
Chapter in Agricultures Pasaynnes Development: Caraibe-Amerique Tropicale, SACAD, 1991, pp 33-46, entitled “Agriculture and Caribbean Economies: An Overview of Relations between Resources, Technology and State Policy in Trinidad and Tobago”

Monographs and Journal Articles

Technology Policies for Small Developing Economies: A study of the Caribbean, N. Girvan in collaboration with P.I. Gomes and D. Sangster, ISER, Jamaica, 1983, pp.365

Working Papers on Caribbean Society

No. 1 Series A: “The Marxian Populism of CLR James” UWI, St. Augustine: Department of Sociology, 1978, pp. 1-23
“Critical Analysis of Agriculture Research and Development Institutions and their Activities” with L.B. Coke in **Social and Econ. Studies**, Vol. 9, 1982: 257-265
“Family Structure, Attitudes and Decision-making among Caribbean Peasant Farmers” with T.H. Henderson in **Agricultural Administration**, Vol. 9, 1982: 257-265
“Transnational Capital, Food Dependency and Nutrition”, **Cornell Int. Nut. Series**, 1988, pp. 158-77
“Land Tenure Patterns in an Urban Periphery: Saint Lucia” in Bull. Of Eastern Carib. Affairs, 1991
“The Political Context, Size and Structural Effects in the New Public Administration: A Caribbean Perspective,” presented at the Seychelles/CAPAM/IASIA Conference - April 11-17, 1997
Report of the World Bank/Government of Guyana/Public Administration Project (No. 2480 GUA), Regional Administrations and Local Government - Phase 2. July 1999 pp42
“In Pursuit of Public Sector Reform - Process and Products” in Caribbean Journal of Public Sector Management, Vol. 1, No 1, 1999, pp12-18
A series of articles on ACP in the electronic **Business Journal (BJ)**, 2011-13.

