

Republic of Seychelles
Office of the President

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NEW DEPUTY TAX COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

President James Michel has appointed Mrs. Georgette Pillay as the new Deputy Tax Commissioner, effective immediately.

Mrs. Pillay was formerly Director of Operations at the Seychelles Investment Bureau and has extensive experience in business investment, taxation, and taxation planning.

Mrs. Pillay completed a MSc in Finance Management at Swansea University in Wales last year, as part of a Chevening Scholarship she was awarded in 2008.

Below is a brief summary of Mrs Pillay's CV.

Career Summary

12/09- to date Seychelles Investment Bureau, Director (Operations)

- Assist the Chief Executive Officer to manage the organisational operations by directing

- Provide direction and structure for the operational units.

- Participate in developing strategic plans for the Bureau

- Co- ordinate the activities of the Technical Divisions

04/08 – 09/08 Seychelles Investment Bureau, Director (Business Development and Promotion)

- Manage an entire division within the Seychelles Investment Bureau.

- Took the responsibility of the Technical Director in the absence of one for over 5 months.

- Appraise investment projects, produced project memorandums and made recommendations to Cabinet of Ministers for projects over USD1 million and to the CEO for projects below that threshold.

07/04 – 03/08 Seychelles Investment Bureau, Investment Promotion Officer

- Facilitated the approval of some of Seychelles biggest foreign direct investment projects.
- Improve the general awareness of Seychelles and its investment opportunities as the location for investments both at home and abroad:
 - o Compile the content for the Seychelles Investment Website.
 - o Represent Seychelles in international workshops and seminars.
 - o Contributed to an article that appeared in an international magazine
 - o Produced the agency quarterly newsletter
- Was in charge of the publication of the first ever Seychelles Business Directory published in 2005 and its annual publication thereafter.

11/03 – 06/04 Ministry of Industry and International Business, Research Officer

- Undertook research of export development and promotion for local industries and assist in the implementation, co-ordination of international initiatives and projects.

10/02 – 10/03 Ministry of Industries and International Business, Industrial Management Officer

- Involved in the planning and implementation of industrial policies along with developing and monitoring of incentives for the industry and craft sectors.

Education

2008 – 2009 Swansea University, UK

MSc Management (Finance) Achieved a Distinction

- Conduct a research via questionnaire and interview to preparing a 15,000 word management report on the Seychelles Offshore Financial Center.
- Subjects studied included Corporate Finance, Quantitative Business Methods, Financial Accounting, Marketing Management, Management Theory and Practice, Management Economics, Strategic Management, Research method, International

Financial Management, Risk Management and Derivatives, Financial Markets and Institution and Contemporary Finance Issues.

- Researched for over 12 assignments collating information.
- Gave presentation on organisation culture and a group seminar paper on Capital Adequacy: Issues and Implications of Basel II.

1999 – 2002 Stamford College (Malaysia)- collaboration with the University of Northumbria, Newcastle, UK

BA (Hons) International Business Administration