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□ ***Education***

Until 1957 Primary and secondary school

1957 - 1961 Boule (Paris, France)

1961 - 1963 ENSAD and HIDEC

1979 Grading and evaluation of diamond, colour stones and pearl in the Gemmological Institute of America (GIA)

□ ***Various***

- Fluent in French, English, Spanish.
- Permanent member of the « National Geographic Society ».
- Titular member of the International organization of Experts (ORDINEX).
- Representative of the World Gem Foundation for South America.

□ ***Field of experience and professional activities***

1965 - 1973 Timber processing and reforestation in Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia.

1973 - 1985 **South Africa**

Construction and setup of mining equipment for the exploitation of gold and diamond in Sierra Leone. (SORTEX and JIG)

Bolivia

Exploration for diamond mining in tropical area.

Setup of transformation unit integrated in the Andin Market

U.S.A.

Construction and supply of mining equipment for a diamond exploitation in Sierra Leone with mineralogical and gemmological survey.

Guinea

Study for the realisation of a diamond cutting center in Conakry.

Sierra Leone

Setup and management of a mining exploitation for gold and diamond (Sewa Mining Company) with training to modern technology as X-ray separation (SORTEX)

1985 - 1990 **Cote d'Ivoire**

Creation and management of a diamond and colour stone cutting center (Hardy's) with a laboratory for certification and a buying office.

First by its dimension in West Africa.

1990/1995 **France**

Professor of gemmology for the BMA diploma at the Jean Guéhenno School in Saint-Amand-Montrond. General Manager and professor of diamond and colour stone cutting to the Raphaël Formation Society (State formation).

Twinning of the jewellery school Jean Guéhenno in France with the jewellery school EIBMA in Cote d'Ivoire.

1995/2000 **Cote d'Ivoire**

Creation with the Ministry of Technical Education of a training program and a diamond and colour stone cutting section to the jewellery school EIBMA in Abidjan.

2001

Madagascar

Consultation with PAEPEM program (World Bank / French Cooperation) for strategic actions in the lapidary sectors.

- Formation
- Information
- Manufacture of equipment.

Also

- Establishment of criteria determining a stamp of quality for the precious stone organisation in Madagascar.

- Audit and labellisation of societies and beneficiaries of services answering to these criteria.

- Creation of a directory identifying and describing these societies and beneficiaries of services, making office of reference and map of visit for these labellises and also guide and document of information for intervening parties and potential outside customers.

Implementation of consultation.

Impulse of the starting of local manufacturers of equipment.

Visit and technical audit of lapidary enterprises with proposition of progress plan.

Upkeep and selection of candidates for formations in gemmology and lapidary.

2002/2011

France

Conferences and various interventions in the diamond and colour stones cutting sector.

Founder and President of CAL (Conservatoire des Arts Lapidaires) an NGO “conservatory of arts for precious stone cutting” with museum, stone reproduction and famous jewellerys on the Jacques-Cœur road.

2011/

Bolivia

Fonder of the INSTITUTO GEMOLOGICO BOLIVIANO

(www.igb-bolivia.com) for the education in gemology and cutting diamond and gemstone.