

His Excellency Dr. Anil Sooklal

Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and to the European Union



CURRICULUM VITAE

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 February

MARITAL STATUS: Married

QUALIFICATIONS

Academic:

- 1983 BA (Oriental History and Religious Studies), University of Durban Westville (now called University of KwaZulu Natal)
- 1984 BA Honours (Cum Laude) (Oriental History and Religious Studies), University of Durban-Westville
- 1986 MA (Religious Studies), University of Durban-Westville
- 1989 D Phil (Religious Studies), University of Durban-Westville
- 1992 PhD (Oriental History), University of Durban-Westville

Other:

- 1979 Diploma in Fine Art, University of Durban-Westville
- 1993 Certificate in Human Rights, United Nations Centre for Human Rights, Geneva
- 2004 Certificate in International Trade and Investment Promotion, International Trade Institute of Singapore, Singapore Co-operation Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

CAREER

- 1979-1981 Secondary School Teacher
- 1984 Lecturer, University of South Africa
- 1985-1994 Senior Lecturer, University of Durban-Westville
- Aug 1995-Dec 1997 Counsellor (Political), South African Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Geneva
- Jan 1998 – Jan 1999 Counsellor (Political), South African High Commission, New Delhi
- Feb 1999 – Feb 2000 Head, Department of Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Office, Cape Town
- Feb 2000 – Sep 2000 Acting Chief Director: United Nations Political and Global Security Affairs
- Sep 2000 – Mar 2001 Chief Director: North Africa
- Mar 2001 – Dec 2002 Acting Deputy Director-General: Asia and Middle East and Chief Director: Asia and Australasia
- Jan 2003 – March 2006 Deputy Director-General: Asia and the Middle East
- April 2006 – to date South African Ambassador: Belgium & Luxembourg

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS ATTENDED:

1984-1994 Participated in over 20 international academic conferences and
40 national academic conferences

BOARD MEMBER

Jan 1995 – Aug 1995 Member of Religious Panel, SABC (resigned due to foreign posting)

PUBLICATIONS

Published over 20 journal articles, articles in monographs (both local and international)

1989-1992 Editor of Nida, University of Durban-Westville

1993-1994 Served on Editorial Board, Journal of Religion in Southern Africa

AWARDS

- Ø Fellowship in Human Rights (1993), United Nations Centre for Human Rights
- Ø Internship in Human Rights, United Nations Centre for Human Rights, Geneva (Jul-Sept 1994)
- Ø Received several grants for post-graduate research and post-doctoral research abroad from the Human Sciences Research Council and the De Beers Foundation
- Ø Seconded to the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (4 June – 3 July 1999) (Capacity Building Programme)