



Ambassade d'Haïti en Italie
GERI BENOÎT

Date and place of birth: May 23, 1963, Port-au-Prince, HAITI

Nationality: Haitian

Titles: Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Haiti in Italy
Permanent Representative to the United Nations Institutions in Rome

Languages Spoken: Creole, French, English, Spanish



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Founding member of the Women Entrepreneurs Institute (IFE-ife), 1999
- Member and Advisor to the Office of the Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis, 2007-2008;
- Communication Advisor: Presidency of the Republic of Haiti, President Préval, 1996-2001;
- First Secretary to the Permanent Representation of Haiti to the Organization of American States (OAS) / Commission on Sustainable Development / Social Development Commission / Commission on Caribbean Affairs, November 1995 to February 1997;
- Researcher, Marketing and Communication Director, New York Fashion Design Center (200 LEX), New York, 1991-1992

EXPERIENCE AS SPOUSE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC: 1996-2001

Topics of interventions at summits and conferences:

- Problem of Women and Children in Haiti: Panama 1997;
- Regional Summit on Children in Latin America: Colombia 1998, Chile 1998, Canada 1999;
- Assistance for children orphaned by AIDS: United Nations, NY USA, 1999;
- Promotion of Haitian Art : l'Arche de la Defense, Paris, France 1997;
- Promotion of Investments in Haiti: Chile, Taiwan, 1997.

OTHER EXPERIENCES:

- Active member of the group of ten (10) research associates at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Washington DC USA
- Coordinator of "Cazal 2015" program of Economic, Cultural and Social Development of the city of Cazal, Haiti, since 2001
- Curator: "Haiti 2004: From the Mountains to the Sea", unique international event for the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Independence of Haiti for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, 2004;
- Curator: "Haitian Life Style, Organization of American States, Washington DC USA, 2000
- Curator: "Haitian Life Style", Puck Building in Soho, NY, USA, 2000;
- Coordinator of the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Independence of Haiti in Cazal, Haiti, 2004;
- Representative of the Haitian Polish community in various national and international forums.

STUDIES

- Master of Arts in International Public Policies and International Development at JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington DC USA. 2002
- Degree in Marketing, Social and Commercial Communications FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FIT) New York, USA, and CELSA / PARIS IV Sorbonne, Paris, France, 1992
- DEUG in Law at Université de Montpellier, Montpellier, France, 1986

PUBLICATIONS

- "Harnessing History to Development, The Story of Cazal, November 2003

RESEARCH UNDERWAY

Pre-Doctoral Studies: Spiritual and Cultural Dimensions of Poverty. Case Study: Haiti, India and Bhutan

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