

Senior Regulatory Executive	<i>Demonstrated Experience in Managing Food Regulatory Organizations.</i>
Change Management Experience	<i>Including the Development and Operationalization of Fish and Food Regulatory Programs.</i>
Architect and Main Implementation Leader	<i>Fisheries Inspection Institute (VKI) in Suriname – Chief Executive and Operating Officer of the Organization for over 15 years.</i>
Leadership Roles	<i>Various Board of Directors of Research and Science Organizations in Suriname and Internationally.</i>
International Focal Point	<i>For International Organizations Responsible of Food Standards and Food Safety such as the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Caribbean Agriculture, Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA).</i>
Food Safety Focal Point	<i>For Suriname since 2020.</i>
Primary Leader in the Development of the Suriname Food Safety Cluster	<i>Including Shaping the Law Supporting the Creation of the National Food Safety Institute (NIVS) as the Primary Food Safety Regulator in Suriname.</i>
Acting Chief Executive Officer	<i>National Food Safety Institute (NIVS) since xxxxx.</i>
Languages	<i>Fluent in English and Dutch.</i>

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- ❖ Appointed National Food Safety Focal Point by the Minister of Agriculture Animal Husbandry and Fisheries of the Republic of Suriname, LVV, of since 2018
- ❖ Appointed National Food Nutrients Focal Point, within the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Husbandry and Fisheries of the Republic of Suriname (LVV) since 2018,
- ❖ Appointed Focal Points to the Caribbean Agriculture, Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), within Suriname, since 2016.
- ❖ Appointed member of the National Plant Protection Office (NPPO) since 2020
- ❖ Designated member of the Board of Directors of National Centre of Agricultural Research (CELOS) since 2018.
- ❖ Represented Suriname at the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), for the fisheries standards under the Codex Committee for fish and fish products (CCFFP)

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2007 to present:

Director of the VISKEURINGSINSTITUUT (Fish Inspection Institute) – Competent Authority of industrial quality in fishery and aquaculture in Suriname.

Acting CEO, National Food Safety Institute, NIVS – Suriname.

Trainer/ Coordinator / Lecturer:

- Contributor to the one-year training course in quality management in fish handling in the following subjects: Prerequisites (Plant layout, Standard Sanitation Operation Procedures) and HACCP principals on the processing of fish and fishery products – Covering period 2014-2015, 2012-2013, 2009-2010, 2006-2007, 2003-2004 and 1997-1998.
- **Lecturer** HACCP training as part of the FAO project: Strengthening Food Control system in Suriname, May-June 2006.
- **Lecturer** on the FDA quality requirements for the production of fish and fishery products during the training of the NMFS (National Marine Fisheries Service) - February 1998.

Previous Government Functions:

1984-2007: Head of the unit, Quality management and quality control in fishery products, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Republic of Suriname.

1981-1983: Senior Staff Member, Unit Statistics – Planning and Development; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries; Republic of Suriname.

1977-1980: Laboratory Manager, Unit Soil Research Laboratory, Agriculture Research Station; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries; Republic of Suriname.

EDUCATIONAL PATH

Academic Training

1993: University of Gent, Belgium - Food Technology.

1977-1980: ADEK University of Suriname.

1977: Technical Secondary school (NATIN) diploma.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**WTO E-Learning Certificate:**

- Contributor to the one-year training course in quality management in fish handling in the following subjects: Prerequisites (Plant layout, Standard Sanitation Operation Procedures) and HACCP principals on the processing of fish.
- Introduction to the WTO – Basic level.
- TECHNICAL BARRIER TO TRADE in the WTO – Intermediate level.
- SANITARY and PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES – Intermediate level.

Management Courses on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures in fisheries and aquaculture administrated by CRFM, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism, funded by EU SPS Project:

- Developed by MATIS (Matis Food Research and Bio Technology) and the United Nations University Fisheries Training Programme, 18-29 April, 2016, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- Various meetings and Workshops in the Caribbean region.

CARIFORUM meeting in fisheries policy in the Caricom in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (April 2004).**Technical assistance in cooperation with the Caribbean Fisheries Unit on Strengthening Fishery Products Health Condition for the Netherlands Antilles (March 2003).****Various Trainings on HACCP and certification through FAO, the US FDA, University of Ghent (Belgium) and University of Suriname from 1990 to 1999 – Certified through the US FDA (1997).****Training on Food Technology and Food Processing, University of Ghent (1999) and Centre of Food Processing Technology in South Korea (1985).**

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Developing and implementing the Fisheries Regulatory Control Program in the Republic of Suriname, with the creation and management of the National Fisheries Inspection Institute (VKI) since 2007 – Served as the Lead Executive of the Organization for over 15 years.
- ❖ Regained and Maintained access to the EU and US markets and other international markets of fish and fish products from Suriname.
- ❖ Led the development of Suriname’s food regulatory transformation, with the creation and the current leadership of the National Institute of Food Safety (NIVS) – since 2020.

KEY ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- ❖ Project Management.
- ❖ Team Management.
- ❖ Executive Talents.
- ❖ Stakeholder Engagement.