

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Work Experience

*Since January, 2005 – Projects Officer – DevNet*

DevNet is a non-Governmental organisation created out of the Sustainable Development Programme (SDNP) initiative. The core activities and responsibilities include :-

- Executing the project “Strengthening the Caribbean ICT stakeholders Virtual Community - CIVIC- as a regional mechanism to promote and support the use of ICT for development in the Caribbean” . This is done with a cross regional team from Jamaica and the Dominican Republic
- Completion of a project to use the Linux Terminal Server Project software to develop a telecentre with the Cummings Lodge Hindu Society
- Consolidating the SDNP assets and resources and moving them to DevNet, including the websites and information resources
- Participate in knowledge networks – Caribbean ICT Virtual Stakeholder Group (CIVIC), Guyana Linux Users Group, Computers in Society (based in Trinidad & Tobago),
- Manage the Guyana Development Gateway portal at <http://www.guyanagateway.org.gy>
- WSIS related activities
  - Mobilise the preparation of an advocacy brief 'Guyana's progress on the WSIS Plan of Action', available from <http://www.devnet.org.gy>
  - Advocate at CARICOM level for participation in the Regional WSIS Committee
  - Participate in CIVIC working group to respond to the WGIG Report
- Prepare project proposal for USAID – to build the capacity of civil society in Guyana to use

the Internet in advocacy for good governance and for conflict resolution. The proposal has been accepted and is being implemented by DevNet

- Facilitate working group organised by the Government of Guyana to develop inputs for an ICT strategy
- Technical support to the network infrastructure of DevNet and its clients – which includes management of ICT usage, help desk support, ad hoc network management.
- ***January 2000 to December 2004*** – *Co-ordinator, Sustainable Development Networking Programme, Guyana*

Responsibilities/activities include

- 2004 – Consultancy to prepare a Feasibility Study for a European Union funded programme for the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries
- 2004 - Conducting the first phase of the Planning for the Guyana Development Gateway – including an e-readiness assessment, available at [http://www.guyanagateway.org.gy/Gy\\_E\\_Readiness.pdf](http://www.guyanagateway.org.gy/Gy_E_Readiness.pdf)
- Work with a Task Force nominated by the Office of the Prime Minister to resolve the management of the .gy domain issues in Guyana
- Maintaining relationships with key partners including various Government agencies and non-Governmental organisations to develop and share information resources through a total of 80 websites managed through <http://www.sdn.org.gy>
- Developing and implementing the sustainability plan for SDNP and the migration to DevNet,
- Promote the use of Open source in different sectors by organising a series of Linux Expos in Guyana during 2004, and facilitating the Guyana Linux Users Group
- Providing help desk type support to various clients including the UNDP Guyana Country Office

***1997 to Dec 1999*** - *Manager, Development and Application Support, within the Information Systems Department (ISD) of the Guyana Sugar Corporation (GUYSUCO)*

Responsibilities included:

- Leading a team of analysts in the redesign of the Business Systems using Business Process Reengineering techniques
- Leading and motivating a team of 8 analysts in the maintenance of the Financial and Inventory Management Systems

- Recommending system redesign and development strategies to the Corporation

**August, 1996 to February, 1997** *Manager, Training and User Support, GUYSUCO.*

Responsibilities included

- Establishing the Help Desk
- Developing and implementing the computer training programme for GUYSUCO for new users in the new information systems.
- Raising awareness of the use of IT in GUYSUCO
- Participating in the development of the Information Systems Department by forming Job Descriptions, etc

**October, 1993 to August 1996** *Systems Analyst, GUYSUCO*

Achievements include

- Analysis of the Human Resources and Payroll Function for computerisation
- Development of a bio-data application using SQL Forms
- Work on the implementation of the STRATIS Financial system for GUYSUCO

## **QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION**

- January 2005 *Introduction to the Formulation of electronic Government Strategies* offered by the Interamerican Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) through the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Americans (INEAM)
- June, 2000 Completed Level 2 of the Examinations of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK
- July, 1993 B.Sc (Hons) Degree, Computer Science and Software Engineering  
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom  
Courses included Software Engineering, Network Design, Database Design, Programming, Management, Accounting
- June 1988 GCE 'A' Level Pass in Physics, and Distinction in Mathematics and Further Mathematics

## **CONFERENCES/COURSES/MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Caribbean Business Enterprise Trust / ICA organised workshop ICT High Impact Growth Strategy Workshop, October, 2003

Resource persons meeting "Using Information for Decision making on Sustainable Development - Issues and Challenges for Caribbean SIDS" May, 2003

Caribbean ICT Roundtable, Barbados , November 2002 and participant of CIVIC International Symposium on Volunteering November 2001 - Geneva  
Second Global Knowledge Conference, Malaysia March 2000  
Oracle Database Management - July 1997  
Human Resources Management - August, 1996  
Modem Management Principles and Practices - March, 1996  
Project Management in the Nineties - January 1996

**Presentations/Advocacy type activities/ :-**

“Hindu philosophy and the ethics of the Information Society”, Vigyani Sangha, February 2006  
“The Role of Open Source Software” - Software Freedom Day September, 2005  
Two 'viewpoints' on local Radio on the WSIS – four minute presentations – August , September 2005  
In 2003 and 2004 – Conduct Linux orientation sessions to raise awareness of Free and Open Source Software.  
“ Maintaining IT Skills” - Presentation at the University of Guyana Lifelong seminar – February 2004  
“ Introducing IT in Libraries” - Presentation Guyana Library Association Seminar, May 2003  
“The IT Landscape in Guyana” - Guyana Bar Association Legal Conference, May 2003  
“Use of Open Source” – CARICOM Technical ICT Officers Meeting, February 2003  
Participant, Guyana Linux Users Group. TT Linux Users Group and various other knowledge sharing networks

**Specific Knowledge :** Knowledge of Oracle RDBMS on an Hewlett Packard Unix operating system, Use of Dbase V, MS ACCESS and other tools, Windows operating systems, use of various productivity applications, LINUX administration, MySql and other open source applications such as Drupal.

**Other Activities :-**

*Member, Help & Shelter* – advocating against domestic violence, other forms of gender based violence and child abuse and participating in activities listed at <http://www.sdn.org.gy/hands> and various other activities related to civil society strengthening in Guyana. Participated in other rights based issues in Guyana and the Caribbean around non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

*Member, Amar Deep Ramayana Sangha*, a group of Hindu people who sustain the traditional

styles of singing chowtaal and Ramayana

*Member, Bishops' High School Old Students' Association* with particular responsibility for working on an innovative mentoring project between Alumni and present students, and facilitating other 'Contact' sessions with the current students, details at <http://www.geocities.com/bhsosa>