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Towards a Pollution-Free Planet: Accelerating the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste



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Rolph Payet is the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Formerly a Minister for Environment and Energy in the Seychelles, Pro-Chancellor of the University of Seychelles and Associate Professor at the Linnaeus University in Sweden. He has been a lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change, in the UN Group of Experts on the Regular Process and Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. He is also a member/trustee of the Global Island Partnership, the Sea Level Rise Foundation, the Seychelles University Foundation, the Seychelles Centre for Marine Research and Technology, the Island Conservation Society and the Silhouette Foundation.

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In her capacity as accounting head of the Ministry, H.E. Ms. Goorah is closely involved in technical matters pertaining to the environment in general, including climate change, coastal zone management and solid and hazardous waste management. Ms. Goorah reckons more than 40 years in the public service, including some 16 years at top management level. Having worked in various Ministries and Departments, she has a vast experience in the administration of the affairs of Government, including policy formulation and implementation.



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