

## Saliou Akadiri

Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophonie and Beninese Diaspora



Born on May 23, 1950 in Issaba, Municipality of Pobè, Department of Plateau  
Retired Diplomat  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophonie and Beninese Diaspora  
Married and father of children

### I. Training

#### 1- **Primary Studies:**

- 1957-1964: Public Primary School of Issaba;

#### 2- **Secondary Studies:**

- 1964-1968: General Secondary School of Porto-Novo;
- 1968-1971: Béhanzin Lyceum of Porto-Novo;

#### 3- **University Studies:**

- 1971-1975: Faculty of Law, Economics and Politics (FASJEP), Cotonou, University of Dahomey;
- 1976-1978: Centre of Administrative Training and Refresher's Course for Public Administration Executives (CEFAP) ;
- 1984-1985: International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP) Paris;
- 1985-1986: Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne University.

#### 4- **Diplomas awarded**

- Primary School Leaving Certificate (CEP);
- General Certificate of Education Ordinary (GCE'O) Level;
- High School Diploma (GCEA' level);
- Master's Degree in Law;
- Diplomacy Training Completion Diploma at CEFAP (Centre of Administrative Training and Refresher's Course for Public Administration Executives);
- Diploma of the International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP) Paris;
- Specialized Post-Graduate Degree in Political Sciences.

## II. Work Experience

### 1- *In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

- February 20, 1978: Duty taking up in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Europe Department);
- 1979-1982: Head Desk of Socialist Europe;
- 1982-1984: Africa and Arab Countries Department, Deputy Director, Head Desk of Arab Countries;
- Deputy Director of Europe Department, Head Desk of ACP/European Union;
- 1986 (February through July) Director of Legal affairs, Analysis and Forecasting (DAJAP);
- 1996-1998: Director of Europe Department;
- 2006-2008: Foreign Affairs Inspector;
- 2008-2015: Mayor of the Municipality of Pobè;
- 2015: Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophonie and Beninese Diaspora

### 2- *Abroad*

- 1987-1990: Embassy of Benin to Paris, First Counselor;
- 1990-1996: Embassy of Benin to Paris, Minister-Counselor in charge of Political and Legal Affairs;
- 1998-2006: International Francophone Organization (OIF); Chief of Staff of the General Administrator;

## III. Extra-professional Activities

- 1970-1975: Secretary General of the Union of Secondary School and University Students of Pobè;
- 1975-1976: Civic and Patriotic Military Service: Spokesman of the Class;
- 1978-1983: Secretary General of the National Trade Union of Diplomats and Assimilated Executives of Benin (SYNADAS)
- 1982-1984: First Vice-President of the Administration Revolutionary Committee of "Cotonou 5" District;
- 1986 (December): Chairman of the Constituent Congress of the Economic, Social and Cultural Development Association of Ouémé (ADESCO) ;
- 1987: Vice-Chairman of the Constituent Congress of the Development Association of Pobè District (ADEDIPO);
- 2006: Vice-President of the party "*Parti du Renouveau Démocratique (PRD)*"

- 2012: Delegate General in charge of the Party's structures ;
- 2013: Resignation from the *Parti du Renouveau Démocratique (PRD)*
- 2014: Establishment of the Party "*Union des Forces du Progrès (UFP)*", Member of FCBE (*Alliance Forces Cauris pour un Bénin Emergent*) ;
- 2015: Participant in the FCBE Congress in Cotonou.

IV. **Honorary Distinction**

- Officer of the National Order of Merit (France);

I certify sincere the information above.