

Biography

SENATOR AMADOU THIAM

Administrator, InterAct

Experience

2012: Expected in March release of an autobiographical work tentatively called " Forgotten Sun"

April 20th, large scale benefit concert with Youssou Ndour and several other artists for the handicapped and disadvantaged children (with them as the only spectators)

2011: Facilitation for Glabocam's submarine cable license in Senegal. Globacom is Nigeria's 2nd telecom operator.

Creation of Dakarmatin.com (Senegal's first economic news website)

Job.sn, Senegal's premier jobs website

Publishing of

L'Islam et les pratiques Cultuelles (5th edition)

La longue Marche de la Religion (2nd edition)

Creation of Famosa Senegal for the production and exportation of melons. Famosa is a subsidiary of Agricola Famosa, a Brazilian company and the world's Number One exporter of melons, with more than 100.000 tons of melons produced in 2010 and more than 5000 employees working on several thousand hectares.

2010: Nominated Chairman of the Board of Helpyourplanet.org, a French ecology oriented foundation

Organized for the US Government, thru Concert Caravan Productions, the largest musical event ever to take place in Senegal, for the promotion of Peace. More than 70,000 people attended the Peace, Tolerance and Understanding concert at the L. S. Senghor stadium

2009: Coordination of Senegal government's participation to Indiana Black Expo and Atlanta Black Arts Festival

Joined the Senegalese delegation in response to the Kingdom of Morocco's invitation to the Casablanca International Book and Edition Fair

2008: Coordination and organization of the official Prince Georges County (Maryland) Visit in Senegal

Facilitation of a large scale agricultural project of 100 hectares of melon for exportation to Europe with a Spanish firm, AFROMANCHA

Creation of Expanding Senegal, for the training of young Senegalese in the metallurgic industry

Publishing of the book:

“The Long March of Religion: from Abraham to Mohamed”
 2007: Senegal's Tourism Expo in Atlanta and New York, producer
 2007: Orange VIP Launch Event, Consultant
 2007: Participation in Indiana Black Expo, producer
 2007: African Gender Awards with President Paul Kagame, event coordinator
 2007: Organization of the Senegalese Housing Exhibit in France, producer
 2007: Participation Atlanta National Black Arts Festival, producer
 2006: Sonatel Awards, event coordinator
 2006: Organization of the Senegalese Housing Exhibit in Spain, producer
 2005: African Gender Awards with Presidents Wade and Thabo Mbeki, event coordinator
 2004: Organization of various art exhibits in Senegal for plastic artists, producer
 2002: Founding in Dakar of SIPA: International Company for the Promotion of the Arts and Industry of Senegal

SIPA organized the Senegalese Caravan of 100 people to the 2002 World Cup Football in ASIA (Japan and Korea)

In that group were the National Ballet of Senegal “La Linguère”, artisans and various artists

This was organized in collaboration with the Ministries of Tourism, Culture, Handicrafts, Industry and Sports

1999: Nominated First Vice-President Foreign Affairs Commission at the Senate
 1999: Member of the Board of Directors of BHS, Inc (Behavioral Health Services) in Los Angeles for 3 years;
 BHS regroups 13 hospitals in California
 1998: Elected Senator of the Republic of Senegal, representing the Senegalese Diaspora: USA, ASIA, Middle East
 1995: Founding of African Capital Group in Dakar and Los Angeles to promote business investments between African economic operators and American, European and Asian investors. ACG also produces and promotes cultural exchange programs and music events
 1990-1999: Negotiations Director for Professional Consultation Services in Los Angeles, including claims settlements with large insurance companies
 1984-1990: California Travel Consultant, working on marketing incentive and convention travel
 1976-1984: Director of promotion for Senegalese Tourism office in New York

Education

2000-2001 Diplomacy and Strategic studies at CEDS Paris, Dakar Center
 1995-1998: American Literature at California State University at Northridge, Los Angeles
 1979-1984: Marketing Management at Bernard Baruch College in New York
 1977-1979: Business Administration at Manhattan Community College in New York

Associative Memberships

Member:

- Senegalese Association of Los Angeles
- American Actors Union (Screen Actors Guild)
- American Association of Black Professionals
- American Chamber of Commerce in Senegal

President:

- Senegalese Federation of Pool Players

Personal Achievement

From 1997 to 2008, creation of various websites
Discoversenegal.com (tourism and general information)
Exploresenegal.com (tourism and general business information)
Setsima.com (singles/dating)
Niokolokoba.com (ecotourism and national parks)

*** Voice over for several movies and series: Tarzan, Babe, A Pig in the City, Mohamed Ali, Congo, the "X Files" etc

*** Voice on two of Stevie Wonder's songs: "Send one your love" and "A seed is a star" in the album "The Secret life of Plants"

2006: Elected President of the National Federation of Pool Players in Senegal
2005: Board Member of the Senegalese Association of Franchising
2002: Publishing of books and organization of art exhibits
2001: Board Member of One Wish Foundation with Chapters in Los Angeles and Tokyo
1997: Creation of the first website on Senegal with economic, tourist and cultural information, sunugaal.com