

## Mr. Danny Faure Former President of the Republic of Seychelles

Danny Antoine Rollen Faure was born on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1962 to Seychellois parents in Kilembe, Uganda. He has five children.

After completing his primary and secondary education in Seychelles, he pursued further studies in Cuba where he graduated with a Degree in Political Science.

Upon his return to Seychelles in 1985, he worked as an Assistant Curriculum Officer with the Ministry of Education and Lecturer at both the National Youth Service and the Seychelles Polytechnic. In June 1989, he was appointed Director of the National Youth Service. As a young man, Danny Faure worked with the Seychelles People's Progressive Front. He became the Chairman of its Youth Wing and was elected as a member of the Central Committee of the Party. In June 2009, he was appointed Secretary General of the Party.

With the return of Multi-Party in Seychelles in 1993, Danny Faure was appointed Leader of Government Business of the majority Party in the National Assembly, a post he served for five years (from 1993 to 1998). Danny Faure was first appointed as Minister in April 1998 when he became Minister for Education. In 2001, he assumed the role of Minister for Education and Youth until July 2006. He was appointed Minister for Finance in 2006 and was assigned portfolio responsibilities for Trade in July 2007 and Industries in August 2009. Danny Faure was appointed Designated Minister in April 2004 up to June 2010. He oversaw the implementation of the first generation of reforms under the macro economic reform programme which started in October 2008 and directed the second generation of reforms as part of the on-going economic programme.

In July 2010, Danny Faure was appointed Vice-President of the Republic of Seychelles holding Ministerial portfolios for Finance and Trade, Public Administration, and Information Communication Technology. During his time as Vice-President, Danny Faure spearheaded the development of a comprehensive framework for early childhood care and development which was one of the most advanced childhood education and care programme among developing nations.

Danny Faure served as the fourth President of the Republic of Seychelles from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 until 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020. In November 2018, Mr. Faure's commitment and leadership towards ocean sustainability and protection was recognised by the African Union (AU) where he was announced as the Champion for the Development of the Blue Economy. In June 2019, he was awarded the National Geographic Society's 'Planetary and Leadership Award'.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Former President Faure launched the 'Danny Faure Foundation' (DFF), a non-governmental organisation of which he is the Founding Chair. The DFF is dedicated to joining the local and global community in tackling the pressing issues of our times to attain a more just, equitable, sustainable and healthier planet for generations to come. Through collaborative partnerships, the DFF realises its mission by focusing on five strategic pillars that are necessary for sustainable development notably Ocean Governance, the Blue Economy, Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance (TAGG), Leadership and Gender Equality, and Youth.