

The current composition of the SMDC Board is as follows:

Dr Bernard Valentin (Chairman)

Dr Bernard Valentin is a general medical practitioner with post graduate qualification in health services management. He has occupied various high positions in the local and international health sector, including the position of Special Advisor to the Minister for Health and Principal Secretary for Health. He has served for three years on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

In the late 1990s Dr Bernard Valentin served, for one term, in the National Assembly of Seychelles as an elected member of that body. Dr Valentin is also a seasoned creative writer and news commentator for the print media. In 2013, he won the highest award for literature in the creole language.

Dr Mickey Noel

Dr Mickey Noel is a Consultant Anaesthetist. He studied in the Czech Republic and in Zimbabwe. He has previously occupied leading positions in the local medical landscape both as Chairman of the Seychelles Medical and Dental Council and Chairman of the Seychelles Medical and Dental Association. Dr Mickey Noel is also a seasoned musician.

Dr Robert Michel

Dr Robert Michel is a Consultant in Gynaecology and Obstetrics. He studied in Cuba, both for his first and second degree. He has previously occupied various leading positions in the Seychelles Medical and Dental Council. He is known for his frank speech and is relentless in his pursuit of the strongest possible regulatory council for medical practitioners and dentists in Seychelles. He is

credited with going to great lengths to reinvigorate the Council in the recent past.

Dr Harold Pothin

Dr Harold Pothin left the public health service as a Senior Consultant in Dentistry. He completed his dental studies in Ireland. He has headed the development of Dentistry in Seychelles for well over 25 years.

Dr Velmurugan Chetty

Dr Chetty is a maxillofacial surgeon with Indian and Seychellois ascendants. One of the youngest members of the current Board, he both brings freshness and high-octane dental perspective to the group.

Dr Jost v. Schoenebeck

Dr Schoenebeck is originally from Germany where he qualified as a dentist. He has lived in Seychelles for several years.

Dr Anne Gabriel

Dr Anne Gabriel is a general practitioner who completed her studies in Zimbabwe. She has occupied key public health positions such as Director of the National AIDS Programme and Director General for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She currently occupies the position of Chief Executive

Officer of the National AIDS Council. Dr Anne Gabriel also held the position of Chief Medical Officer – Community Health Care and Acting CMO – Hospital services, for several years before her appointment to serve as CEO of the National AIDS Council.

Mrs Marie-Nella Azemia

Mrs Marie Nella Azemia's background is in politics. She has been a Member and later, Clerk of the National Assembly of Seychelles. She currently heads the Civil Society platform which coordinates the activities of Non-Governmental Organizations in Seychelles.

Mrs Colette Servina

Mrs Colette Servina is currently the Secretary General of the Red Cross Society of Seychelles. She has also served as Chairperson of that organization. Her background is in Community Nursing. She is well-known in the risk and disaster management community in the region and internationally.

Dr Jastin Bibi

Dr Jastin Bibi is an epidemiologist who completed his training in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He has been heavily involved in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Seychelles and in the Indian Ocean and the Southern Africa Development Community Regions. He heads the Disease Surveillance And Response Unit in the Public Health Authority in Seychelles. He brings a strong public health perspective to the Seychelles Medical and Dental Council.

Dr Sethu Chetty

Dr Sethu Chetty is a private medical practitioner with strong interest in hypertension and renal diseases. He occupied various high positions in the Ministry of Health before going into private practice. He was one of the pioneers when private practice was re-introduced in Seychelles in the early 1990s.

Mr Georges Tirant

Mr Tirant heads the Fair Trading Commission. His background is in spirituality and finance. Mr Tirant brings to the Council a unique Consumer perspective.