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Previously, he has held positions with the French diplomatic corps in the United States and in Uruguay, in the field of media and communication. He has also worked within the European Research Institute of Birmingham (United Kingdom). He holds two masters degrees: one in Public Management from the Institute of Political Studies in the University of Aix-en-Provence (France), and one in Business and Administration of International Affairs from Escuela Europea de Negocios (Spain).

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. Since her return from 12 years of exile in 1989, Advocate Gawanas has served in different capacities in Namibia including being a member of the Public Service Commission and the Ombudswoman. She has been a gender law lecturer at the University of Namibia, a Member and a Chairperson of the Law Reform and Development Commission as well as a member of the Board of the Central Bank of Namibia.

She was a teacher in SWAPO's exiles' centres in Angola, Cuba and Zambia.

Since 2003, she has been Commissioner for Social Affairs at the AUC.

Commissioner Gawanas has recently been honoured as one of the world's top 100 most inspiring people delivering for women and girls, especially for her work in mobilizing Africa to support women's health and equality.

The honour was bestowed by Women Deliver, a US based organisation that works globally to

generate political commitment and financial investment for fulfilling Millennium Development Goal 5, i.e. to reduce maternal mortality and achieve universal access to reproductive health.