

BIOGRAPHY

HILAIRE DÉVOTCHI

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Born in Abomey, Republic of Benin, of a farming father and a trading mother, Mr. Hilaire Dévotchi grew up in that region until he was old enough to go to school. In 1993, at the age of 5, he was placed with one of his aunts in Klouékanmey where he was enrolled in a private primary school and was able to complete the 6-year program in 5 years and graduated with a Certificate of Primary Studies in 1998. He then entered the Collège d'Enseignement Général (CEG) in Klouékanme before completing this phase of education at CEG 2 in Abomey with a *Certificat d'Etudes du Premier Cycle* in 2002 and earning the *Baccalauréat* series A1 in 2005. He promptly enrolled in the English (American Studies option) program at the University Campus of Abomey-Calavi where he completed his higher studies, earning a Bachelor's degree in 2008 and a Master's degree in 2009.

Very social and having the capacity and the spirit to work in team and under pressure, he worked and continues to work in several fields. For instance, he regularly teaches English at several colleges and lyceums in Cotonou; performed translation and occasional interpretation for an American organization, ACOTA (Arica Contingency Operations Training and Assistance); consulted on tourism and provided translation and interpretation at the travel and ticketing agency called EVENEMENCIEL, and is an occasional tourist guide for SYM VOYAGES.

A fervent believer in God. Mr. Dévotchi is passionate about social works, such as helping the poor and especially the disabled. He also is passionate about politics because he considers it the only way today to say no to social injustice.