Trained as a veterinarian, specialised in breeding management and technology. His professional career started in Niger, where he held a number of high-level posts in animal health, production, processing and sale of animal products:

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