



Biography of Marc Sanson, commissioner

Born in Saint-Lô, on 24 June 1948, Marc Sanson is a graduate from Ecole Nationale d'Administration (Michel de l'Hospital class, 1977-1979), Ecole Nationale des Chartes (archivist-paleographer diploma, 1972) and Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris (1972).

Marc Sanson began his career in 1972 as a curator at the National Archives.

From 1973 to 1975, he did his military service as a cooperant at the French Institute in Teheran, Iran. In September 1975, he returned to the National Archives.

From 1979 to 1983, Marc Sanson held the rank of *administrateur civil* (senior executive) at the Ministry of the Interior in charge of a specific geographical area and subsequently *chargé de mission* (expert adviser) and Acting Deputy Director at the Directorate for Policy, Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Sub-Ministry for Overseas Territories.

From 1983 to 1985, he was seconded to the *Conseil d'Etat*, France's highest administrative court.

From 1985 to 1990, Marc Sanson was first *chargé de mission* at the government's general secretariat under the authority of the Prime Minister (1985-1988) and subsequently Principal Private Secretary of the General Secretary (1988-1990).

In 1990, he was appointed *maître des requêtes* (reporter) at the *Conseil d'Etat* (appointed without competition).

From 1992 to 1996, Marc Sanson was Government Commissioner at the 6th Litigation Sub-Section of the *Conseil d'Etat* with particular responsibility for environmental disputes and deputy reporter to the Constitutional Council from October 1994 to October 1996.

In 1996 and 1997, he was Director for Nature and Landscapes at the Ministry of the Environment.

Since 1998, he has held several simultaneous positions at the *Conseil d'Etat*: litigation section, section for interior affairs, inspection of administrative jurisdictions (until the beginning of 2004).

In 2003, he became *conseiller d'Etat* with the same double assignment to both the litigation section and the section for interior affairs.

From 1999 to 2002, he was General Rapporteur of the State Civil Service Ethics and Compliance Committee.

In 2002, he was General Rapporteur the Committee on "Historic Property and Decentralisation" chaired by Mr Bady.

From 2003 to 2005, he chaired the Council for the Prevention of and Fight against Doping (Conseil de prévention et de lutte contre le dopage - CPLD).

Marc Sanson has taught at Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) (in 1988 and 1994), Institut International d'Administration Publique (IIAP), Sciences-Po, university of Paris I (Dess post-graduate diploma in environmental law and litigation) and at various IRA schools (IRA, Institut Régional d'Administration, trains future senior civil servants). He has also taught public law and the working of government in Togo (for French-speaking Africa), at the ENA in Vietnam, at the ENA in Laos, and in China and Ukraine (during the 1990s).