## **BIOGRAPHY – Benjamin A. Roberts**

Benjamin A. Roberts, born in 1969, is the Minister of Tourism and Culture of the Republic of The Gambia. Honourable Benjamin Roberts holds a BSBA degree in Economics and Finance from Missouri Western State University and an MA and MSc degree in Industrial Strategy & Trade Policy and International Economics from The University of Manchester and the National University of Singapore, respectively.

Prior to his appointment as Minister in September 2014, Honourable Roberts was the Director General at The Gambia Tourism Board, where he served for 2.5 years. His experience spans across Investment and Export Promotion, Business Development, Institutional and Corporate Banking, Risk Management, and Credit Risk Analysis. He has worked at the Federal Housing and Loan Mortgage Corporation in the United States, Databank in Ghana, Standard Chartered Bank in The Gambia, and The Gambia Investment & Export Promotion Agency.