



Biography of H.E. Mr. Sydney Allicock MP

Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs of Republic of GUYANA, South America

- Mr. Sydney Allicock, 55, is from the North Rupununi, Upper Takatu-Upper Essequibo, Region No.9 and is widely accepted as a pioneer of community-based tourism in Guyana.
- He was Public & Civic Contributions 2010 Laureate.
- Mr. Allicock is a Representative of the Guyana Action Party (GAP) in A Partnership for National Unity (APNU).
- Mr. Allicock has articulated and promoted a vision of Indigenous Rural Community Development based on Communal Effort, Wise Use of Natural Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Social Systems, and Equitable Partnership with Outside Agencies.
- **He has been a Key Figure in the development over the past two decades of the village of Surama, the North Rupununi Region more widely, and Guyana's Indigenous Communities, which account for nearly a tenth of the Country's Population.**
- As a Former Toshao of Annai, Mr. Allicock pioneered celebrations for Amerindian Heritage Day which was later adopted as a National Event by the Guyana Government. Now Amerindian Heritage Day is celebrated in a different village each year, bringing both Investment and National Attention to Indigenous Communities around Guyana.
- **Mr. Allicock is one of the Iwokrama Centre's key tutors for its Training Services Centre, where he has helped train hundreds of young Guyanese, mostly from Indigenous Communities, in leadership, survival skills, and Eco-Tourism Development.**
- His writing has been published in the distinguished Literary Journal Kyk-Over-Al and he has performed his poems at Guyana's National Cultural Centre.
- Mr. Allicock served in the Tenth Parliament of Guyana, with responsibilities for Local Government and Hinterland Development.