

Short biography

- **Personal profile**

Professor (Dr) Mahboob Sooltan SOHAWON is of Mauritian Nationality, married, has four children and five grandchildren.

- **Education**

- Bachelor of Education (Honours) in English from the **University of Mauritius** – 1992.
- Master of Arts in Education – Educational Management - **University of Bath**, United Kingdom - 2005.
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Management – **European - American University** – 2011.
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with emphasis on Leadership and Management from the **Universidad Empresarial de Costa Rica** in 2016.

He followed a Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education from the **University of Middlesex Mauritius** (2017-2018).

Professional Experience

He has had a rich and long experience in the field of education as a teacher, educator, Head of English Department, Deputy Rector and Acting Rector from 1973- 2007 in secondary schools. Besides, he was consultant for some Mauritian secondary schools. He was the Manager of a private secondary school from 2022 to 2024.

He joined the **Mauritius Institute of Education** (MIE) as Lecturer/Senior Lecturer teaching Educational Leadership and Management from 2007 to 2019 and was appointed Head of Department of Educational Administration and Management.

Besides, he has been Part Lecturer in Educational Leadership and Management at MANCOSA (South Africa) - Mauritius Branch - , Riphah University, Pakistan (Mauritius Branch) and University of Technology (Mauritius) teaching.

He was a part-time Lecturer (Leadership and Supervision) for Mauritius College of the Air (MCA) and Open University of Mauritius (OUM) – Bachelor and Master levels - from 2008 to date.

He was a part-time MA lecturer in Education and Module Tutor (Developing Effective Leadership and Management in Education - DELME) for Middlesex University from 2010 to 2019.

He has been involved in the supervision of BEd, MEd and PhD theses for the Open University of Mauritius (OUM) from 2010 to date. He has some international experience as he has been previously supervising theses for Indian and Zambian PhD students.

He has written articles for educational magazines, course handbooks on school/educational leadership and management and other related topics. He has been Course Developer/ Writer/ Publisher/Moderator of various modules for Mauritius College of the Air (MCA) and Open University of Mauritius (OUM) and the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE). He wrote a chapter of a book entitled Selected Readings in Education Volume 2 for the University of Zambia on – Leadership and Management, edited by Madalisto Khulupilika, published by Marvel Printers, Woodlands, Lusaka, 2019.

Participated, attended, organised and led many national, regional (Zambia and Benin) and global conferences, seminars and workshops and was invited as a consultant by UNESCO in 2016 for the preparation of a Policy Paper on School Leaders for 2030.

Languages

Mastery of English and French Languages both spoken and written.

Rewards

- Winner of the Leadership book from the keynote listening event - **International Leadership Association (ILA) UK Global Conference** from 26th to 29th October 2011.
- Winner of the **World Championship 2019 in Educational Research (Leadership)** in 2019.
- Was conferred the award for the **Most Fabulous Global Knowledge Management Leaders**, Taj Lands Ends, India in 2020.

