

NICOLAS ROBERTSON

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Born and raised in California
University of California (Santa Cruz and Berkeley)
Entered the Foreign Service (USIA) in 1978

Pretoria, South Africa; Public Affairs, Rotation Officer 1978-1980

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Bridgetown, Barbados; Assistant Public Affairs Officer 1980-1981

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Washington, D.C: USIA; Office of African Affairs, West Africa 1981-1984

Nigeria
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Sergeant/General Doe's Washington visit
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Buenos Aires, Argentina; Assistant Public Affairs Officer 1984-1988

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Lagos, Nigeria; Cultural Attaché 1988-1991

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington, D.C.: USIA; Office of African Affairs Democratization and governance programs AID funding Embassy grants Requests for foreign elections support African nations election monitoring 	1991-1993
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghana; Public Affairs Officer President Jerry Rawlings Elections Influence of cell phones and FM radio Local press Drugs Universities Environment Marxists Cocoa industry Foreign aid Local use of internet Wife's activities PNGd for "inciting the press" Mrs. Rawlings 	1993-1997
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caracas, Venezuela: Public Affairs Officer President Clinton visit Oil Government Elections Chavez Environment Local media Political parties Venezuela/Columbia relations Cuba Cultural interests 	1997-1999

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Interim assignment in Washington, D.C. Corporate Council for Africa	1999
State Department; Deputy Director, Office of African Affairs Trade promotion African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Agricultural products USIA-State amalgamation President Clinton's "Reinventing Government"	1999-2002
Retirement	2002