Meet the Role Models

WINLPG Role Models introduce successful individuals in the LPG industry and gives an insight into their career path, their challenges and their advice to fellow WINLPG members.

After college, I pursued a BEng in Chemical and Environmental Engineering at the University of Mauritius. During the industrial training, I had the opportunity to work at different wastewater treatment plants and a fish meal industry which helped me choose my degree project on fish oil refining. This opened up my pathway to get a job after university at the fish meal industry where I was appointed as Process Engineer looking after the different unit operations and quality of the product.

A year later, Shell offered me a job as LPG Plant Manager in their local company. I was the first female LPG plant Manager looking after both the storage tanks and the bottling plant. I was in charge of 33 contractors, all men. Initially, it was very challenging as often, I faced enormous pressure from top management with sometimes unexplained deadlines. All this contributed to the impression that a young female manager was not quite welcomed. But I was determined to show that I was rightfully selected for the job and gradually earned the respect of my colleagues.

I joined Petredec Mauritius as Operations Manager in 2013. A new and interesting challenge as this time it was not an existing facility but a newly built LPG import/export terminal that needed to be set up from scratch. It was a huge task but it is with great satisfaction that we now have a great team and a smoothly running terminal.

“WINLPG PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT PLATFORM FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS LIKE ME TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE LPG INDUSTRY”

Priscila Romooah

“Life will present you with all sorts of challenges: don’t let them block you, simply persevere and continue your path.”

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SIX KEY QUESTIONS

What is your goal today?
Family: to be always there when am needed.
Professional: to gain more knowledge to continually build up my competency.

Did you have a mentor and how did this help?
Everyone who is teaching valuable and constructive things is a mentor.

Describe your Pathway?
Nothing was planned: From wastewater treatment plants to food industry and ultimately to LPG world. I was confronted with drastic changes from one industry to the other but I persevered and kept my high spirits.

What does leadership mean to you?
Leadership is sharing of goals and gaining team confidence in achieving them. Leadership inspires its workforce to deliver results. Leadership is guiding your team on how to reach the goals.

Did you face any specific challenges?
Yes – the main challenge is to make a place for oneself as a female leader or manager in a mostly male dominated industry. The key is to remain focused and to plan your pathway.

What three pieces of advice would you give to someone embarking on their career with LPG?
Be patient – obstacles do not mean the end.
Teamwork – solo work is not going to get you anywhere.
Stay motivated.

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