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Dr Pascal Bovet has been a leading actor in tobacco control in Seychelles for nearly 20 years. He has been a key player in establishing a Unit for Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Disease within the Ministry of Health in the Seychelles as early as 1988 and has been heading this unit subsequently.

Pascal Bovet completed his graduate and post-graduate medical training at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) and got a MPH from UCLA (Los Angeles). He holds FMH specialist titles in both internal medicine and public health. He works as a senior researcher and lecturer in the area of cardiovascular disease epidemiology at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Lausanne. He also works with the Ministry of

Health of the Republic of Seychelles where he has developed the Unit of Prevention and Control of Cardiovascular Disease and spearheaded the development of a national cardiovascular prevention and control program since 1988. He represented the Seychelles during the intergovernmental negotiations of the Framework Convention of Tobacco Control and led the development of the Seychelles Tobacco Control Act. He has conducted several population-based cardiovascular studies in the Seychelles, Tanzania and Switzerland. He authored or co-authored over one hundred of publications. He regularly serves as an expert for the World Health Organization, particularly in relation to surveillance, tobacco control programs, cardiovascular research, and policy development in relation to the prevention of non-communicable diseases. He is a faculty at the University of Lausanne and in several international courses on cardiovascular disease epidemiology and prevention with a focus on low-income countries.