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# **ABOUT**

Mr. Gerrit Fransisco Schotte is the Fmr. Prime Minister of the new country of Curaçao, which became au He was the Prime Minister and as such the Minister of General Affairs in the Schotte Administration. Cur Leader and Senator of Curaçao.

## Biography

BIOGRAPHY OF GERRIT F. SCHOTTE

#### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Gerrit Fransisco Schotte is the first Prime Minister of the new country Curaçao, which became autor 2010. As the former Prime Minister, he was also Minister of General Affairs in the Schotte-Administratior September 29th 2012. He was one of the youngest Prime Ministers in modern history to assume office a youngest Prime Ministers serving at the time.

### Political history

Mr. Gerrit F. Schotte acquired his first political experience as an advisor to the political party Frente Obre political arena in a more prominent way, when in 2005 with former Island Council member, Mr. Rignald I movement Movementu Patriótiko Kòrsou (MPK). He was then appointed Commissioner of Tourism and I term (February 2006 – December 2006), he managed to achieve tangible progress in the areas within his successfully branding Curação as one of the top Caribbean destinations.

In the first political election where Mr. Gerrit F. Schotte contended – the Island Council elections of April as candidate number 7 for the political party MAN – he set a political record on Curação. At the age of 3. Island Council members elected to office, he was the first ever, first-time candidate – who received ballo

- to be elected to the Island Council by 2,370 preferential popular votes, while not being the party leader.

In the Parliamentary elections of January 2010, he received again a record-breaking number of votes, na campaign as the number 5 candidate on the "Lista di Kambio", an election slate with a combination of th Paso Atras (NPA) and Forsa Kòrsou (FK). Contending in only his second election, he received the highest history of the Netherlands Antilles, while not being the party leader. Overall, he was the third biggest vot

On July 9th, 2010 – just a few weeks before the first Parliamentary election of Curaçao, held in the light c Netherlands Antilles on October 10th, 2010, Mr. Schotte founded and launched his own political movem Kòrsou" (MFK) which he then converted into a political party under the same name. His motifs to do so v the people through drastically change the political course. His primary objective being the sustainable de and for the people of Curaçao, which had to result in a sound, healthy and secure nation. Notwithstandi campaigning before the elections, MFK received an astounding 5 of the 21 seats in the future Parliament the second biggest party.

On September 3rd, 2010 the Movementu Futuro Kòrsou with Pueblo Soberano and MAN formed a coali September 16th, 2010 the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles, as representative of the Queen, appoin being the leader of the biggest party in the coalition – to form the incoming Administration of Curação as successfully carried out this mandate and the first government of the country Curação – consisting of nil was sworn in on October 10th, 2010 with Gerrit Schotte as Prime Minister.

In honor of his outstanding achievements in politics, Mr. Schotte was awarded the degree of "Doctor Ho Science by the Caribbean International University in November 2010. On August 3rd, 2012 the Schotte / because a Member of Parliament for the MAN Party and later on also a member of the MFK did not supple Gerrit Schotte applied Article 53 of the Constitution and dissolved Parliament. New elections were held on October 19th, 2012.

Gerrit Schotte and his party MFK grows during the elections of October 19th, 2012. Schotte gets 13,512 whole obtains 18,450 votes, which means a total of five seats. MFK then, along with PS which also achiev biggest parties of Curação. On November 2nd, 2012 Gerrit Schotte is sworn in as Member of Parliament members.

In December 2012 Gerrit Schotte launches the campaign for "REFORMA" with the slogan "Un Miho Kòrsc Curaçao is possible). Because the electoral system in Curaçao allows Members of Parliament who have r votes, to take along their seat to another party and in this way cause the government in office to crash, C that REFORMS should be introduced in Curaçao on all fronts, including the electoral system. In six month

point of discussion at national level. Several political parties in Curação support the initiative. On April 30 seen by many people as the REFORMADÓ (the reformer) – aims to collect 50,000 signatures. With these for a referendum to realize the reforms he deems necessary for Curação.

## Non-Political history

Gerrit F. Schotte was born on September 9th, 1974 in Curaçao. His father, Henry Schotte, is a dedicated Maria Ruiz, a loving homemaker. Already at a young age Gerrit was blessed with an incredible energy an supported him and encouraged him to excel at whatever he would focus on. Early on he discovered his recognized the value and importance of each individual. Never satisfied with the status quo, he continuc himself and others, while recognizing and considering each person's individual personality and talents. A selected by his peers to lead them to successful performances. These qualities still personify Gerrit F. Sc dropped out of high school, the experience he gained, and the skills he developed during that time have assets. His energy, drive for excellence, his entrepreneurial and managerial skills led him to successfully "The Shoppers", a purchasing and import office (1995-2000), and "Bad BoyzToyz", the Paintball Organizat International Paintball Competition", organized by Schotte in 1998, in memoriam of Edward Plaate, was a success. He went on to found "Food4U Delivery Service" (2000-2002). Due to his unparalleled drive, he was general manager of the Lido Hotel Resort & Casino NV (2001 to 2005).

In 2005, Gerrit successfully managed the "Caribbean Public Relations Department" for the "Planet Leban subject: business leadership. The conference was attended by amongst others, the leaders and business communities in the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Colombia.

#### The Gerrit Schotte Foundation

On September 9th, 2009 the Gerrit Schotte Foundation (Fundashon Gerrit Schotte) launched a social prunits staffed with coordinators and equipped with laptops, Internet facilities and printers. The mobile un neighborhoods on a weekly basis. The objective is to provide children in lower income families with free enabling them to do research for educational projects. Convinced of the need, Schotte began to implem community to progress. Recognizing the global environmental issues, the facilities (computers, printers, appliances) in the mobile units run exclusively on solar energy. Both units are fitted with solar panels and (independently of the local electricity utility).

Expanding the scope of this social project, the Gerrit Schotte Foundation launched another educational 2010. In the offices at Hanch'i Snoa, Punda, and later on in the offices at Lindberghweg, children of lower free homework guidance, and assistance in developing learning skills from experienced teachers.

### Curaçao

Curação is now an autonomous territory of the Netherlands. Until October 2010 it was a part of the Net

is Willemstad.

The island covers an area of approximately 444 km2.

Currency: Dutch – Antillean guilder.

Official languages: Papiamento and Dutch.

The port of Willemstad is an essential part of the island's economy. Ships on one of the main maritime r touch the harbor of the island and there is a refinery and there are shipyards of the Panama type, which in the region, as well as a major container transshipment hub and free zone. Curacao's main industry is imported from Venezuela. The refinery on the island has an installed capacity of 320 thousand barrels p largest refinery in the Caribbean. Service sectors such as tourism and banking are other pillars of its eco largest percentage of the population.

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