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Reflections on growing up: “I’m not the unique girl in the family; I’m not the first girl in the family. There were 12 of us, seven girls, five boys. I don’t think I was brighter or the brightest amongst the lot but I had the chance to pursue my education. There was an enabling, conducive environment due to my position in that 12. The time I was growing up there was maybe also a consciousness, remember I was born the same year as the Queen’s Coronation so even globally there was that change.”

On equal pay: “Seychelles is a matriarchal society. Women have always been at the forefront. In terms of equality, as far as I can remember it always has been that if a woman is doing a job and a man is doing the same job we’ve never had different pay. Before independence, women wouldn’t have continued with their education so they would have been housewives or in jobs that were paying less, but nowadays if you did make it to a job, regardless of whether you were male and female, you would still get the same pay.”



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