- Born Rennes, Ille-et-Vilaine, France, 15.4.1901
- Degree in law, diploma in political science

Began political career in the Resistance movement

- 1940 : joined General Leclerc to rally Equatorial Africa in support of Free France. Became Secretary-General for French Equatorial Africa
- 1941 : in London in turn Commissioner for Finance, for Economic Affairs, for Colonies and for Foreign Affairs Elected to the Constituent Assembly for the Department of Côtes-du-Nord (subsequently re-elected)
- 1946 : Minister of Finance Succeeded General Leclerc at the Academy of Colonial Science
- 1949 : Minister of Defence
- 1950 and 1952 : Prime Minister
- 1952-1954 Minister of Defence Chairman, Côtes-du-Nord Departmental Council Chairman, Board of Management, Caisse Autonome de Reconstruction (Reconstruction Fund) Chairman of the U.D.S.R.party
- Member of the Common Assembly
- Member of the Social Affairs Committee
- Member of the Group of Liberals and sympathizers.