



### **Dr. Jean-Bernard Robichaud Profile**

Dr. Jean-Bernard Robichaud possesses 25+ plus years of experience in senior-level academic leadership, teaching and education-related project management positions. He possesses in-depth & working knowledge of the Canadian & International Higher Education Systems, notably through his 10 years of service as the President of the University of Moncton. As University President, Dr. Robichaud developed practical knowledge and experience in all facets of institutional governance, including: administration; academic programming; research policy; institutional planning; university-wide management planning; institutional change management; internationalization strategies; establishing of partnerships and institutional linkages for enhancing higher education innovation and excellence; and institutional relationship management between government and the university.

In addition to his in-Canada experience, Dr. Robichaud has a breadth of consulting experience through his involvement in numerous higher education reform projects throughout Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Dr. Robichaud's experience with international development programs and projects in Africa includes the following countries: Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guinée Bissau, Guinée Conakry, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Sénégal, Togo, and Tunisia.

Dr. Robichaud has participated in the successful design and implementation establishing the Ahrām University in Cairo, Egypt. His role included the establishment of a governance framework and organizational framework development, academic programming and services requirements, and technical guidelines for facility and equipment requirements. For the "Virtual au Service de l'Afrique Francophone (VISAF)" project, Dr. Robichaud headed the project as the International Team Leader, which created the academic, systems, administrative and governance capacity of the Kenya-based African Virtual University. He also led a team of international experts in a study of the higher education systems of the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa. Most recently, Dr. Robichaud has been involved in the Framework Design of the Botswana International University for Science and Technology in the capacity of Senior Project Advisor and Institutional Governance Expert. Dr. Robichaud is currently the Program Director of the Canadian Francophonie Bursary Program, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which created opportunities for 150+ international students to study in Canada each year.