Saviour CACHIA

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Saviour Cachia joined the Public Service in 1976 where he was assigned to the Ministry for Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs, the Department of Information, the Government Computer Centre, Management Systems Unit and subsequently Malta Information Technology Agency. He has experience in Systems Development, Data Management activities, introducing data sharing protocols and mechanism as well as setting up data architecture standards.

Due to his experience in information resource management activities, he was appointed on a number of inter-ministerial committees to draft a legal framework to regulate and enable information practices, consisting of data protection, electronic commerce, freedom of information and computer misuse. His contribution covered also data protection regulations in the Police and Telecommunications sectors. Saviour Cachia participated in the vetting process of the draft Data Protection Act (DPA) by the European Commission, to bring it in line with Directive 95/46.

When the DPA was enacted, he articulated and implemented a national strategy to set up the Office of the Commissioner, and to facilitate compliance within the Public Service, incorporating all line ministries and departments. Apart from representing Malta in the Article 29 Working Party he was also the national expert attending the experts' working party for data protection and information exchange (DAPIX), to discuss the proposed data protection framework.

On 16th April 2014, Saviour Cachia took oath of Office as Commissioner for Information and Data Protection.