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Ms. Santama started her career at the Planning Bureau of the Government of Cyprus in 1985. Having served as a Planning Officer and a Planning Officer A', she was appointed to her current position of Senior Planning Officer in 2001.

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