



Honourable Curtis King

Minister, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation (St Vincent and the Grenadines)



St Vincent and the Grenadines

Curtis M. King is a Vincentian by birth. He received his early education at the Belair Government School, the St. Vincent Grammar School, the St. Vincent Teachers Training College and the Commonwealth Caribbean Youth Centre in Georgetown, Guyana. He taught for 13 years (1983-1996) at the Gomea Methodist and CW Prescod Primary Schools before attending the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus. He graduated from UWI in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, in History with honours. Mr. King also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Management and Leadership from the University of Technology of Jamaica.

Upon his return to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mr. King was assigned to the St. Vincent Grammar School as Graduate History Teacher. He later served as Deputy Principal (Ag.) of the JP Eustace Memorial Secondary School and the West St. George Secondary School. In 2010 Mr. King was appointed Deputy Headmaster of the St. Vincent Grammar School. A post he held until 2013 when he was finally elevated to the position of Headmaster of his beloved alma mater, the St. Vincent Grammar School. He held the post until his retirement from the public service on 24th January, 2019.

Mr King's period of administration at the St. Vincent Grammar School witnessed significant strides in academic, sports and extra-curricular activities. The School recorded an average pass rate

of just over 92% at the annual CXC-CSEC Examinations and won all of the annual Inter-Secondary School Athletics, Table Tennis and U-15 Cricket competitions during that period. New initiatives included the introduction of an Annual Year Book, A Student Management Information System and the annual participation in the prestigious Penn Relays in the U.S.A. The re-introduction of the School's 'Old Boys' (Past Students') Day has allowed for greater interaction with and support from the School's past students both at home and abroad.

Mr King has always brought a high level of energy and enthusiasm to his work. Throughout his early years, he was an active youth leader and participated in numerous regional and international youth meetings and conferences throughout the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, the Americas and Australia. He served as president of several organizations including the Top Belair Progressive Organization, the National Youth Council of SVG, the Caribbean Federation of Youth, The Secondary Schools History Teachers Association and the Teachers Co-operative Credit Union. Mr. King is a tireless worker in the promotion of Local History, reparatory justice for Slavery, Credit Unionism and Youth and Community Development. He has received many awards and plaques of appreciation and recognition from several organizations at home and abroad for his work in education, youth and community development.

Those organizations that have honoured Mr. King include the Top Belair Organization, Men's Ministry of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Fountain, National Youth Council, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Principals of Secondary schools and Technical institutes, Caribbean Federation of Youth, Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools and Vincy Cares, a non-profit organization in the USA.

Mr. King is married to Suzette Abbott-King with whom he has 3 children, Mandela, Mikaela, and Mbeki.



Honorable Drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel

Minister, Minister: Education Culture Youth and Sport (St Maarten)



St Maarten

Drs Rodolphe Emile Samuel currently holds the office of the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport of St Maarten. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Biology including Environmental Biology and Environmental Law, Environmental Policy and Ecology, Animal Ecology and Theoretical Biology with a concentration in Population Biology and Behavioral Ecology from University of Leiden.

Drs Samuel has held a number of positions in the political sphere over the past fifteen years as a Member of Parliament, Vice Chairman of Parliament, President of Parliament of St Maarten, and State Secretary of Health Netherlands Antilles. A business owner and educator, he has sat as an executive member of the board of entities such as Windward Island Airways, Community Council Upper Princess Quarter, WITU and the Sint Maarten Chambers of Commerce.



Honorable Andrew A. Fahie, MHA

Premier and Minister for Finance, Government
of the Virgin Islands (U.K.)



Virgin Islands (U.K.)

Address: P.O. Box 597, West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Office: Premier and Minister for Finance

Constituency: Member for the First District

Education:

1988-1991 Florida A & M University B.Sc. Education

1986-1988 University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin
Islands

1981-1986 B.V.I. High School Grade I Certificate

Marital Status And No. of Children: Married and (2) children

Year First Elected To Parliament: 1999

Political Party: Virgin Islands Party (VIP)

Career:

2019 Premier

2011-2019 Member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition

2007-2011 Minister for Education and Culture

2003-2007 Member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition & First
District Representative

July 2000-2003 Minister for Education, Culture and Youth Affairs

1999-July 2000 Member of the Government (Backbencher) & First District Representative

1999-2000 Parliamentary Private Secretary

1997-1999 Assistant Principal, BVI High School

1991-1997 Mathematics Teacher, BVI High School

1991 Education Officer Assistant, Department of Education

CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits Attended

19th CPA Conference – Trinidad and Tobago, September 1999

45th CPA Conference for Small Countries – Trinidad and Tobago, September 1999

Interests/ Recreation: Education, Health, Sports and Reading

Honourable Andrew A. Fahie is currently the Premier and Minister of Finance of the British Virgin Islands. He has held these ministerial posts since the General Elections of 25th February 2019 when the Virgin Islands Party gained a majority in the House of Assembly. In his capacity as Premier, Honourable Fahie is also the Minister responsible for Tourism, Trade and ICT. He also represents the First Electoral District in the House of Assembly, to which he has been elected for six consecutive terms beginning in 1999. As a politician, Honourable Fahie has held several posts in the Government and Legislature, including Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports; Parliamentary Private Secretary; Backbencher; Leader of the Opposition; and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. He is presently Chairman of the Virgin Islands Party, a role which he first assumed in 2016.

At the international level, Premier Fahie is a Vice-Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the Caribbean Subregion. In this role, he continues to advocate for international support to all Small Island Developing States in our region in response to COVID-19.

Prior to entering the political arena, Honourable Fahie taught Mathematics at the BVI High School, now named the Elmore Stoutt High School, and subsequently become an Assistant Principal. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Florida A & M University.



Honourable Fayval Willams, MP

Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and
Information (Jamaica)



Jamaica

Mrs. Williams is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) by profession. She has an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania and a BA (cum laude) in Economics from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Williams, a former Executive Director of Kingston Properties Limited, has been serving as Member of Parliament for St. Andrew Eastern since March 2016.

Prior to Kingston Properties, Mrs. Williams served as Chief Investment Officer of JMMB Limited from March, 2005 to September, 2007 with investment responsibilities spanning the trading department, investment research, and pensions. Also, during the period September 2002 to February 2004, Mrs. Williams consulted with JMMB in the areas of market risk management and investment research where she led that company's efforts to develop investment research capabilities. Mrs. Williams also served as the Head of the Valuation and Pricing team for JMMB's public offering.

In 2004, Mrs. Williams consulted with the Financial Services Commission (FSC) in the area of Research and Policy. Prior to

returning to Jamaica, Mrs. Williams was Senior Vice President at Putnam Investments, in Boston, a top-10-global mutual fund manager. Her investment work spanned a broad cross-section of industries. She also had portfolio management responsibilities for an equity portfolio product and led Putnam's efforts to incubate a market-neutral hedge fund.

Mrs. William's investment experience also includes approximately five years as Vice President at Wellington Management Company in Boston, Massachusetts. Her focus was on fixed-income securities investments. Prior to Wellington, she was a Fixed Income Analyst at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and shared portfolio management responsibilities for a US\$3 billion portfolio. She was a member of the team that provided macro-economic and market input for both the strategic and tactical portfolio decisions.

Mrs. Williams also gained experience at the Equitable Real Estate Investment Management in Chicago, Illinois. While there, she performed valuation analysis on commercial real estate properties. She also worked as an Information Systems Analyst for Morgan Stanley an American multinational financial services corporation that provides securities products and services to customers, including corporations, governments, financial institutions, and individuals.

She is married to Leo Williams and they have two children.



Dr. the Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley, MHA

Deputy Premier, Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Agriculture, Fisheries, Youth Affairs and Sports (Virgin Islands, U.K.)



Virgin Islands, U.K.



Honourable Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

Minister of Social Development and Education,
Minister of Social Development and Education
(Anguilla)



Anguilla

Termed by many of her former lecturers and associates as a gifted and strategic thinker, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers has excelled in areas which draw on tact, discipline, chartered intuition and healthy skepticism.

Elected to the office of public service in the 2020 Anguilla General Elections, the first time Anguilla Progressive Movement candidate showed heart and tenacity garnering the support of the Valley South District and to a greater extent the Anguilla community at large. Now, Minister Kentish-Rogers shoulders responsibility for the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Development, a post which resonates her commitment to empowering the youth and those less fortunate among us. Acknowledging that the future is secured by the sacrifices and investments we make today, the Minister and her team have set out to revolutionise the education system, focusing on creating opportunities for learning, training and development that not only support the industries which propel the nation forward but also prepares all Anguillians to excel in a global village that is hyperconnected and ever evolving.

Formally educated at the University of Birmingham (2013-2016)

then completing the Bar Professional Training Course with the University of Law in 2017 she was quickly called to the Bar of England and Wales by Middle Temple Inns of Court in 2018. No stranger to breaking glass ceilings and being an inspiration Minster Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers became the first black woman to represent the Great Britain in the Miss Universe Competition in 2018. The sum of all these experiences is merely the foundation of outlook, goals and life's work.

Acknowledging that her life need first be an inspiration she continues to serve as an ambassador for A-Sisterhood: a charitable organisation which aids victims of Acid Attacks and Female Genital Mutilation. The sitting Chair of the Anguilla Community Action Network; a non-profit organisation which facilitates psychosocial support in the Anguillian community, preventative care and cancer treatment to those in need across the region, Minster Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers perseveres to have a positive impact on the lives of all who she comes into contact with building a legacy that will be echo the chorus of progressive change and transformational leadership.



Honourable Daryll Matthew

Minister, Ministry of Education, Sports & the
Creative Industries (Antigua and Barbuda)



Antigua and Barbuda

Minister Daryll Matthew is currently a Minister of Government and Member of The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda. Prior to an entry into National Politics, Sports Administration, Project Management and Business Development were vital parts of his life, not only professionally, but also personally.

He holds Masters in Business Administration (MBA) specializing in International Business, with research in Foreign Direct Investment from Aston University in the UK, and a Masters Degree in Geo-Information Management from Twente University, Enschede in The Netherlands.

His life experiences coupled with his academic background has developed in him strong leadership skills supported by analytical and strategic thinking, and he is a Founder and Director of the Premiere Carnival Mas Band in Antigua and Barbuda - Myst Carnival.

Minister Matthew was appointed to the Senate of Antigua and Barbuda in January 2018, and in March of 2018 was elected at the Parliamentary Representative of the St. John's Rural South Constituency in Antigua. Subsequent to his election, Mr. Matthew was given the Portfolio of Sports Culture, National Festivals and the Arts, a portfolio that thoroughly compliments his background, skill sets and passion.



Minister Roberto Fulcar

Ministro, Ministerio de Educación
(MINERD - Dominican Republic)



Dominican Republic



Vice Minister Ligia Perez

Vice Minister of Technical Pedagogical Affairs,
Ministerio de Educación (MINERD - Dominican
Republic)



Dominican Republic

Licenciada en Ciencias de la Educación (UNPHU). Maestría Internacional en Gestión Educativa de la Universidad de Alcalá, España. Maestría en Educación Mención Planificación Educativa (UTESA). Especialidad en Planificación y Gestión Educativas (PUCAMAYMA). Doctorante en Educación Basada en Competencias en el Centro Universitario Mar de Cortés, México.

Ha sido Maestra y directora de centros educativos en los niveles Básico, Medio y Superior. Fue Directora del Dpto. de Colegios Privados y Directora General Evaluación y Control de la Calidad de la Educación en la SEE, hoy MINERD. Gestora del 1er Censo de Instituciones Educativas de Iniciativa Privada del país, y creadora del Programa Escuela Para Todos en el año 2001.

Ha participado en numerosos cursos y seminarios a nivel nacional e internacional, entre ellos:

- > Evaluación de la Escuela a través del Valor Agregado, Santiago de Chile.
- > Alternativas de Gestión Privada En las Escuelas Públicas, Ciudad de Guatemala.
- > Congreso Internacional sobre la Calidad de la Educación, Brasilia, Brasil.

- > XII Reunión del Laboratorio Latinoamericano de Evaluación de la Calidad de la Educación, Monterrey, México. (Representando el país)
- > XIII Reunión del Laboratorio Latinoamericano de Evaluación de la Calidad de la Educación, Santo Domingo (Anfitriona del evento)

Dirigió, además, la Carrera de Educación en la Universidad del Caribe, donde llegó a ocupar el cargo de Vicerrectora Académica.

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Minister Steven Croes

Minister, Ministry of Education, Science,
Culture and Sport(Curacao)



Curacao

Born on Curacao, Steven John Croes is the new Minister of Education Science Culture & Sports. As a high school student, he was always interested in following politics.

After finishing high school Steven went on to the Netherlands to college following International management at the International School of Economics in Rotterdam.

After college during his early career days Steven finished 'Leadership Academies' in Amsterdam and Bogotá Colombia. He has built an extensive career in the financial world where he has occupied several management positions at several renowned financial institutes such as Citco Funds Services in Amsterdam and on Curaçao HB Management, Intertrust and until recently, Citco Banking Corporation.

Upon his return to the island Steven picked up his interest in local politics and in 2019 became a member of the political party PAR. Within the organization he is recently chosen as board member and he is also member of several sub committees.



Elizabeth Riley

**Executive Director (ag), Caribbean Disaster
Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)**



Barbados

Ms. Elizabeth Riley, is the Executive Director (ag) at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). Ms. Riley's has over 20 years experience in the area of disaster management and environmental management. She has written, presented and published technical papers in disaster management and environmental management whilst attached to CDEMA. She holds a M.A (Econ) in Environment and Development from University of Manchester, United Kingdom, (Hons) in Geography from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica and a Masters Certificate in Results Based Monitoring and Evaluation and Information Systems from the University of Laval, Quebec.



Mami Mizutori

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



Geneva, Switzerland

Mami Mizutori is the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction, and head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, based in Geneva, Switzerland. She assumed her role on 1 March 2018.

The role of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is to support countries and stakeholders in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015- 2030). The Special Representative ensures the strategic and operational coherence between disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development agendas as well as the linkage with the UN Secretary General' s prevention agenda and with humanitarian action.

Ms. Mizutori served for twenty-seven years in various capacities in the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Mizutori was Executive Director of the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures, University of East Anglia, UK, since 2011.

Ms. Mizutori graduated in law from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo and obtained a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain.

A Japanese national, Ms. Mizutori speaks Japanese, English and Spanish.

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Mami Mizutori es la Representante Especial del Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres y también es la jefa de la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres (UNDRR), con sede en Ginebra, Suiza. La Sra. Mizutori asumió este cargo el 1° de marzo de 2018.

La función principal de la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres es apoyar a los países y a los grupos interesados para que implementen el Marco de Sendai para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres (2015-2030). La Representante Especial vela por que exista una congruencia estratégica y operacional entre las agendas de la reducción del riesgo de desastres, del cambio climático y del desarrollo sostenible, así como un vínculo con la agenda de prevención del Secretario General de la ONU y con las acciones humanitarias.

Durante 27 años, ella trabajó en el Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de Japón, donde ocupó diversos cargos. Antes de iniciar sus labores en la ONU, desde 2011, la Sra. Mizutori también se desempeñó como Directora Ejecutiva del Instituto Sainsbury para el Estudio de las Artes y la Cultura de Japón, de la Universidad de Anglia del Este, Reino Unido.

La Sra. Mizutori se graduó de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Hitotsubashi, en Tokio, y también obtuvo un diploma en estudios internacionales en la Escuela Diplomática de España.

De nacionalidad japonesa, la Sra. Mizutori habla japonés, inglés y español.



Dr. Aloys Kamuragiye

Representative, UNICEF Eastern
Caribbean Area Office



Barbados

Dr Aloys Kamuragiye is currently the Representative of the UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office located in Bridgetown in Barbados covering 8 independent island countries and 4 UK territories.

He is a national of Burundi, served as UNICEF Representative to the Comoros islands, Djibouti, Kingdom of Morocco and most recently the UNICEF Congo office in Brazzaville from August 2013 to September 2017, just before arriving in Barbados to take up his role on 1 November 2017.

Before joining UNICEF, he served in several positions as a medical doctor, senior manager in the health sector in his home country, employee of Montreal University in West Africa and World Health Organization consultant before joining UNICEF in an international position.

He is passionate about working effectively and efficiently together with other UN agencies and other partners to deliver results at scale for children/young people as well as making the difference in addressing the issue of violence against the children across the Eastern Caribbean sub-region.



Raúl Salazar

Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean



Peru

Mr. Raúl Salazar (Peru), is the Chief of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean based in Panama. Prior to this position, Mr. Salazar worked as Regional Officer in the UNDRR Regional Office for the Americas since 2011 and as a Programme Officer in UNDP Peru (1997-2010), where he was the Cluster Manager in the area of Poverty and Crisis Prevention and Recovery.

During his career in UNDP, he was Chair of the United Nations Emergency Technical Team from 2003 to 2010 and member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) since 2003 and participated in different UN Post Disaster Coordination missions such as in Jamaica (Hurricane Ivan 2004), the emergency and recovery process after the earthquake in Peru (Ica 2007), the UNDAC mission to Haiti (Port au Prince 2010) and as UNDP Resource Mobilization and Early Recovery Advisor to Kyrgyzstan (August 2010).

Mr. Salazar is an Economist by the Catholic University of Lima – Peru (1989), an MBA by the Universidad of Piura-IESE, Peru-Spain (1992) and holds a MSc in National Development and Project Planning by the University of Bradford, UK (1995).

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Raúl Salazar, es el Jefe de la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas para la Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres (UNDRR), Secretaría para las Américas y el Caribe, con sede en Panamá. Fue Oficial Regional Adjunto de UNDRR para las Américas desde 2011 y previamente Oficial a cargo del Portafolio de Pobreza y Prevención de Crisis y Recuperación del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) Perú, habiendo también ocupado diversas posiciones en la cartera de lucha contra la pobreza y como Oficial de Coordinación desde 1997. Fue también Coordinador del Equipo Técnico de Emergencias de Naciones Unidas en el Perú del 2003 al 2010. El Sr. Salazar es miembro del equipo de Coordinación y Evaluación de Desastres de las Naciones Unidas (UNDAC) desde 2003, habiendo participado en misiones de coordinación post desastres en Jamaica (huracán Iván 2004), la emergencia y el proceso de recuperación tras el terremoto en Perú (Ica 2007), la misión UNDAC a Haití (Port-au-Prince 2010), así como asesor de recuperación temprana y movilización de recursos en Kirguistán (agosto de 2010).

Sr. Salazar es economista de la Universidad Católica de Lima – Perú (1989), MBA por la Universidad de Piura-IESE, Perú-España (1992) y tiene una Maestría en Ciencias (MSc) en Desarrollo Nacional y Planificación de Proyectos por la Universidad de Bradford, Reino Unido (1995).



Saadia Sanchez-Vegas, PhD

Director and Representative,
UNESCO



Kingston, Jamaica

Saadia Sanchez-Vegas, Ph.D. was appointed Director and Representative of the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean in Kingston, Jamaica on September 1, 2020. Her regional mandate covers twenty (20) countries and territories in the English and Dutch-speaking sub-region of the Caribbean.

Prior to this, she served as Director of the UNESCO Office in Quito and Representative to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela from February 10, 2014 until August 31, 2020.

Saadia Sanchez-Vegas, Ph.D. is a sociologist with a degree from the University of Zulia (Venezuela), a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University (USA) and a Ph.D. in Information Science from the University of California at Berkeley (USA).

As an experienced senior manager with more than 20 years of practice, she has had an extensive career in management, technical cooperation and international relations.

Saadia Sanchez-Vegas, Ph.D. served as Director of the Information and Knowledge Network Division of the Latin American

and Caribbean Economic System (SELA). In this capacity, she contributed to developed intersectoral technical cooperation and networking, and led relevant initiatives on ICT for development and social inclusion, strengthening digital regional integration based upon knowledge sharing, exchange of good practices and innovation.

Besides further management positions in the public and private sector, she was Director-General of the National Library and the National Network of Public Libraries Autonomous Institute (IABN – Venezuela).

Regarding her academic endeavor, she has been an adviser on the design of various Masters Programs on Knowledge and Digital Technology Management, a graduate adviser and a guest professor for over 15 years.

In her new assignment as Director of UNESCO Cluster Oce for the Caribbean, Dr. Sanchez-Vegas, is committed to exercise strategic and operational leadership to advocate for the Caribbean Small Island Developing States, SIDS as UNESCO's priority. To focus on the delivery of technical support under high standards and grounded on human rights, aligned with sub-regional and national priorities in the framework of the COVID-19 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



Dr. Anjeela Jokhan

**Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Education, Heritage and Arts (Fiji)**



Fiji

Dr. Anjeela Jokhan joined the civil service as the Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Education, Heritage & Arts in November 2020.

Dr. Jokhan holds a PhD from University of Bristol, United Kingdom, prior to which she accomplished her Bachelors, Post. Graduate in Diploma Studies and Masters from the University of The South Pacific.

Dr. Jokhan served as the Dean for Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment at the University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus, for 12 years before taking up the Challenging role of the Acting Vice- President, Planning, Quality, Institutional Research & Data, and Commercial in 2019 and earlier as Acting VP for Digital Services and Human Resources for a brief period.

She has been in the University's Senior Management Team for over 14 years, during which time she held leadership positions in many institutional initiatives. She was the key driver of several changes in the area of curriculum reviews, online learning and policy development for the University as it underwent significant transformation. Her contribution in several University projects won

her the Vice Chancellor's Awards for Innovation for successful development and implementation of the timetabling software and the Online Mathematics Diagnostic Test (OMDT).

Not only has Dr. Jokhan been an influential academic leader but has also contributed significantly as a societal leader. She has served as Board Member for several Organizations in Fiji including The Rewa Diary Board of Directors, FSM Academic Board, FIT Council and is one of the Directors of Investment Fiji Board.

She is passionate about research in the areas of plant physiology, eLearning, mLearning and institutional research and as an active researcher, she has published over 46 journal articles, 25 books and book chapters and several conference papers.

In 2020, Dr. Jokhan received the Independence Commemorative Medal from His Excellency, The President of Fiji.

During her tenure as the Faculty Dean and other leading positions, she has contributed immensely towards advancing education in the region and now she has taken up the dynamic role of the Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Education, Heritage & Arts.



Didier Trebucq

Resident Coordinator (RC) for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, United Nations



Barbados

The UN Resident Coordinator in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

Mr. Didier Trebucq, an economist, was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as UN Resident Coordinator (RC) for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in January 2019. He brings more than 20 years of experience in the development and humanitarian realm working with the United Nations and international NGOs. As Resident Coordinator he leads the United Nations Sub-regional Team and is the highest-ranking official of the United Nations development system at country level.

Working closely with the national governments, the RC and the UNST advocate the interests and mandates of the UN system while drawing on the support and guidance of the entire UN family. The RC aims to bring together the different UN agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operational activities the Eastern Caribbean region. As UN RC he is also the Designated Official (DO) for Security, responsible for the safety and security of all UN staff and their dependents.

Prior to becoming the Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the

OECS, Mr. Didier Trebucq served as UNDP Country Director in Brazil. Previously he was the Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP in Peru and Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP in Guyana. He also worked in UNDP India as Programme Officer & Team Leader of Crisis Prevention and Recovery.

Before joining the UN, Mr. Trebucq worked as Head of Delegation of the French Red Cross in Colombia and Ecuador. Also, he was Administrator of “Medecins Sans Frontieres” in Kyrgyzstan and Tadjikistan and previously worked as an Executive in the private banking sector in France for five years.

Mr. Trebucq is an Economist and holds a Master of Science in Sustainable Development, with specialism in Environmental Economics from Imperial College London (UK) and a Master in Business Administration from the “Institut Français de Gestion” in France. He speaks fluently four languages: French, English, Spanish and Portuguese.



Nahuel Arenas García

Deputy Chief, UNDRR



Panamá

Nahuel Arenas es el Jefe Adjunto de la Oficina Regional de Naciones Unidas para la Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres (UNDRR) para las Américas & el Caribe desde agosto del 2017. Durante los últimos 20 años, Nahuel ha liderado programas de asistencia humanitaria, de reducción de riesgo de desastres y de cooperación al desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe, África y Asia-Pacífico. Antes de incorporarse a UNDRR, Nahuel Arenas se desempeñaba como Director Humanitario para OXFAM en EEUU. En sus más de 10 años de carrera con OXFAM, Nahuel Arenas ocupó diferentes posiciones de liderazgo en la organización en diferentes países. Previamente ha trabajado para la Agencia Japonesa de Cooperación Internacional (JICA), para Acción Contra el Hambre (ACF) y como consultor para UN-Hábitat en temas de reducción de riesgo de desastres. Ha contribuido a varios programas académicos incluyendo el curso de la Iniciativa Humanitaria de la Universidad de Harvard: Respuesta Humanitaria a Conflictos y Desastres. Cuenta con una maestría en Política Internacional (Universidad de Londres) y estudios de especialización en política pública (FLACSO) y gestión de crisis (Universidad Complutense de Madrid). Es candidato a Doctor en Filosofía por el Centro de Ética Global de la Universidad de Birmingham.

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Nahuel Arenas is the Deputy Chief of the United Nations Regional Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for the Americas & the Caribbean since August 2017. For the last 20 years, Nahuel has led humanitarian assistance programs, reduction disaster risk and development cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia-Pacific. Before joining UNDRR, Nahuel Arenas served as Humanitarian Director for OXFAM in the US. In his more than 10-year career with OXFAM, Nahuel Arenas held different leadership positions in the organization in different countries. He has previously worked for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), for Action Against Hunger (ACF) and as a consultant for UN-Habitat on disaster risk reduction issues. He has contributed to several academic programs including the Harvard University Humanitarian Initiative course: Humanitarian Response to Conflicts and Disasters. He has a master's degree in International Politics (University of London) and specialization studies in public policy (FLACSO) and crisis management (Complutense University of Madrid). He is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate from the Center for Global Ethics at the University of Birmingham.



Andria Grosvenor

Deputy Executive Director (ag), Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)



Barbados

Andria Grosvenor is a humanitarian, with a passion for helping people manage disaster risks, to which she has devoted herself for twenty-five years.

Currently working with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) as the Deputy Executive Director (ag), her endeavours over the last few years have been more strategic than operational, focussing on strategic and corporate planning, resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation. Ms. Grosvenor has also been the focal point for reporting on the regional achievement of results within the Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy which contributes to the Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. She was also the main facilitator for the consultation leading to the development of the document on Building a Pathway for Caribbean Resilience 2017-2018.

In her current portfolio as Acting DED, she leads the Technical Programme Management Division (TPMD) with responsibility for the strategic and technical leadership of the Agency's Integrated Disaster Risk Management (DRM) programme which spans Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Disaster Risk Reduction,

Research, Training, Education and the Safe Schools Programme. A key aspect of these endeavours includes facilitating and reinforcing intersectoral, national, regional and international linkages for an integrated disaster risk management approach to advance resilience.

Mrs. Grosvenor's experience also covers response support to countries dating back to the Montserrat Volcanic Eruption (1995-1997). Over the years she has provided post-impact programming support to British Virgin Islands and Dominica, after the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria 2017 and on the ground responses in Bahamas for Hurricane Irene (2011), Haiti earthquake (2010), Turks and Caicos Islands Hurricane Ike (2008), Guyana Floods (2007), Grenada Hurricane Ivan (2004) and Montserrat Volcanic Eruption.

Andria possesses a B.A. Geography, Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Masters Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation and certified training in Business Continuity Planning. She has researched, written and contributed to several publications, documents and policy papers as well as presented in various disaster risk management fora.



Olga Mussington-Service

Manager of the Student Support Services Division (SSSD), Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport (St Maarten)



St Maarten

Mrs. Olga Mussington-Service, M.S. is the manager of the Student Support Services Division (SSSD) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport (MECYS). She is the Chair (ag) of the Safety & Emergency Management Committee of MECYS; Member of the Child Protection Working Group of Government; School Safety Focal Point for St. Maarten and the SSSD is responsible for the implementation of school safety. The seed for this Virtual Pre-Ministerial was planted by Olga and fully supported by regional and international partners. Olga is a therapist, trainer, youth worker, certified Emotional Intelligence Practitioner and certified Mindfulness Life Coach. She also possesses a diploma in Professional PTSD Counseling and is the founder/chair of the Caribbean Well-Being Conference.



Sofia Carti-Codrington

3rd Vice-President - Education, Training and
Social Affairs, Collectivity of Saint Martin



St. Martin



Roberto G. Suárez

General Director of International Relations,
Ministerio de Educación (MINERD -
Dominican Republic)



Dominican Republic

El Sr. Roberto G. Suárez (MBA), graduado del Máster en Business Administration con especialidad en Marketing and Sales, del Business School y la Universidad Internacional de la Rioja, Madrid España.

Obtuvo su licenciatura en Administración de Empresas en la University of Phoenix (UOPX) Campus of Las Vegas, Nevada. Asimismo, ha cursado diversos estudios de postgrados como:

- Negocios Internacionales, University of las Vegas, Nevada (UNLV)
- Gerencia Administrativa y Liderazgo, Stratford Career Institute Washington, D.C.
- Sistemas Computarizados para Negocios, Kaplan College, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Posee una amplia experiencia laboral en distintas áreas del conocimiento, especialmente en el ámbito de la gerencia de mercadeo y ventas, dado su ocupación durante los últimos años, en puestos como:

- Gerente de Mercadeo y Ventas Área Hispana, de Planet Nissan Corporation, LLC., Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Gerente de Ventas Área Hispana, AutoNation Corporation, LLC., Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Gerente de Mercadeo y Ventas, Metro Honda, Grieco Honda Corporation, LLC., Rhode Island.

En el campo de la interacción comunitaria, ha sido el co-fundador de diversas representaciones de comunidades de hispanos en los Estados Unidos, citándose entre estas:

Hispanos Unidos de América en el Estado de New York
Dominicanos Unidos en Nevada (DUNV).

De la misma manera funge como Miembro del Consejo Director de LULAC, organización para la defensa de los derechos humanos de los inmigrantes hispanos de los Estados Unidos.



Dr. Marcel Hutson

Chief Education Officer, Ministry of
Education (Guyana)



Guyana

Education:

Cyril Potter College of Education 1985-1987

University of Guyana 1988-1993, 1999-2001 & 2007-2009

Caribbean School of Theology

Ministry of Education Cadet Scheme 1996-1998

International Institute for Educational Planning-2011

Jilin University 2012- China

International Programme for Development Evaluation Training
2012

Bakke Graduate University 2019- Texas

1. Trained Class 1 Grade 1 Teachers' Certificate
2. Bachelor's Social Science Degree, Sociology, Option, Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.
3. Bachelor of Arts
4. Post Graduate Diploma- Education Administration
5. Master of Education Management, Planning and Supervision
6. Certificate in Management and Delivery of Education in Guyana
7. Certificate of Training in Reforming School Supervision for Quality Improvement.
8. Certificate of Training in Modern Distance Education for

Officials from Developing Countries

9. Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation
10. Doctor of Transformational Leadership

Positions Held

1. District Education Supervisor 1997- 2007
2. Regional Education Officer 2007- 2009
3. Principal Education Officer 2009- 2010
4. Assistant Chief Education Officer 2011
5. Deputy Chief Education Officer 2015-2016
6. Chief Education Officer 2016-Present

Special Skills: Leadership, public speaking, preparation of position papers and research.

Written Work (Book): Born to Succeed: A collaborative Approach to Developing the God-given Literacy Potential of Students in the Early Grades

Hobbies: Empowering young people, listening to news and music watching and playing various sports.



Lyston E Skerritt

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education,
Youth Affairs and Sports



Montserrat

Lyston E Skerritt returned to Montserrat in 2017, with a passion for education, youth affairs and efficient system development. As a youth, he was involved with the Montserrat Secondary School Cadet Corp, the Leeward Island Debating Competition and served as the Commonwealth Youth Ambassador. In 2005, he was awarded the Georgia Rotary Scholarship and pursued his tertiary education in the United States of America. He holds a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Studies from Augusta University in GA with minors in Philosophy and Psychology. In 2012 he completed his Master's in Education and Counseling from the University of Louisville. He is a trained counselor, ombudsman and mediator with a decade of work supporting the establishment and operation of education institution, non-profits and non-governmental organizations. Since his return, he has rapidly advanced in the Government Public Service and now serves as the acting Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports. Above all else, Mr. Skerritt lives by the strong family and religious foundation afforded to him growing up in Montserrat and still attributes many of his successes to his reflection on the MSS motto, "Qui non proficit deficit", He who does not progress retrogresses.



Dr. Faryal Khan

Programme Specialist for Education,
UNESCO



Kingston, Jamaica

Dr. Faryal Khan is the Programme Specialist for Education at the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean in Kingston which serves 20 Small Island Developing States in the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean.

Dr. Khan has experience in advising on educational reforms, policy and planning in over 30 countries worldwide and leads technical advice pertaining to Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4). She served at the UNESCO Education Sector from 1995 – 2011 in Paris and UNESCO Doha Cluster Office for the Gulf States and Yemen from 2011-2018. Prior to joining UNESCO, Dr. Khan worked for the World Bank, Washington, D.C., and Beaconhouse School System, Pakistan.

She is a board member of the McLean National Council, affiliated with Harvard University, USA. Dr. Khan earned her doctorate in Educational Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University (2005). She has two masters' degrees in Education: from the University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan (1989), and Harvard's Graduate School of Education (1995).



Dr. Jair Torres

Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



Panamá

Dr. Jair Torres is an international consultant on sustainability, adaptation and resilience. He holds a PhD on Risk and Emergency Management at the Understanding and Managing Extremes Graduate School of the University School for Advanced Studies IUSS, Pavia, Italy; and a master's degree on Development Studies at the University of Paris III, Sorbonne Nouvelle, France. Among others, he has played an active role advising agencies of the United Nations on the design and implementation of activities related to the programme for Reducing Earthquake Losses, the International Platform for Reducing Earthquake Disasters (IPRED), and the International Platform for Earthquake Early Warning Systems (IP-EEWS); and is currently supporting the International Network for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems (IN-MHEWS) and the Climate Related Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative. He was responsible for the design and implementation of the VISUS Methodology for Assessing School Facilities. He played an important role in the consolidation of the Thematic Platform for Knowledge in the Education Sector that would later become the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES), for which he was the coordinator from 2013 to 2015, and from 2017 to 2019 he chaired it. Similarly, he has been a recognized expert on the implementation of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework, as well as, on the design and launch of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools,

and some regional Initiatives on the same subject, such as the Caribbean School Safety Initiative. Dr. Torres is the Chief Editor of a special edition on school safety in the International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction launched on 2020. Nowadays, Dr. Torres is the Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor for the Caribbean region of UNDRR.

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El Sr. Torres cuenta con un doctorado en Gestión de Riesgo y Emergencias de la Escuela Universitaria para Estudios Avanzados de Pavia (IUSS), Italia; y una maestría en desarrollo sostenible de la Universidad de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3, Francia. Cuenta con más de 15 años de experiencia en reducción de riesgos de desastres, resiliencia, adaptación y sostenibilidad; donde se ha desempeñado como consultor senior en el sistema de Naciones Unidas, al igual que para gobiernos nacionales y locales, instituciones académicas, y el sector privado. Por más de 13 años trabajo en la UNESCO donde se desempeño como consultor en la Unidad para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres y la Resiliencia, al igual que contribuyo al desarrollo de actividades del Programa Hidrológico Internacional y de la Comisión Oceanográfica Intergubernamental. Durante su pasó por la UNESCO fue responsable de la Plataforma internacional para sistemas de alerta temprana de terremotos, la Red Internacional para Sistemas de Alerta Temprana de Riesgos Múltiples, y del Programa de la UNESCO para medir la resiliencia.

El Sr. Torres jugo un rol muy activo en la conformación y consolidación de la Plataforma Temática para el Conocimiento en el Sector Educativo que luego se convertiría en la Alianza Global para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres y la Resiliencia en el Sector de la Educación (GADRRRES), en la cual el fue el

coordinador del 2013 al 2015, y del 2017 al 2019 la presidió. De igual manera fue uno de los expertos detrás de la concepción del Marco Integral de Seguridad Escolar, al igual que de la Iniciativa Mundial para Escuelas Seguras, y de las Iniciativas regionales en el mismo tema. El Sr. Torres es el Editor en Jefe de la Edición Especial sobre Escuelas Seguras de la Revista Científica Internacional para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres. De igual manera es uno de los autores de la metodología VISUS para la evaluación de la infraestructura educativa.

En la actualidad es Asesor para la Oficina de Naciones Unidas para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres para las Américas y el Caribe en temas de conocimiento de riesgo, apoyo a países en el desarrollo de estrategias nacionales para la reducción del riesgo de desastre, y el punto focal de UNDRR para el proyecto regional para los sistemas de alerta temprana para riesgos climáticos (CREWS), entre otros temas.



Dr. Idelia Ferdinand

**Senior Education Officer, Ministry of
Education and National Reconciliation
(Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)**



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Idelia Ferdinand is a Senior Education Officer in the Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation, SVG with responsibility for Research and School Safety. She has over 20 years of experience in Disaster Management through her involvement as a member of the Cadet Force in St Vincent and the Grenadines. She holds a PhD in Disaster Management and Sustainable Development, Northumbria University, United Kingdom, a Masters by Research in Disaster Management from Coventry University, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Arts, Geography, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

She has been involved with the School Safety Agenda in SVG since October 2013 and has also been involved in promoting the Caribbean Safe School Initiative regionally and internationally. She has several publications and has presented at various conferences and other meetings face to face and online.



Andrea Austin

Communication and Public Relation Specialist
| Session Moderator, Caribbean Disaster
Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)



Barbados

Andrea Austin is the Communications and Public Relations Specialist at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). She has over 20 years' experience in communications and programme management and has worked with the private sector, government and development agencies in the U.S. and the Caribbean where she forged partnerships with key stakeholders, oversaw day-to-day operations, and refined processes and reporting deliverables to satisfy evolving programme requirements. Andrea holds an MBA with a Marketing concentration and undergraduate degrees in Media and Mass Communications; and possesses a solid marketing communications foundation encompassing strategy, branding, event management and sales support.



Clive Murray

Community Resilience Specialist, CDEMA



Barbados

Clive Murray is a humanitarian, communicator, and an advocate for sustainable development. Currently working at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) as the Community Resilience Specialist, his main role is to promote the resilience agenda in CARICOM countries by providing technical support to National Disaster Offices and associated Government departments in CDEMA Participating States to enhance the national infrastructure for building community resilience.

Clive has extensive knowledge and experience in communication for development, disaster risk management, community development, youth, and early childhood development. He has over fifteen years of experience in the non-profit sector of the Caribbean region developing and managing initiatives in areas of sustainable development, social protection, resilience, and communications for social change.

Organizations that he has worked with include the Caribbean Center for Development Administration (CARICAD) and the Foundation for the Development of Caribbean Children (FDCC) in Barbados and the Social Development Commission (SDC) in Jamaica.

Clive has a MA in Social Development & Sustainable Livelihoods from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom and BA (Hons.) in Media & Communications from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica.



Tonya Hyacinth

Speech-Language Pathologist & Disaster Management Focal Point, Ministry of Education- Grenada



Grenada

Tonya R. Hyacinth, Speech-Language Pathologist and Autism Specialist by profession joined the Ministry of Education & Human Resource Development in 2011. Ms. Hyacinth also serves as the Disaster Management Focal Point within the Ministry of Education. Duties include conducting observations and assessments of students with special needs; training/support of school personnel and parents; and continually seeking ways to improve special education in Grenada. She also assists the Ministry with all areas for Disaster Risk Resilience Management (DRRM). Ms. Hyacinth completed post graduate studies in Language Pathology at Newcastle University, England in 2015. She also holds an Advanced Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Brooklyn College/CUNY, Brooklyn, NY in 2010 and a Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology from the Long Island University-C W Post Campus, Brookville, NY in 2009. She is also a graduate from the St. Joseph Convent St. George's.

Prior to returning to Grenada, Ms. Hyacinth has worked as:-

- o A Respite Habilitation Counselor at Life's WORC, NY- helping Adults with Disabilities become independent members of society.
- o A Substitute Teacher, Nassau Board for Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), NY- educating children with disabilities.
- o A Teacher's Assistant, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, NY-educating individuals suffering from cerebral palsy disorder.

She also worked with the:

- o Child Welfare Authority (currently Child Protection Authority), Grenada
- o Dr. Beverley Nelson (Pediatrician), Grenada

She has completed several seminars and courses, including: - Comprehensive Disaster Management in Small Islands, Managing Behaviors: The Path to Empowering Families; Advancing Women in Business; Executive Leadership; Using Behavioral Strategies to Improve Social Skills in Children & Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD); Strategies for Crisis Intervention Plan, Creating Positive Behavior Support Contexts at School and Home for Children on the Autism Spectrum and Natural Disaster related courses.

Currently, Ms. Hyacinth volunteers with the Children's Health Organization Relief and Educational Services (CHORES) Grenada Project and the National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA). She is a Director of the Grenada Down Syndrome Association (GDSA) and the Autistic Foundation of Grenada (AFG). Ms. Hyacinth also runs private speech therapy clinic services for adults and children with speech impediments or individuals who have suffered a stroke or traumatic brain injury.

An appreciation of the difficulties encountered by children and parents, and adults with challenges underpins her thinking and practice.



Hyacinth Bramble-Browne

Focal Point for the Positive Discipline and Safe School initiatives, Ministry of Education (Montserrat)



Montserrat

Masters in Educational Planning, IIEP, Paris, ATP Class 2016
Masters of Science in the Teaching of Middle and High School Mathematics, Brooklyn College, NY Class of 2004
Masters of Science in the Teaching of Secondary School Mathematics, Mona Campus, UWI, Jamaica, Class of 1995
Bachelors of Science in Mathematics, Cave Hill Campus, UWI, Barbados Class of 1989

Secretary/Treasurer/ then Vice President of the Montserrat Union of Teachers(MUT), 1997 to 2001 and
President of the MUT from 2005 to 2011
President of the ATP, IIEP Paris Class of 2016

Treasurer/Assistant Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, 2008 to present
Secretary of the Calabash Festival Committee 2009 to 2012
Secretary/ Treasurer of the Queen Show Committee, 2009 to 2015

Mother of two children, wife, daughter, sister, friend, colleague

Volunteer Head of Department of Mathematics at the Montserrat Secondary School 2005 to 2013
Vice Principal of the Montserrat Secondary School 2014 to 2016
Education Officer Planning and Policy Analyst/Statistician/Focal Point for Safe School, CFS, DRR, RE with the Ministry of Education



Sean Cahill

Policy Advisor for Safer Schools, Ministry of Education (Cayman Islands)



Cayman Islands

Sean Cahill is the Policy Advisor for Safer Schools within the Ministry of Education, Cayman Islands.

He is a former Special School Principal, who relocated to the Cayman Islands in 2006 and has the responsibility for developing legislation, National policies, guidance documents, school policies, operational procedures and staff training packages relating to school discipline and student behaviour. Sean has also been the lead person in developing a National Behaviour Service, a National Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Framework, a National Primary School Life Skills Curriculum and is regularly liaising with partnering agencies and Ministries to produce strategic planning documents.



Arthur Selwood

**Education Officer, British Virgin Islands,
Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs,
Fisheries and Agriculture (Virgin Islands,
U.K.)**



Virgin Islands, U.K.



Rolston Nickeo

Education Officer, Ministry of Education
(Antigua and Barbuda)



Antigua and Barbuda

Rolston Nickeo a motivated and progress-driven 30 year veteran educator who has been able to use education as a multifaceted tool to promote the social, economic and cultural human rights of children and their parents. He is a steadfast advocate for standards that allow for all people to live with dignity, freedom, equality, justice, and in peace.



Cirta Jean François

Education Technician, Ministry of Education
(Haiti)



Haiti

Cirta JEAN FRANÇOIS, education technician, was born in Limonade, Cap-Haitien on 12 September 1965. At the age of eighteen, I started working as a teacher in a public school after obtaining my diploma from the Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs. At the end of my classical studies, I obtained a degree in economic and commercial sciences.

After twelve years of experience in the classroom, during which time I continued my studies in educational sciences, I was admitted as a pedagogical inspector. Five years later, in September 2005, I took part in a competitive examination which entitled me to the title of director of EFACAP (a new structure of the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training containing a full nine-year basic school and a pedagogical support centre for the training of teachers and school directors).

I undertook studies in psychology at the State University of Haiti where I obtained a degree. The terrible earthquake of 12 January 2010, which shook the Haitian community so much, pushed me to work alongside foreign psychologists who had come to help. I did several internships: at the university hospital in Haiti, at one of the country's psychiatric centres, at the IOM, in psychosocial support at certain schools where I worked with teachers, students and at the level of certain communities throughout the country.

During 2011 and 2013, I obtained a Master II in Education at the Senghor University of Alexandria with the speciality “trainer of trainers”. A year later, the Ministry promoted me to the position of Head of Department of Continuing Education at the Directorate of Training and Development.

With the support of UNESCO, together with other colleagues from the Ministry, we developed a training module on DRM and we also trained three cohorts of educational personnel: teachers from basic education, family education centres and evening centres. Since then, we have been part of a unit at the Ministry where we are sometimes called upon to work on DRM or on psychosocial support.



Lucille Anglès

Coordintor, Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES)



France

Ms. Anglès has been working as the Coordinator for the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector (GADRRRES) since May 2018. She has been coordinating the network first under the Chair of UNESCO and then under the Chair of UNICEF. Lucille Anglès has a Master in Physical Geography with a specialization in risk management and especially, flood risk (University Paris VII, Paris, France) as well as a Master in Sustainable Urbanism to better consider natural risks within our cities (UCL, London, UK). She worked as an Officer in an Emergency Management unit of a French Government Administration and did an internship at UNESCO in the DRR and Resilience Unit before working as the Coordinator for GADRRRES. GADRRRES is a multi-stakeholder mechanism composed of UN agencies, international organizations, and global networks. Representatives from regional networks are also affiliated members to the Alliance. The main purposes of GADRRRES are to strengthen global coordination, increase knowledge, and advocate on risk reduction education and safety in the education sector.



Dr. Bella Kovner

Global Head of Technical Unit, IsraAID



Israel

Dr. Bella Kovner is an international Child Protection and Counter Trafficking specialist. Prior to joining IsraAID, she spent 15 years working for World Education and Terre des Hommes in Nepal, China, Albania, Uganda and Cambodia, addressing gender inequality and combating unsafe migration, trafficking in human beings and exploitative child labor. As IsraAID's Head of Technical Unit, Bella supports the strategic development of IsraAID's sectors and technical capacity. Bella holds an MA in Sustainable Development from Brandeis University and a PhD from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Jasen Penn

Director (ag), Department of Disaster Management (Virgin Islands, U.K.)



Virgin Islands, (U.K.)

Acting Director Jasen Penn was appointed to lead the Department of Disaster Management in 2021. Mr. Penn first joined the DDM in 1999, and has served in various roles including Emergency Communications Manager from 2017-2020.

He holds a Masters Certificate in Development and Public Investment Project Management from the University of Laval, Canada; an Executive Diploma in Management from the Chartered Managers Institute in the United Kingdom; and a Bachelor of Science in Network and Communications Management from DeVry University, where he graduated with honours.

Mr. Penn is recognised as an Associate Emergency Manager by the International Association of Emergency Managers and has received a Long Service Award from the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Penn is the Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/ CARIBE EWS). He also serves as Vice Chairman for the group's Tsunami Ready Task Team and is a licenced amateur radio operator holding a general class licence.



Andrew George

Programme Development Officer, National Emergency Management Organization, Office of the Prime Minister (Saint Lucia)



St Lucia

Mr. Andrew George currently serves as the Programme Development Officer at the National Emergency Management Organization, Office of the Prime Minister, Saint Lucia. Mr. George's responsibilities span operational readiness, institutional development, community resilience, among others. Mr. George serves as the Operational Officer at the National Emergency Operations Centre, when the NEOC is activated in response to an event alert.

Mr. George has over twelve years of disaster management experience. His experience incorporates contemporary issues such as climate change adaptation, mass casualty management.

Mr. George is a regional Instructor with USAID/ OFDA, a Certified Business Continuity Manager (CCM) with the Institute of Business Continuity Management and a member of the Caribbean Association of Business Continuity Professionals (CABCP). Mr. George is also a member of the Caribbean Network of Facilitators.

Mr. George is a graduate of St Mary's University in Halifax, Canada with Honors degrees in International Development Studies.



Michelle Forbes

Director, National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) (St Vincent and the Grenadines)



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Ms. Forbes holds a Bachelors of Science in International Disaster Engineering and Management from Coventry University in the United Kingdom. Ms. Forbes was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2008 and went on to complete her Masters in Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Ms. Forbes was appointed to the post of Director on 27th May, 2017.



Marcel Goyeneche, M.A.

Event Facilitator, CDEMA



Chile

Marcel Goyeneche has a Master's in International Humanitarian Action and more than 10 years of experience in various countries across Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. During his career he has held field level and management positions, focused on disaster preparedness and response, as well as humanitarian action in armed conflict. In his roles he has conducted extensive situational analysis and humanitarian assessments, designing appropriate interventions, managing multidisciplinary teams and overseeing their implementation. He has significant experience designing and facilitating trainings as well as workshops and forums. Working as a consultant since 2016 he has offered services to a range of UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, international NGOs and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, developing project proposals and training packages and tools, delivering trainings, designing community components for early warning systems, analysing DRM policies, developing and implementing school safety programming, and facilitating workshops and meetings.



Adrian Gibson

Executive Chairman, Water & Sewerage Corporation of the Bahamas



Bahamas

Executive Chairman of the Water & Sewerage Corporation of the Bahamas, is an attorney-at-law, educator, entrepreneur and columnist who hails from Long Island and has extensive experience in media/public relations, journalism and mass communications and education.

Over the years, Mr. Gibson has taught at the L W Young Junior High School, SC McPherson Junior High School (public school educator) and, briefly, at the College of the Bahamas. He is also a Certified Bahama Host lecturer for the Bahamas' Ministry of Tourism.

An accomplished journalist, Mr. Gibson had, for more than a decade, penned a national weekly column for The Tribune newspaper, in addition to making various guest appearances as a media commentator and panelist at forums, talk shows and moderating symposiums such as the international criminal law symposium hosted by the Eugene Dupuch Law School.

Mr. Gibson is regularly invited to present papers and speeches at conferences on topical issues.



Jo-Anne A. Rolle-Carrette

Ministry of Education



Commonwealth of Dominica

She has been employed with the Ministry of Education as counsellor since 2004. She holds Bachelor degree in Psychology and Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. As a counsellor within the Ministry of Education she assisted with many psychosocial support programs for students and teachers including the UNICEF Return to Happiness Program and the Child Friendly School Initiative. Mrs. Rolle-Carrette has been a member of the Local Steering Committee for the OECS/USAID Juvenile Justice Reform Project. She coordinated Peer Mediation training at 3 secondary schools. Mrs. Rolle-Carrette is also a trained teacher and has facilitated many training sessions for teachers, Parents and Students.



Samuel Kapita

Director of the Education Services Division (ESD), Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) | Vanuatu



Vanuatu

Mr. Samuel Katipa is the Director of the Education Services Division (ESD) of the Vanuatu Ministry of Education and Training (MoET). With this role, he leads and oversees the Safe Schools and Education in Emergencies (EiE) efforts in the country. He has been with the Ministry for 17 years and holds the Acting Executive Officer position prior to taking the role as Director for ESD. Mr. Katipa completed his bachelor's degree in Social Science and Geography and Master's in Education Leadership at the Waikato University in New Zealand.



Mark Baker

Director of Disaster Response, Water Mission

Mark Baker is the Director of Disaster Response with Water Mission – 4 years Leading responses around the globe in Puerto Rico, Indonesia, Mozambique, Honduras, and The Bahamas
Prior to Water Mission 17+ years in residential construction management and concurrently 20+ years in the United States Air Force Reserves as a Crash Rescue Firefighter. Retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in 2008



Jake Voss

Disaster Response Engineer, Water Mission



Bahamas

Jake Voss has served as a Disaster Response Engineer with Water Mission since Spring 2019.

From Fall 2019, Jake has focused his efforts towards the Hurricane Dorian disaster response and recovery efforts in The Bahamas. These efforts began as an initiative to providing safe water production and distribution to communities and schools in Abaco and Grand Bahama. Since, they have transitioned to resilient rebuild in schools through rainwater catchment and treatment, reverse osmosis systems in clinics and hospitals, and a solar pumping initiative for Marsh Harbour's municipal water system.

Jake is a graduate of Michigan Technological University earning a degree in Chemical Engineering



David Knaute

Climate Change and Environment Consultant,
UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office



Barbados

David Knaute, PhD, is Climate Change and Environment Consultant for UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office. In his current role, he has co-authored a UNICEF report entitled Caribbean Children Facing the Climate Crisis. David has more than 15 years of professional experience in the humanitarian sector in Africa, Asia, the Near-East and the Caribbean, with a focus on children's rights and community resilience.



Angelen Dover

Student Ambassador, Dominica State College



Dominica

Angelen Dover is 18 years old. Born and raised in Dominica, she is majoring in Building and Civil engineering at Dominica State College and is part of their Youth Ambassadors Program



Annel Lewis

Programs Assistant, IsraAID



Dominica

Annel Bernasha Lewis was born in the Commonwealth of Dominica and hails from the quiet Community of Fortune. Annel began her educational career at the Newtown Primary School, then onto the St. Martin's Secondary School and then took her studies further at the Dominica State College. There she majored in Psychology and Pre-Health.

During her last high school years, Annel became the youngest Executive member of the National Youth Council of Dominica (NYCD). After her completion of high school education, she began working at the NYCD office as an Administrative Assistant and then was promoted to be a Project Officer.

Presently, Annel is the outgoing Female CARICOM Youth Ambassador of Dominica, while she works as the Programs Assistant at IsraAID Dominica . Annel has a wealth of knowledge and experience in Project Development, Leadership and most of all Youth Empowerment.



Phael Lander

Senior Student of All-Saints' University
School of Medicine.



Dominica

Phael Lander, is a Bachelor of Nursing Student at the All-Saints' University School of Medicine. where he will be completing his studies this Spring Semester. Lander is also a youth activist, calypsonian and chaperone at the Miss Dominica pageants and judge at various other pageants. In 2017, Lander represented Dominica at the Regional Conference on Disaster Management and served as presenter on the youth forum panel.

In 2019, Lander served as Dominica's national delegate to the first ever Regional Safer School's Youth Forum entitled "My Island, My Life". Lander delivered the welcome address at the opening ceremony. Recently, Lander has been elected to the position of 1st Vice President of the National Youth Council of Dominica and was accepted to be a country coordinator for Dominica at the 16th annual Conference of the Youth this November in Scotland.



Brendon Taylor

Member of CDEMA Youth Steering Committee for Comprehensive Disaster Management, CDEMA



Bardados

Brendon Taylor is 25-year-old, purpose-driven, young professional who is committed to contributing to the body of existing work on climate change & climate resilience through the lens of natural resource management and disaster risk reduction. With a Master of Science in Natural Resource & Environmental Management with a specialization in Water Resources Management, Brendon has worked on several projects including the development of a Concept Note to the Green Climate Fund for the CLEAR Water project, aimed at building climate resilience of the water sector in three (3) Caribbean countries.

In the context of disaster management, Brendon has served as a member of the CDEMA Youth Steering Committee for Comprehensive Disaster Management for the past four (4) years. During this time, he has advocated for youth involvement, education, and empowerment in environmental & disaster management at several regional conferences and forums, including the Youth Forum for the Safe School Programme held in St. Vincent & the Grenadines 2019 as a precursor to the high-level Ministerial Forum.



Adelin Pierre

Disaster Risk Reduction Focal Point for the Americas & Caribbean, UN



Haiti

Born in Haiti, Mr. Adelin Pierre holds a bachelor's degree in Environment and Spatial Planning from the Campus Henry Christophe of Limonade/UEH.

Since his early age, Mr. Pierre developed a passion for the environmental field, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and natural hazard.

Currently, he is a Disaster Risk Reduction Regional Focal Point for the Americas & Caribbean at United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth. He is also a Youth Program Coordinator at Fair World Builders.

Due to his dynamism and commitment, he has been nominated "Young Climate Ambassador" by Environment Ministry of Haiti and award in 2018 as an Outstanding person for the environmental field by Junior Chamber International.

Recently, he has been appointed as an Unleash Ambassador for Latin America and Caribbean region. He is currently working with young people in the Caribbean to come up new solution to address regional issues, such as climate change, education, gender, etc.



Priyanka Lalla

UNICEF Youth Advocate and Child Rights Ambassador, Unicef



Dominica

My name is Priyanka Lalla. I am from Trinidad and Tobago. I am a 14-year-old UNICEF Youth Advocate.

My advocacy started at age ten as I was concerned about plastic pollution in my country.

In 2018, I became a Child Rights Ambassador and continued to advocate for the environment, and I've advocated that it is our responsibility as children to protect the environment.

In my child rights advocacy, I focus on protection, education, and health including mental health.



Bernez Khodra

Senior School Safety Officer, Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development (Saint Lucia)



Saint Lucia

Mr Khodra earned a Master of Science degree in Crisis, Risk and Disaster Management, and an Associate Degree in Teacher Education and Educational Administration. He is a Certified Instructor in the areas of School Safety, Shelter Management, Resilience Education, Disaster Risk Reduction, and First Aid/CPR. Mr Khodra has been the Ministry of Education's Liaison Officer to the National Disaster Emergency Management Organization since 2009. Prior to his time as School Safety Coordinator, he taught for 16 years, and then served as an Assistant Project Manager from 2007-2012.

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Carolina Ferreira

Deputy Director, Cayman Islands Red Cross (CIRC)



Cayman Islands

Carolina Ferreira is the Deputy Director and Child Protection & Sexuality Education Programme Manager of the Cayman Islands Red Cross (CIRC). Ms. Ferreira has been with the Red Cross for 24 years, having joined as a teenage volunteer in the late 1990s, and has been a member of staff for the past 18 years. Ms. Ferreira has been a staunch advocate for youth empowerment, gender equality, sexuality education and child protection for nearly two decades. She coordinates the grassroots multi-agency child protection project “Protection Starts Here” which has been advocating for national standards for all youth serving organisations in Cayman for nearly a decade. Her work has been recognised regionally and internationally, having been a regional finalist for the Commonwealth Youth Worker Award and the recipient of an International Commendation from the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC).

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Stephen Ta'Bois

STEM Specialist, Ministry of Education
(Cayman Islands)



Cayman Islands

Stephen started as a secondary school science and computing teacher in the southwest of the UK. Then became a deputy head of science and student teacher mentor. After which he then moved to the Cayman Islands as the Head of Physics and Marine Science. In 2016 he then moved to the role of STEM Specialist in the Ministry of Education, which is a varied role including that includes Strategy and policy writing, curriculum review, creating resource and guidance materials, supporting schools and school leaders with specialist advice and guidance, developing professional development for science and technology, as well as supporting a wide range of extra-curricular STEM related projects. He also leads the science and technology coaches and computer specialist teachers across the system.

Stephen has recently been involved as a lead on the primary national curriculum review and the closing the digital divide initiative.

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Dominique Russell

District Superintendent, Abaco,
Ministry of Education (The Bahamas)



Bahamas

Dominique McCartney-Russell has been an educator for 26 years. She serves as District Superintendent in The Bahamas Ministry of Education with specific oversight for the island of Abaco and the surrounding Cays. She has a master's degree in Organizational Learning and Leadership. She has served as examinations team leader with the Evaluation and Assessment Division of the Ministry of Education and is also a former teacher trainee supervisor at the University of The Bahamas.



Dr. Catherine Day, DClinPsy, BSc (Hons), CPsych, CSAccred.(AAC)

**Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Alex
Panton Foundation / Aspire Therapeutic
Services (Cayman Islands)**



Cayman Islands

Highly specialist Consultant Clinical Psychologist with over 20 years of clinical experience, including 8 years in Cayman. British Psychological Society (BPS) Chartered Psychologist, Registered Expert Witness and member of the Institute of Psychotherapy & Disability; registered with the CI Health Practice Commission and UK Health Care Professionals Council.

Areas of expertise include:

- Neuro-developmental disorders (including intellectual disabilities and genetic syndromes, Autism Spectrum Conditions, ADHD)
- Disability and Additional Needs (including physical and mental health problems, life-limiting conditions, cognitive and educational needs)
- Trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex or Developmental PTSD
- Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) in children and young adults
- Mental Capacity Assessments, a legal report which assesses a person's capacity to understand and consent to a particular decision (whether medical, legal or financial)

- Post-natal mental wellbeing in both parents and infants, attachment issues and family adjustment Dr Day is skilled at working with individuals and families with issues including chronic pain, life-limiting conditions, and severe and multiple disabilities. She also works in an adapted way to deliver therapeutic interventions to people with disabilities and/or communication difficulties. She is passionate about advocating for those who have limited voice and power in our community.

Dr Day uses her expertise to work therapeutically and/or consult with:

- organisations such as health and educational establishments, children's homes, social services, juvenile residential facilities, adult training centres, workplaces and charity projects; to provide a space for organisations and staff groups to reflect on the job they do and the clients they support, with the aim of reducing staff stress/burnout and increasing the understanding of client needs.
- other mental health professionals in need of specialist expertise or consultation
- family systems and individuals (biological or fostered/adopted) Dr Day is trained to deliver a range of evidence-based treatments including-
 - Intensive Interaction
 - Attachment-based therapy (Theraplay© Level 2)
 - Disability Psychotherapy
 - Trauma-specific therapies including EMDR, Trauma-Focused CBT, Advanced Integrative Therapy (AIT),
 - Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS)
 - Keep Safe Harmful Sexual Behaviour Programme
 - Narrative (family /organisational systems) Therapy



Leja Burrows

Assistant Director of Education (ag),
Department of Education (Bahamas)



Bahamas

LEJA BURROWS is the Acting Assistant Director of Education with responsibility for early childhood education in the Department of Education. She is a graduate of Queen's College High School, College of the Bahamas, Concordia University and Florida International University. Mrs Burrows holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education with honours. A 29-year veteran in the field of Education starting as a Primary School Teacher in Marsh Harbour, Abaco; Senior Assistant at Delaporte Preschool, Principal of Willard Patton Preschool, Education Officer, Senior Education Officer and currently Assistant Director of Education in the Early Childhood Education Section. She is responsible for the management and supervision of Government Preschools, curriculum development and assessment, data collection, public relations and the Public Private Preschool Voucher Programme.

Mrs Burrows is an Early Childhood Trainer conducting workshops and Training Sessions for pre- service and in-service teachers. She is a part -time lecturer in the Continuing Education Section at the University of The Bahamas and an Internal Moderator for Teaching Practice. Mrs Burrows is a wife and the mother of three children, an active member of St Ambrose Anglican Church and The Special Activities Coordinator of The Bahamas Girl Guides Association. She is passionate about early childhood education and ensuring that all young children in The Bahamas have the opportunity to experience a high quality, developmentally appropriate preschool programme.



Joanna Miller- Neely

Education Officer (ag), Ministry of
Education (Bahamas)



Bahamas

Joanna Miller- Neely is a 1982 graduate of C.C. Sweeting Senior High School. Shortly after graduating, she pursued an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the College of the Bahamas. Further to this; she received certification in Educational Leadership from the College of the Bahamas. She has a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood and Family Studies from the University of the West Indies. She is presently pursuing a Master's Degree with Marconi University.

Mrs. Neely is presently employed with Ministry of Education in the Preschool Unit as Acting Education Officer. Apart from being an Education Officer she also serves as a trainer and facilitator.

Additionally; she is actively involved in the education and planning department in her church – Christian Discipleship Ministries International. She believes that “knowledge gained is useless unless it is shared with someone else.”

Her hobbies include travelling, meeting people and reading. She is the proud mother of two children Leonardo and Arianna and is married to Aaron Rollins Neely.



Herbert Klassen

Principal, Caribbean International
Academy (St Maarten)



St Maarten

I am the Principal of Caribbean International Academy and during this past School year 2020-21 we slowly opened our school to on campus learning in October 2020 and have been able to keep all classes open from grade K to 12. The strict guidelines that were provided by the Ministry of Education were implemented and adhered to by everyone on campus and this has resulted in a COVID free campus this school year.

I have been the Principal of CIA for four years and have been involved as a Teacher, Principal and Director of Schools for over 40 years in five different countries.



Dr. Aidan Tumilty

Senior Policy Advisor & Manager (Inclusion Unit), Ministry of Education (Cayman Islands)



Cayman Islands

Dr. Aidan Tumilty is the Senior Policy Advisor & Manager (Inclusion Unit)

Describing himself as excited for this opportunity, he added the following:

“I am truly passionate about the areas of SEND and Inclusion. I have worked across a myriad of schools in the UK and Cayman, in numerous special education needs roles including, a teacher, senior teacher, SENCO, Education Authority Field Officer and Deputy Principal. I have a wealth of experience, knowledge, training and skills in relation to special educational needs policy and provision. Ensuring the needs of the most vulnerable students in society are met, is always my desire. My greatest attribute is developing, implementing and reviewing policy; to best support learning, teaching and to promote improved ‘inclusion’ for individuals experiencing barriers to accessing meaningful, appropriate and balanced curriculum.”

I possess a Doctorate in Special Educational Needs & Inclusion, a Master’s Degree in Special Educational Needs & Inclusion and a Bachelor’s Degree in Special Educational Needs & Inclusion. I have over 20 years’ experience working and studying in the area of Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Inclusion.

As Senior Policy Advisor & Manager (Inclusion), I am responsible for leading on the development of national strategies and policies on behalf of persons with Additional Learning Support Needs, including SEND, or who are otherwise at risk of exclusion from educational opportunities, including those persons with disabilities from Early Years through adulthood, youth exhibiting emotional and behavioural challenges, English as Second Language (ESL) students and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). To monitor and evaluate associated policy implementation and service delivery by the Department of Education Services (DES).



Dr. Laurette Bristol

Programme Manager, Human Resource Development, CARICOM Secretariat.



Guyana

Dr. Laurette Bristol is currently serving as the Programme Manager, Human Resource Development at the CARICOM Secretariat. She has over 25 years' experience in the education arena as a practicing primary school teacher, a Teacher Educator and Tertiary Education administrator. She has worked in the Caribbean region and internationally in Australia. Her research emphasizes the historical impact of the colonial experience on classroom practices, prefiguring post-colonial educational aspirations and actions. More specifically, her international research profile crosses the fields of professional development, mentoring, leadership and school transformation.



Janice Headley

Acting Principal, Department of Education Services (Cayman Islands)



Cayman Islands

Janice Headley has been working with the youth of the Cayman Islands for over 20 years. In that time, she has worked in both residential and school settings, with all ages.

Ms. Headley holds a Bachelor of Arts in Counselling and worked as an Education Liaison Officer at Children and Youth Services, before pursuing further studies. She later earned two masters's in Education and Special Education, respectively. In addition, she is certified in International School Leadership.

Ms. Headley has been working in the field of special education, specifically at the Lighthouse School for over 10 years. She has served as a classroom teacher, Special Education Needs Coordinator, Deputy Principal and now the Acting Principal.

Ms. Headley is passionate about inclusion and believes in setting high expectations for all children with diverse needs. She is thrilled to be able to participate in the virtual conference and is looking forward to learning about other countries' education system. Ms. Headley is keen to share her experience with others.



Valerie St. Helene-Henry

Principal of Ave Maria Girls' Primary School |
President of National Principals' Association,
Ave Maria Girls' Primary School, National
Principles' Association (St. Lucia)



St. Lucia

Valerie St. Helene-Henry has been an educator for thirty-three years, seventeen years as a teacher and 16 years as a Principal. She is currently the principal of an all-girls Catholic school, The Ave Maria Girls' Primary School, which is located in the middle of the capital city of St. Lucia.

She was born in the town of Soufriere raised by the matriarch of the Jones family her grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Jones, who was a well-known schoolteacher and disciplinarian in the community. She attended the Soufriere Infant and Primary School and the Soufriere Comprehensive Secondary School. However, two of her elementary years she spent at the Ave Maria Girls' Primary School in Castries.

During her secondary school years in Soufriere, she participated in many sporting activities such as netball and athletics. She later represented Soufriere on their many netball teams at the national competition level. She captained the Soufriere team on a few occasions and led the team to victory in the Southern Games in 1988.

She began her teaching career at the Soufriere Boys' Primary

School in 1988, where she taught there for three years during which she obtained her Teaching Certificate at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in 1991. She migrated to the city of Castries to join the staff of the Rock Hall Senior Primary School 1994. After obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Accounting with the University of the West Indies in 2003, she was selected to be on the first teaching staff of the newly built Ciceron Secondary School in 2003 where she headed the Business Department and was on the Administrative team. She headed the committee, which planned and organized the grand opening of this school under the distinguished guest of His Royal Highness Prince Andrew in 2004.

Mrs. Henry is presently on her eleventh year as the principal of the Ave Maria Girls' Primary School. Prior to this, she served as Principal of the Anse La Raye R. C. Infant School for five years (2005-2010). Mrs. Henry is presently the president of the National Principals' Association and served in other capacity prior, namely, vice president, Public Relations Officer (PRO), and floor representative. She also holds a MBA in Human Resource Management with the University of Leicester.

Mrs. Henry who has this passion for self-development and has always ready to acquire other skills which enhances her role as a principal. She completed a course in Introduction to Restorative Practices Framework, Effective Use of Circles with the International Institute for Restorative Practices Canada in partnership with IMPACT Justice. She has also undergone training in Model Safe School Programme (MSSP) with special focus in assessing risks in schools and the preparation of assessment reports. She possesses certificates in Shelter Management as well as a First Aid Certificate in Standard First Aid, CPR and AED.



Allison Flax-Archer, Ph.D.

Secretary General of the British Virgin Islands
National Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO



Virgin Islands (U.K.)

Dr. Flax-Archer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education, Masters of Arts in Education with a concentration in Music and Masters of Arts in Educational Technology from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a concentration in Post-Secondary and Adult Education from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dissertation work was based on a Phenomenology of Distance Learning in the area of Education focusing on the commonality of the lived experiences of distance learners. Dr. Flax-Archer has presented training sessions for the Public Service of the Virgin Islands through the Training Division and was selected to be a part of the second cohort of the Train the Facilitator's Programme.

She is a Charter member of the Rotary Sunrise Club of Road Town where she served in several positions inclusive of President. Dr. Flax-Archer taught at secondary and tertiary levels of education for more than 10 and 20 years respectively. Presently, she is the Secretary General of the BVI National Commission for UNESCO where she is able to give back to the Virgin Islands through the UNESCO platform of Education, Science, Culture, Information and Technology.

Dr. Flax-Archer's most enjoyable moments include spending time with her Family. She is married to David D. Archer, Jr. and is the mother of Prince-David.



Natasha McGarrell-Forde

Literacy Coordinator, Asha Stevens
Hillside School (St Maarten)



Sint Maarten

Natasha McGarrell Forde is married and is the mother of two sons. She was born in Guyana, but currently resides on the island of St. Maarten for the past thirteen years.

Natasha is an Elementary school teacher who has been teaching for the past twenty-eight years, and currently holds the position of Literacy Coordinator at the Asha Stevens Hillside Christian School in St. Maarten.

She believes that written and analytical skills are not only a fundamental part of academic excellence, but are also the building blocks of critical thinking for children in school and beyond.

In addition to managing the Literacy program for the school, she is also the Safety and Emergency Chairman of the school. Natasha holds a Trained Class 1 Grade 1 Teachers' Certificate from the Cyril Potter College of Education-Guyana, a Bachelor's in Education from the University of Guyana and a Diploma in Leadership and Management from Shaw Academy.

She is an active member of the Good News Baptist Church where she serves in the Greeters' and Watch Care Ministries. Her hobbies are travelling, spending time with family and loved ones, reading and socializing. Her mission is to empower students and adults to thrive in society.



Sharmaine Patrice Sinclair

Assistant Director of Education, Planning and Research Section, Department of Education, Ministry of Education (The Bahamas)



Bahamas

August 29, 2005 ended sixteen enjoyable and extremely fulfilling years in the classroom for Sharmaine Sinclair.

She began her career in Education teaching at the Primary School level, in 1989, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a minor concentration in Special Education (teaching the Educable Mentally Handicapped). This degree was obtained from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

She spent eight years teaching at this level, then, in 1998, she furthered her training in Special Education, studying in Jamaica at The Mico College. Upon completion, she received a Diploma in Learning Disabilities.

Upon her return to The Bahamas, she was again posted at the Primary level, this time serving as Special Education Resource Room Teacher. She served in this capacity for five years.

During this period, she obtained a Master of Science Degree in Special Education-Learning Disabilities and Emotional Handicaps from the University of Miami, receiving a certificate of excellence in Curriculum Development and Planning.

On August 29th, 2005, she took up a new post as the Education Officer for Special Projects in the Department of Education.

In July of 2008, she moved into the post of Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator in the Planning Section of the Ministry of Education. During this period she received training in and certification for Monitoring and Evaluation - Development Evaluation, at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. Additionally, she participated in two short-term International Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) Courses for Caribbean technical Officers.

In September 2012, Ms. Sinclair was promoted to the post of Assistant Director in the Department of Education, responsible for the area of Monitoring and Evaluation. She presently serves, as Assistant Director of Education with responsibility for the Planning and Research Section.

Other posts of service in her community include Youth Director, and Sunday School Teacher at the Salem Union Baptist Church, a member of the Sanctuary Choir and founder of the Divine Touch Craft Association, also at that Church.

The motto she lives by and has instilled in her only child, Ricardo Jr., is "whatever one's hands find to do, do it with thy might". (Book of Ecclesiastes)

She is the proud grandmother of a beautiful granddaughter, Samaya Renee Sinclair. Her daughter-in-law, Crystal, and "Sunshine" Samaya, are her two daughters.



Benita Adderley

Educator, Ministry of Education
(The Bahamas)



Bahamas

A veteran educator of twenty years matriculated at Fort Valley State University where she obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Family & Consumer Science. Ms. Adderley also has an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts.

Her professional experiences led her to serve as a member of Johnson & Wales University North Miami campus's Bahamas Advisory Council, as the Magnet Programme Coordinator, Hospitality & Tourism Studies, Chief Examiner Food & Nutrition, Bahamas General Certificate Examination and the National School Feeding Coordinator.

Ms. Adderley is a member of the American Association of Family & Consumer Science Educators, the Association for Career & Technical Education, the Caribbean Association of Home Economist and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.



Lilach Grunfeld Yona

Global Head of Education Sector -
Moderator of Technical Session 5, IsraAID



Israel

Mrs. Grunfeld-Yona is the Head of the Education Sector at IsraAID organization currently involved in Education programs and humanitarian emergencies in countries in Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. She holds an MA in International Communication from the American University, Washington DC and BAs in Education and International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. She has a background in primary and ECE teaching from USA, and as an ESL and Teachers' Instructor in Israeli teaching colleges. Mrs. Grunfeld-Yona worked as an International Education Program Coordinator in MASHAV - Israeli Foreign Ministry, served as an ECE pedagogic consultant for the Israeli Associate of Community Centers, and as a didactic advisor for students in Teach First Israel organization. She wrote a scientific review for the Israel Academy of Sciences on addressing diversity in international Education Systems. These days she is working on her PhD dissertation on the 'Inclusion processes of South Lebanese refugees in Israel'.



Gayle Drakes

Education and Training Specialist, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)



Barbados

Ms. Gayle Drakes has worked in disaster risk management in the Caribbean for the past twelve years, at both the regional and national levels. Much of that time has been spent with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in various technical and programmatic capacities, including as Education and Training Specialist. In 2018, she joined the Barbados Department of Emergency Management as a Programme Officer.

She holds a Master of Science degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, specialising in Climate Change, from the University of the West Indies, a Master's Certificate in Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation, and Information Systems, through the University of Laval and a Certificate in Adult Learning (specializing in E-Learning) from the University of Calgary as well as certification in various key areas of disaster risk management . She is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with the U.S. based Project Management Institute.

In 2020, she returned to the CDEMA Coordinating Unit in her current role as Education and Training Specialist, on secondment from the Government of Barbados. In this position Ms. Drakes is responsible for the implementation of the CDEMA Regional Training Centre and for the overall education sector portfolio of the Agency.



Latoya Swaby-Anderson

National Programme Officer for Education,
UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean in
Kingston



Jamaica

Latoya Swaby-Anderson serves as National Programme Officer for Education at the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean in Kingston since 2018. In this capacity, she has responsibility for programme and project work with emphasis on the national and regional perspective, as well as multi-sectoral and cross-country programme activities and initiatives in the framework of the Education 2030 Agenda.

With a passion for youth empowerment and leadership development, Latoya Swaby-Anderson has almost twenty (20) years' experience in education, facilitation and human resource development, with a mandate to unearth and strengthen individual competency and expand organizational capacity. Latoya is a trained special education teacher.

Before joining UNESCO, Latoya garnered significant experience in programme design and execution, leadership development, as well as the management of programmes and projects of national and regional significance, through her work engagement at the Management Institute for National Development (MIND). Of note, was the management of Government of Jamaica's (GoJs) Public Sector Senior Leadership Development Programme (PSSLDP) in 2017.

Prior to this, she was engaged in earlier assignments with unattached and underserved youths, as Deputy Director for Community Services at the National Youth Service (NYS). Latoya is a trained Special Educator, whose strongly believes that quality and inclusive education should not be a privilege, but a human right - tailored to include and enrich all learners.

Latoya holds a Master's Degree in Workforce Education and Development, a Bachelor Degree in Human Resource Management, and is also an alumni of the Caribbean Leadership Project's (CLP) Community of Practice.



Isaac Solomon

Vice President of Operations, Caribbean Development Bank



Jamaica

Mr. Isaac Solomon is the Vice-President (Operations) at the Caribbean Development Bank. In that position, he provides leadership and direction to the Economics and Projects Departments and the Corporate Strategy Division. In addition, he spearheads the Bank's engagement with its borrowing members and development partners.

Prior to joining CDB, Mr. Solomon was Managing Director for the Eastern Caribbean at RBC Royal Bank. He has also served in senior positions with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank and the Government of St Vincent & the Grenadines. He has held directorships on the boards of various institutions across the Region, including regional airline LIAT and the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL).

He has a long history of community involvement and served as District Governor for District 60B (Jamaica – Grenada) in 2014/15 for the International Association of Lions Clubs.

In his more recent roles, he has provided strong leadership and support to multi-jurisdictional and multi-functional teams.

Mr. Solomon holds a MSc. degree in Financial Management from the University of London's Centre for International Education

in Economics and a BSc. (Hons.) degree from the University of the West Indies in Management. He also holds a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification.

He is passionate about Caribbean development in all of its dimensions.



Saskia Carusi

Oficial de asuntos externos / External relations officer, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean.



Panamá

Saskia Carusi is graduated in social anthropology from the University of Sussex and in integral risk management from the University of San Pablo Guatemala; she has a Master degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social studies of The Hague with a specialization in local and regional development.

She is currently External Relation Officer for the United Nation Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, regional office for the Americas and the Caribbean based in Panama, and is the focal point for communication, fundraising, and safe schools providing technical assistance partners on the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Her previous professional experience has mainly been with International NGOS such as Oxfam and Cooperazione Internazionale, with 20 years of experience managing projects and programs in risk reduction, humanitarian response, and local development in Latin America and North Africa. Saskia has worked closely with local and national governments, supporting capacity building and planning processes.



Cynthia M. Hobbs

Lead Education Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)



Washington, DC

Ms. Hobbs is a Lead Education Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). She is the Education Division's Caribbean Focal Point and has worked since 2000 with Ministries of Education across the Caribbean, managing studies and projects in Education Management Information Systems and sector administration, education policy reform for early childhood, primary and secondary education, and youth development. Ms. Hobbs holds a Master's in International Education from Harvard University and has published several articles and books on education issues.



Dr. João Pedro Azevedo

Lead Economist, Education, World Bank

João Pedro Azevedo is a Lead Economist, EdTech Fellow and Education Statistics Coordinator from the World Bank Education Global Practice. He currently works on projects related the measurement and operationalization of World Bank Human Capital Project and the World Bank Learning Target, and on the scale up of population measures of educational outcomes. Previously, Joao Pedro was a Lead Economist and Global Lead at the World Bank Poverty and Equity Global Practice where he co-led the Global Solution Group on Welfare Measurement and Statistical Capacity for Results as well as the Data for Goals agenda. In the past ten years Joao Pedro has led country work in Croatia, Bulgaria, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Colombia, Brazil and the Dominican Republic and helped create and lead global public efforts such as the Global Team for Statistical Development, as well as Europe and Central Asia and Latin American & Caribbean Teams for Statistical Development, as well as LAC Monitoring and Evaluation Network.

Before joining the Bank, João Pedro served as the superintendent of Monitoring and Evaluation at the Secretary of Finance for the State of Rio de Janeiro, as well as a research fellow at the Institute of Applied Economic Research from the Brazilian Ministry of Planning (IPEA). While at IPEA, Joao Pedro led the design, implementation and dissemination of the Monitoring and Evaluation systems for the Brazilian Adult Literacy program “Brazil Alfabetizado” from the Secretary of Adult Education at the Ministry of Education. Also while

in Brazil, Joao Pedro often worked with private sector foundations, such as Fundação Roberto Marinho and the Instituto Itaú-Unibanco on the design and evaluation of educational programs. He is a former chairman of the Latin American & Caribbean Network on Inequality and Poverty and holds a PhD in Economics.



Dr. Kamal Ahmed

International Consultant on Disaster Risk Financing, UNDRR



Pakistan

Dr. Kamal Ahmed is an international consultant on economic returns of school safety investments with the UNDRR's ROAMC. Dr. Ahmed holds a PhD degree in Risk and Emergency Management with focus on fiscal resilience and economics of disaster risk reduction from Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pavia, Italy. Dr. Ahmed is also advising sovereign and sub-sovereign governments on risk transfer and financing as the Head of Disaster Risk Financing Unit at the National Disaster Risk Management Fund, Pakistan.



Dr. Kerry-Ann Thompson

Consultant, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)



Jamaica

Geographer by training, holds a doctorate in geomatics from the University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago), and is a licensed Project Management Professional. Ten years of experience in leading and advising on international projects for education sector resilience, adaptation to climate change, reduction of natural risks, and application of GIS solutions, carried out in thirteen overseas countries and territories of the English-speaking, French-speaking, and Dutch-speaking Caribbean. She pursues her research and professional projects by seeking to perfect the application of geostatistical methods to support decision-making in the fields of human vulnerability to disaster risk, crime reduction, and the development of sustainable enterprises.