



Speakers session 4: Financing The Transition

- **Moderator: Ms. Racquel Moses, Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator**

Racquel has enabled leadership and organizations around the world to go beyond their current vision and stay on the cusp of what's next.

As the newest UN Global Ambassador in the Race to Zero, Racquel has become a critical advisor for: driving the shift to digital; process automation, and implementing key turnaround projects that heighten customer engagement and strengthen organizational performance.

Known for her ability to build coalitions, Racquel's success in the public and private sectors has allowed her to drive important advancements on world-changing topics that require regional consensus, such as climate change, sustainability and building resilience.

- **Ms. Alicia Taylor, Investment Management Lead Officer, in the Infrastructure and Energy division at IDB Invest**

Alicia Taylor is an Investment Management Lead Officer, in the Infrastructure and Energy division at IDB Invest, managing sustainable development financing projects throughout the Caribbean.

Before joining the IDB Group, she was a Consulting Partner providing Financial Advisory and Strategic Planning services. Preceding this, she was Head of Scotiabank & Merchant Bank Limited. In her extensive banking career, she has leveraged her regional and international training and experience.

Alicia earned an International MBA from UWI/Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business.

- **Ms. Donna Wellington, Managing Director, Barbados and Eastern Caribbean | CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank, Barbados Bankers Association**

She joined CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank in 2005, after working 15 years in the financial services industry at Sagitor, EY Caribbean and PwC in Barbados. In June 2013, she was appointed to her current role as Managing Director.

In this position, Donna has responsibility for revenue generation and regulatory affairs across all key segments of the banking operations of the Barbados Operating Company in seven countries (Barbados and six countries in the OECS). Donna's current passion is the digital transformation agenda as well as renewable energy and corporate lending for climate sustainability, areas requiring urgent focus for countries the Barbados Operating company and wider bank.

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Donna is the current past President of the Bankers' Association a post held for just about 5 years.

A seasoned corporate banker, Donna also has a strong accounting background with a BSc in Accounting from the University of the West Indies. She is a member of the Certified Professional Accountants Association of Canada (CPA) and holds a Masters Certificate in Financial Leadership from Schulich Business School, University of York.

- **Lt. Col. Trevor Browne, President, Barbados Sustainable Energy Cooperative Society Ltd.**

Lt Col Trevor T Browne is a retired professional electrical engineer with nearly 40 years in the electric utility. In the co-operative movement he was the founding president of Reddy Kilowatt Co-op, Light & Power Employees Credit Union, and Co-operators General Insurance Co Ltd. He also served as president of the League. Browne was a senior officer of the Barbados Defence Force - retiring at the rank of Lt Col. He also served as Commandant of the Barbados Cadet Corps from 2004 to 2014. In sport he was president of the Barbados Table Tennis Association, the Caribbean Table Tennis Federation and the Barbados Orienteering Federation. Vice president of the Latin American Table Tennis Union, and director of the Barbados Olympic Association from 2004 to 2016. Browne also holds a master's degree in management from the University of Lyon, France. He has been awarded the Barbados Silver Crown of Merit (SCM) and the Caribbean Cadet Medal (CCM) for his work with Caribbean youth. Lt Col Browne is currently president of the Barbados Association of Professional Engineers, Chairman of the Council of Caribbean Engineering Organisations, President of the Barbados Sustainable Energy Cooperative Society Ltd.

- **Mr. Curtis Lowe, Manager of Credit Unions, Financial Services Commission**

Mr Curtis Lowe is the Manager of Credit Unions of the Financial Services Commission. Mr. Lowe is an experienced regulator with over Twenty (20) years' experience. Mr Lowe a graduate of the University of the West Indies, was appointed Manager Credit Unions at the Financial Services Commission in 2013. His role involves inter alia;

- Responsibility for the Commission's credit union supervisory framework,
- Management and supervision of technical staff,
- Formulating policy, regulations and legislative recommendations for the overall system of prudent regulation of the relevant entities, and
- Assisting the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in administering comprehensive programs to assess risk associated with the activities of regulated entities.

Mr Lowe brings a wealth of regulatory experience to the Financial Services Commission.

- **Mr. Ferdinand Straughn, Investment Manager, Enterprise Growth Fund Limited**

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Ferdinand Straughn –is the Investment Manager at Enterprise Growth Fund Limited, a public/private Fund Manager. Mr. Straughn is primarily responsible for overseeing the assessment of loan and investment applications before submission to various Committees and the Board of Directors for consideration. He has approximately 20 years of experience in providing funding to SMEs across various sectors, including almost ten years of financing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects through the Energy Smart Fund and other funding windows managed by Enterprise Growth Fund Limited.

- **Mrs. Neranda Maurice-George, Division of Country Programming, Green Climate Fund**

Mrs. Neranda Maurice-George is a Saint Lucian national with seventeen years of experience in the field of Sustainable Development. She has worked with the Government of Saint Lucia; the Caribbean Development Bank; and served on various Regional bodies and high-level working groups. Her professional background includes policy and programme management in Climate Change, Sustainable Energy, Environmental Management, and the UN- Sustainable Development agenda with an emphasis on SIDS. Mrs. Maurice- George has also served as a Climate Change Negotiator on issues of Climate Finance, UNFCCC Reporting and Climate Change Mitigation. She is also an active member of the UNFCCC Roster of Experts for the review of communications to the UNFCCC. Mrs. Maurice-George has been serving as the Regional Consultant for the Caribbean to the Green Climate Fund since 2017 and holds a BSc. in Management Studies and Economics (2004), from the University of the West Indies (St. Augustine Campus) and a Masters Degree in Economic Development Policy (2010) from the West Indies (Mona Campus). The Frankfurt School of Finance and Management also certified her, as an Expert in Climate Adaptation Finance in 2018.