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The ANSA Caribbean Awards Movie At the Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival

The ANSA Caribbean Awards' first film, *Sun, Sea and Science: Trinidad After Oil*, premiered at the Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival on September 22.

The film looked at the situation in Trinidad & Tobago of declining oil production and the imminent end of the petroleum economy and proposed a solution in the work of three scientists who are also laureates.

The scientists were microbiologist, Dr Adesh Ramsubhag (2018), computer scientist and mathematician, Prof Patrick Hosein (2015) and medical doctor and medical researcher, Prof Paul Teelucksingh (2011).

The film featured interviews with economists, scientists and entrepreneurs, and various other political and energy industry people to derive a complete picture of the state of the Trinidad & Tobago economy and its needs and assets.

What emerged was the need for transformation or diversification of an economy which has been dependent on oil for its entire post-independence life. Rather than focusing on local solutions, the Trinidad & Tobago governments have traditionally sought development via foreign investment and transfer of technology. The work of the three laureates, however, was shown to provide viable alternatives to importing technology and expertise.

Dr Ramsubhag spoke of untapped biological



resources which have applications and commercial potential in areas like medicine, agriculture and environmental remediation. His own research, he said, has yielded one product which is being patented and ongoing research is looking at many others.

Prof Hosein spoke of the possibilities of local computer scientists creating innovative products in the field of data analytics, or Artificial Intelligence, as it is more popularly known. His research group, TTLab, is currently engaged in a programme of research and publication which is producing solutions for local industry, and society.

Prof Teelucksingh's research is focused on another, but equally important kind of wealth: human capital. He looks at the rising incidence of non-communicable diseases, like diabetes in children, and creates treatment and preventa-

tive protocols which allow children to become healthier, more productive adults who are capable of fulfilling developmental goals.

The film was written and directed by communications consultant, Raymond Ramcharitar. In the aftermath of the film festival, the programme office is seeking to disseminate it to schools and other institutions across the region. The poster and a link to the trailer are available on the homepage of our website. www.ansacaribbeanawards.com.

New Committee Chairs

Dr Jeannine Comma — **Barbados** is the former Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Sagikor Cave Hill School of Business and Management. Under her direction, the school grew to become the centre of excellence for Caribbean knowledge at the forefront of higher education in business. Dr Comma's long list of outstanding achievements includes this turnaround of the business school to ensure programme relevance, financial sustainability and growth. Dr Comma's leadership has successfully equipped over 2,000 regional managers and executives with the knowledge and tools necessary to achieve their professional goals.

She is a graduate of the George Washington University in Washington D.C. and of the University of the Virgin Islands. Her academic background paired with wide-ranging experience in both the



private and public sectors has made her into an expert in Organisational Development, Strategic Planning, Project Management, Quality Management and Corporate Governance

Dr Comma's extensive experience and practical insights have led her to be selected for the Board of Directors of several prominent organisations in Barbados: Sagikor Financial Corporation, Sagikor Life Inc., The National Initiative for Service Excellence, the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc., and the Barbados Entrepreneurship Foundation. Dr Comma is an Executive, an Academic, a Consultant and a Leadership Development Expert. She is a Certified Executive Coach, a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner and an Emotional Intelligence facilitator. She has also lectured at universities in North America and the Caribbean.

Mr Morin Seymour — **Jamaica**, is former Executive Director of Kingston Restoration Company Limited and a director of the Kingston Restoration Foundation, Mona Services Company, UWI Mona.

He is also a member of other boards including PALS Jamaica Ltd. He is chairman of the Central Branch All Age School, the Rector's Warden of the Kingston parish Church and a past chairman of the



Jamaican American Friendship Association.

His many honours include the designation of Fellow of the Life Management Institute from LOMA, USA; being designated an Eisenhower Fellow from Harvard University in 1995; he received the Governor General's Award for Surrey, Jamaica in 2005, and in 2011, he was conferred with the Commander of the order of Distinction in the Jamaican honours list.

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Mrs Helen Drayton — Trinidad & Tobago

is a former Senator, corporate executive and educator. She entered the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago in 2007 as an Independent Senator, and served for eight years. She is an adjunct lecturer with the University of the West Indies (UWI) Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business and lectures in Business Communication, Networking and Corporate Ethics.

Mrs. Drayton has over 40 years of service with private and public sector service organizations and holds an Executive Masters Degree in Business Admin-



istration (EMBA) from the University of the West Indies Institute of Business, a Diploma in Bank Marketing from the University of Colorado, Boulder, USA, and several professional certificates.

She served on the Board of RBTT Bank Limited, RBTT Trust Services and other companies in the RBTT Group. She

was President of the Royal Bank Institute of Business and Technology (ROYTEC) and Chairman of the Royal Bank Education Foundation. She has also served on the Trinidad & Tobago country nominating committee.

Mr Al Creighton — Guyana is the Dean

of Faculty of Humanities and Education at the University of Guyana; Director, Confucius Institute, University of Guyana; Associate Fellow of the University of Warwick; Secretary, the Guyana Prize Director of the National School of Theatre Arts and Drama in Guyana.

Mr Creighton is an academic, has carried out extensive research and has publications in books and academic journals; is a playwright, poet, theatre director, and literary



critic. Additionally, he is also the external Examiner for MA, M Phil and PhD degrees for the UWI, Cave Hill, and St. Augustine; and a member of the UWI Council, St. Augustine. He has been an ACU Fellow in the Centre for Caribbean Studies, University of Warwick, UK; Visiting Senior Lecturer at UWI, Cave Hill, ACU Fellow, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He is also an athlete, a track and field champion and First Division hockey captain.



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Jamaica — Dr. Kimberly Anne Robinson-Walcott is an academic and critic with a distinguished career as a teacher, researcher, and publishing executive. She has been involved in Jamaican and regional literary activities. These have included academic conferences and service as a judge in several literary, journalistic, and creative writing institutions like Bocas Literary Festival, The Caribbean Writer, the Jamaica Press Association and the Jamaica Schools of Dance and Art among others.

Dr Robinson-Walcott has been editor of the journal, *Caribbean Quarterly*, since 2010. She is credited with reviving and revamping the journal. Previously, she was an editor of books and special publications at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona. Before entering academic publishing she was editorial director of Kingston Publishers in Jamaica (1981–86, 1991–98) where she spearheaded the

company's venture into the publication of Jamaican fiction and children's books. She is also the editor of *Jamaica Journal*, an academic/general-interest publication of the Institute of Jamaica whose mandate is the promotion of the country's culture and science.

Dr Robinson-Walcott has also published creative, critical, and scholarly works, in Jamaica and internationally. She was a Jamaica Independence scholar (1974), she holds a BA in English from McGill University (1977, graduating with distinction), a MPhil in Town Planning University College London (1979) and a PhD in English from UWI, Mona (2001). She won the Western Union Sir Frank Worrell Graduate Scholarship for merit in 1997.



Jamaica — Minna Israel A former banker with over thirty years of corporate, commercial and retail banking experience, Ms Israel was appointed Distinguished Business Fellow at the

UWI, Mona School of Business (MSB) effective March, 2012.

Prior to her appointment at the MSB, Ms Israel was the President & Country Head of RBC Royal Bank Jamaica/RBTT Bank Jamaica for 4 years. In January 2003, she was appointed the first female Country Head in Scotiabank and spent 3 years as Managing Director of Scotiabank (Bahamas) Limited, leading approximately 700 employees to achieve outstanding results. Previously, she held the position of Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO of The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited.

Her performance and contribution to the wider society has made her the recipient of a number of local, regional and international awards; the latest being the UWI Hon-

orary Doctor of Laws degree, in November, 2012.

She is a member of the UWI Vice Chancellor Award Selection Committee; the United Way Women's Leadership Initiative; Rotary Club of St. Andrew, Chairperson of the Mona School of Business, UWI; and Vice President, International Women Forum (Jamaica).

Ms Israel holds a Masters of Business Administration in Finance and General Management from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, Canada; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Studies from the University of the West Indies, and a Diploma in Business Administration specializing in Banking from the University of Technology. In 2002, Minna also completed the Executive Program at University of Michigan Business School.

Ms Israel is the immediate past-president of the Jamaica Bankers' Association, having served for the period 2009 to 2011. She was the first female to be elected president since its incorporation.

New Committee Members

Jamaica — Prof Ishenkumba Kahwa is a renowned chemist for the work he has done on the behaviour of rare earths and other heavy elements in aggregated conditions as well as the handling and disposal of hazardous materials, especially asbestos. He hails from a small village, Bukura, Rwanyango (Tanzania).

Professor Kahwa holds the Bachelor of Science (Ed) (Hons) and the Master of Science (MSc Inorganic Chemistry) from the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and a PhD (Inorganic Chemistry) from Louisiana State University (USA).

Since joining The UWI, Mona Campus, Jamaica in 1987, Professor Kahwa has established a research programme focused on how charged species (ions) derived from rare earth and other metal atoms interact. He set up a laser laboratory to do this work at The UWI Mona, resulting in the production of over 60 refereed publications, 13 Ph D and 4 M.Phil. graduates.

He has received several awards for his

work including: CARICOM Science Award (2011), Gleaner Award for Science and Technology (2003), Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Public Services (2004) named a Fellow of the Caribbean Academy of Sciences and served on several boards outside UWI.

Other awards include: Jamaican Order of Distinction Commander Class; he is a Fellow of the World Academy of Sciences, TWAS, (formerly, the Third World Academy of Sciences) and a member of the American Chemical Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

He is the Board Chairman of the Hazardous Substances Regulatory (HSRA) (Jamaica Government); Board Vice-Chairman, International Centre for Environmental and Nuclear Substances (ICENS); Board Member Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation (JANAAC) and serves as Chief Judge for the National Innovation Awards (Jamaica).



Jamaica — Mr Milton J Samuda is the Managing Partner of the law firm Samuda and Johnson and heads the firm's Commercial, International Trade & Finance Department. His practice includes Tourism, Corporate and Hotel Financing; Trade and Transportation; Mining and Energy and Maritime Law. He has represented international and local financiers in major lendings for a variety of hotel and other projects and has acted for significant local and

international hotel interests.

In 2009, Mr Samuda was appointed a resource person to the Jamaica Tourist Board.

In his corporate practice, Mr Samuda has acted in major divestments, public offers and private placements. He is one of the few attorneys in Jamaica with a practice in Mining and Energy and he represents major international and local players in that sector.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree with honours from the University of the West Indies and was admitted to practice in Jamaica in 1982 having completed studies at the Norman Manley Law School where he obtained the Certificate of Legal Education.



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Barbados — Ms Fiona Jennifer Hinds, QC has been practicing law in Barbados for the last twenty-four years having been called to the Barbados Bar on the 1st day of October 1993. During the past 24 years she has practiced both all aspects of civil and family litigation together with intellectual property law; conveyancing; mortgaging, company law, real property and estates.

Ms Hinds is a graduate of the Faculty of Law, the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus, where in 1991 she was awarded the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree with Upper Second Class Honours. While at the University, she was the recipient of a University of the West Indies Bursary based on academic merit during her undergraduate studies. In 1991 Ms Hinds entered the Norman Manley Law School where she successfully pursued the Legal Education Certificate of the Council of Legal Educa-

tion, culminating in her being awarded the LEC in 1993.

As an Intellectual Property expert in the region, Ms Hinds' professional



memberships include her being a member of the Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property Law to the Government of Barbados, a member of the Working Group on Bio-Diversity – Ministry of the Environment and Drainage with special responsibility for advising on the Nagoya Protocol on issues dealing with biological diversity and access and benefit sharing by Barbados to genetic resources.

Roseanne Myers — Barbados, is General Manager of Atlantis Submarines Barbados, a subsidiary of Atlantis Submarines International, which operates under water tours in the Caribbean and in the Pacific. She has 37 years of senior management experience in the manufacturing and tourism sectors, and holds a Bachelor of Science honours degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry and is an alumnus of the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill and Mona Campuses). She also holds a Master of Science in Tourism and Hospitality with distinction.

Mrs. Myers was the Quality Assurance Manager for Intel Barbados Limited, a subsidiary of the Silicon Valley based Intel Corporation, before joining the startup team of Atlantis Submarines in 1986 as Marketing manager. She moved through the ranks in General Manager of Atlantis Submarines in



1994 and still holds that position today. She has served as director on the boards of several major public and private sector tourism institutions including Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association (B.H.T.A), Barbados Port Inc. (B.P.I), the Tourism Development Corporation (T.D.C), the Barbados Tourism Authority (B.T.A), and was the Chair of the B.T.A's National Tourism Marketing Committee for several years. She also served on board of the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and on the council of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry and up to 2013 was the Deputy Chairman of the board of Kensington Oval Management Inc. In June 2016 she was elected as the Chairman of the B.H.T.A and is the first Direct Tourism Services member and therefore non hotelier to head the organization's board. In that role she sat as their representative on the B.T.M.I board.



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OECS — Dr Lennox Honychurch of Dominica is the ANSA Caribbean Awards Laureate in Public & Civic Contributions for 2011. A regionally respected anthropologist, historian, and con-

servationist, Dr Honychurch has served his island in a variety of ways: in its Parliament, as an educator, a broadcaster, an activist for the preservation of its natural and built heritage (as in his restoration of the Fort Cabrits historical site). He is best known regionally, however, as an educational author of the series of books *The Caribbean People*, which is used in high schools throughout the region.

He was born in Dominica, and was able, despite not having an undergraduate degree, to win Cheevering and Common-

wealth scholarships to Oxford University where he read Anthropology and Museum Studies to the Master's and doctoral levels. He has worked as an academic, lecturing as an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of the West Indies, and as an archaeologist and a museum designer.

His literary interests include the work of Jean Rhys, who was born in Dominica. He was instrumental in organizing the first conference on Rhys in 2004. He is an expert in the First Peoples of the Caribbean in his home country Dominica and across the region, and has done seminal work, and collected a prodigious amount of archival research on the Amerindian- African contact. In addition to all this, he is also a poet and painter in his own right.

Dr Hnychurch has also published several important works of history, including one on the First Peoples of Dominica.

Trinidad & Tobago — Prof Patricia Mohammed, Professor of Gender and Cultural Studies, at UWI, St Augustine, assumed the position of first Director of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus in October 2017. She has made a distinctive contribution in administration, policy and development initiatives to the regional UWI graduate studies and research enterprise over the last decade.

She served first as the Deputy Dean, Graduate Studies and Research of the Faculty of Social Sciences, St Augustine between 2004 to 2007. She was appointed Campus Coordinator, Graduate Studies and Research until 2012, and was recalled to serve in this position from 2015. In 2010 she produced and co-directed the first historical documentary of the UWI St Augustine campus "An Oasis of Ideas, Learning and Leadership: UWI St Augustine at 50" and edited *Decades of Research: UWI St. Augustine at 50: Fifty and Forging Ahead 1960-2010*, commissioned by the Office of the Campus Principal. Both film and publication were

reprinted in 2015 with *Advancing Knowledge Impacting Lives*, comprising a series of 8 short documentary films on faculty and student research at the UWI St. Augustine

and updating of Faculty and Professorial research initiatives of UWI St Augustine at 55 <http://sta.uwi.edu/researchinnovation/>

She is a leading Caribbean scholar and pioneer in the development of tertiary level education in the field of Gender and Development Studies at the University of the West Indies. She was Director of the Inaugural Regional Seminar, Women and Development Studies at UWI in 1986 and was subsequently appointed by the Women and Development Studies Project to serve as the First Regional Director for disciplinary and interdisciplinary seminars from 1987 to 1989, working on all three campuses of the UWI during this time under Dr Lucille Mathurin Mair, Coordinator of the Women and Development Studies Programme.



New Committee Members



Trinidad & Tobago — Prof Surujpal Teelucksingh is the 2011 ANSA Caribbean Awards for Excellence Laureate in Science and Technology. A medical doctor and researcher at the

University of the West Indies, Mt Hope, Prof Teelucksingh is one of the leading figures in Chronic Non-Communicable Disease (NCDs).

He has had a distinguished career as academic, clinician and researcher.

Prof Teelucksingh has also been instrumental in the growth and evolution of the Medical School at Mt Hope in Trinidad. He pioneered and developed the paediatric endocrine service and strengthened a supra-regional adult endocrine clinic in the School of Medicine at Mt Hope. He has been

highly praised for his ability to attract private sector funds for research purposes, and his focus on the social dimension of disease. In addition to his clinical and scientific work, Prof Teelucksingh is also concerned with training better doctors. He developed and introduced OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) as the concluding examination method at the UWI's Faculty of Medical Sciences.

Prof Teelucksingh's work has been widely recognized. He has published in various medical journals including the very prestigious *The Lancet*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Clinical Science*, *Caribbean Medical Journal*, *West Indian Medical Journal*, and *Caribbean Health* among others. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in the UK, and presently serves on the Medical Board of Trinidad & Tobago. Prof Teelucksingh has also served as the University's Public Orator.

OECS — Mr Colin O'Neal is the Chief Executive Officer of JOMA (Properties) Ltd. He is a graduate of Boston University (Political Science) and the University of the West Indies (Law), and the Norman Manley Law School at the University of the West Indies. He founded the O'Neal Webster law firm and practiced commercial law for nearly twenty years with experience in a wide range of transactional work and representation of public corporations.

Besides his legal practice, Mr O'Neal has a long standing and continuing involvement in public service. He is the immediate past Deputy Chairman of the Financial Services Commission of the British Virgin Islands which is the regulatory body governing service providers in financial services in the British Virgin Islands. Among other positions he has held are:



- Chairman of the Public Service Commission,
- Judicial and Legal Services Commission
- Adjunct Lecturer in Business Law at the BVI Community College
- President of the BVI Bar Association.
- Chairman of the Recreation Trust of the British Virgin Islands.

- Member of the Public Service Development Commission established to reform the civil service in the BVI.

- Member of the Fiscal Advisory Committee of the Government of the British Virgin Islands.

- Past Director of the BVI Hotel & Commerce Association and member of the Canons and Constitutions Committee of the Episcopal Church

Diocese of the British Virgin Islands and United States Virgin Islands.

He is also a member of the BVI Bar Association, and an associate member of the American Bar Association.

Our 2018 Annual Lecture at Cave Hill on November 15



Prof Suresh Narine of Guyana, our 2015 Laureate in Science and Technology, will deliver our 2018 annual lecture in conjunction with the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, in Barbados on November 15, at 6.30 pm.

The lecture is titled: “Why Science and Technology are crucial fulcrums for Caribbean development.”

Prof Narine is a distinguished scientist who is Director of the Trent University (Canada) Centre for Biomaterials Research, and also Director of the Guyana Institute of Applied Science and Technology (IAST).

The IAST, which Prof Narine was a principal in rehabilitating, contributes to the Guyanese economy in areas as diverse as food production, personal care pharmaceuticals, and alternative fuels. He also oversees and directs research and production projects in the Far East.

This lecture marks a resumption of the ANSA Caribbean Awards’ collaboration with the University of the West Indies, who have co-hosted several events with us in Trinidad and Tobago. The lecture will be livestreamed through our website.