



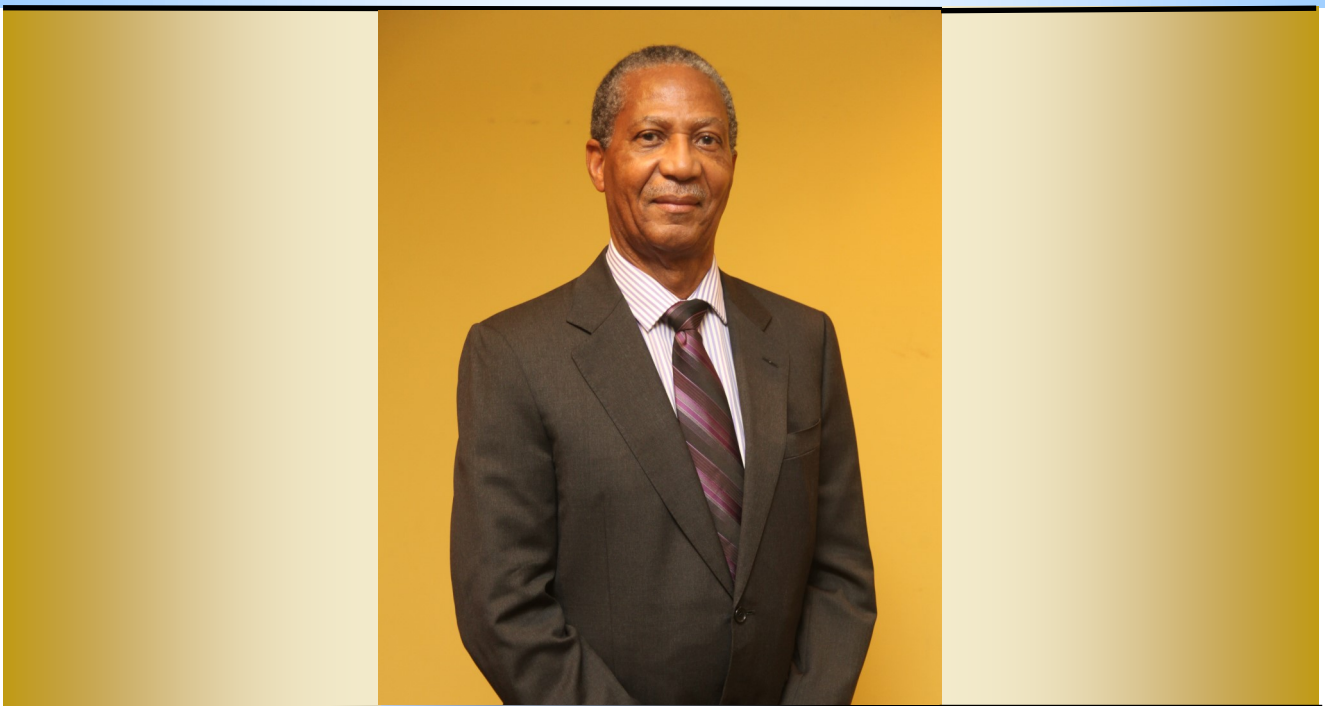
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Prof Compton Bourne is our EPP Chairman-designate



We are pleased to announce that our new Chairman-designate of the Regional Eminent Persons Panel is Prof Compton Bourne. He will replace Sir Shridath Ramphal, who will resign from the position this year after holding it from 2015, after the death of Mr Michael Mansoor, who went to the post after the death of Sir Ellis Clarke, our first Chairman.

Prof Bourne is a distinguished Caribbean scholar and technocrat. Among the many positions he has held are former Chairman of the Caribbean Development Bank, and Principal of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus.

An economist by training, Prof Bourne has contributed (written or edited) ten books, fifty peer-reviewed academic papers, and numerous research and policy reports for regional and extra-regional governments over a long and distinguished career. A Guyanese, he is also a member of the Order of Excellence (OE) that nation's highest honour. He joined the Eminent Persons Panel in 2011.

As we welcome Prof Bourne, we also express our heartfelt thanks to Sir Shridath Ramphal, a most distinguished Caribbean diplomat and statesman, for his contributions to the Caribbean Awards.

2021 Ceremonies across the region

As our economies and societies begin to emerge from the lockdowns and travel restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic, we at the Caribbean Awards have decided that the safest course to honour our 2021 Laureates is to repeat our 2020 strategy of staging small ceremonies in each island.

This means scaled-down events in Jamaica, which island has given us three laureates, St Vincent, one, and Trinidad and



Tobago, two.

The events are scheduled to take place in October, but as of now, the dates remain fluid, for obvious reasons. We will, of course, be streaming the ceremonies as they occur, and as we did last year, we will produce a half-hour made-for-television programme on the 2021 laureates.

As our lives return slowly to normal, we hope to welcome all our laureates to Trinidad, or another territory, in 2022.

Nominations are closed

Our advertising campaign has yielded a record number of nominations from all territories this year, and we have closed nominations for 2022. The country committees now begin the process of sifting through the nominations to select their finalists for presentation to the Eminent Persons Panel later this year.

Mustard Seed opens a new centre in Kingston

The Mustard Seed Community, formed by our first Public & Civic Contributions Laureate, Monsignor Gregory Ramkissoon (2006) from Jamaica, has been celebrated over the years for its invaluable work in caring for the vulnerable in Jamaica, Latin America and Africa.

Most recently the MSC has opened a Care Plus Centre at Jerusalem (Kingston). The centre was opened with the support of the Digicel Foundation of Jamaica, and it is a multipurpose facility which presents its users with a computer room, garden, and recreation area. It is the second such facility donated by the Digicel Foundation.

