Presenters' Short CVs

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Hon. Melford Nicholas: Minister for Information, Broadcasting Telecommunications and Information Technology

Hon. Melford Nicholas is the Minister responsible for Information, Broadcasting Telecommunications and Information Technology in the Antigua & Barbuda Government. Hon. Melford Nicholas has led a successful and distinguished career in the Private Sector. He spent approximately 25 years in the Telecommunications Industry and amassed a wealth of experience in industrial relations and various business disciplines. He last held the position of Chief Operation Officer at Cable & Wireless Antigua Business Unit and Vice President of Sales and Business Development for the OECS Territory.

Shiva Bissessar B.Sc. (Hons.) MBA M.Sc.:

Shiva is presently Managing & Technical Director PINAKA Technology Solutions. He worked at senior levels with Telecommunications Services of Trinidad & Tobago (TSTT) from 2008-2012. Shiva has been an ICT & Information Security (ISec) practitioner with 17 years industry experience. Five (5) years spent in Senior Professional roles managing consultants, vendors and internal resources on major system integration and deployment programmes in fields of IT, ISec Telecommunications, Entertainment, Broadcast and Wireless.

His skillset includes: Programme Management, Telecommunications, Vendor Management, Digital Television, Financial Cryptography, Information Security, Negotiations, System Integration, ICT & ISec Governance, Crypto-Currencies, Policy Development and Business Development.

Shiva is a Trinidadian national and holds B.Sc. Upper Second (Hons.) Computing & Information Systems from University of London, Goldsmid College, International MBA from University of West Indies, Lok Jack Graduate School of Business and a M.Sc. Information Security from University College London, UK.

Khafra Murray CISA, PGCERT, BSC

Khafra is an Information Security Professional with over 9 years of experience in transforming organizational strategy and objectives into programmes and activities geared towards protecting information and related assets.

Between 2007 to the present he has been Business Analyst – Information Security, National ICT Centre and now Professional – Security & assurance, national ICT Company ltd. He has been an Undergraduate Tutor – Management Information Systems I – University of the West Indies (2005-2012) and Internal Auditor / IT Auditor - Corporate Oversight Team, CL Financial Group Limited (2005-2007).
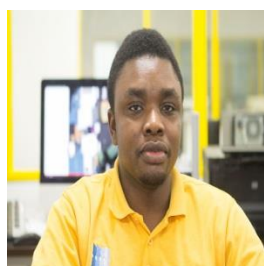
Khafra is a Trinidadian National and holds BSc in Management Studies (Minors in Finance and Management Information Systems) from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Postgraduate Certificate in Information Systems Management from the University of Greenwich, UK with certification and training in Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and ISACA Information Security and Risk Management Conference.

Sylvester J. Cadette: ITU Programme Officer, Caribbean Office BDT/AMS/AO;

Sylvester is the Programme Officer appointed to the ITU Area Office based in Bridgetown Barbados from 1st March, 2013. He is also ITU's Focal Point for ICT Indicators in the Americas. He, inter alia, coordinates, monitors, implements, give support to and conducts Programme, project and product evaluations and monitors advancements in the field of Telecoms & ICT.

Prior to the ITU Sylvester served as Director of Telecommunications and Advisor to the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica for fifteen (15) years and helped shape Dominica's domestic and regional Telecommunications policy at senior policy levels both nationally and regionally. He was also a member of the five-member Project Implementation Committee (PIC) in the World Bank funded OECS Telecoms Reform Project and was one of the key contributors to the formulation of the unique ECTEL/NTRC regulatory structure. As Impress Administrator in the EU funded SFA 2005 ICT Development Programme he oversaw the implementation of ICT Policy and E-Business Strategy Development & Awareness and Leadership Development; Legislative and regulatory framework; Capacity-Building, Enhancing Skills Base of Work Force, Business-oriented E-government initiatives, Business Skills Development and E-Business Incubation in Dominica.

Sylvester is a Dominican national and holds a Master of Science degree in Telecommunications and Broadcasting from the Ukrainian State Telecommunications Academy and speaks fluent Russian. He is also an alumni of USTTI, and completed modules in Michigan State

St. Claire Henry: Antigua & Barbuda's Youth Ambassador

St. Claire Henry is currently employed by the Ministry of Telecommunication, Broadcasting, Science and Technology as a Hardware technician and a National Youth Ambassador for the Department of Youth Affairs.

As a Youth Ambassador for the past two years, he has helped to create a voice for our young people by successfully organizing the Marijuana Debate with fellow Ambassador Jonelle Walsh and Kurt Williams. The Glaucoma Forum with Dr. Jillia Bird and most recently, the Antigua Youth Got Talent Show and the National Youth Week Service. He have also been able to advocate for youths who are differently abled, which is very close to his heart as he himself also suffer from a disability.

Rachel Renie: Managing Director & Co-Founder of Market Movers Ltd.

Rachel is an experienced Entrepreneur in the Agri-Business sector for over five years. She is the founder of the first online, food delivery service in Trinidad & Tobago and is always at the forefront of the latest technologies and trends associated with agriculture, food and online services. **Graduating from the City College of New York with a B.A in International Relations**, it was her love for travel and food that sparked her pursuit to make quality, healthy foods accessible to homes, offices and restaurants throughout Trinidad. With a strong focus on high nutrient foods she has invested in promoting safer agricultural practices and setting quality standards for local produce in Trinidad and Tobago.

Rachel has spearheaded several projects based on enhancing capacity building and mentorship for other entrepreneurs and it is this ideology that allows her to continuously strive to create growth opportunities for other entrepreneurs in the agriculture and business sector throughout the Caribbean.

Rachel Renie loves this Quote: "***People who love to eat are always the best people.***" — *Julia Child*

<u>**Rene Holder**</u>**: CEO and Co-Founder of Lab 206 Animation and Interactive Design Studio**

Rene Holder is the CEO and Co-Founder of Lab 206 Animation and Interactive Design Studio, as well as the Vice President of the Trinidad and Tobago Animator Network. As CEO of Lab 206 for the past 5 year he has received the Best Young Service Provider for the year award from the Trinidad and Tobago Collation of Service Industry in 2012, and has grown the studio from a two man operation, to opening a new division in the company focusing on app and game development as well as being an official partner to one of the biggest Animation Software partners in the world. One of Rene's biggest passions is to bring animation and new media to the level in the Caribbean where it is both locally consumed as well as globally competitive. He has personally completed one animated short and has led the Lab 206 Team on several commercial Animated Projects. **Currently he is pursuing his International Masters in Business development and Innovation at Arthur Lok Jack**

<u>**Kern Elliott**</u>**: Founder & Director of "CHUNE" Music Applications**

Mr. Kern Elliott developed an interest in the technological field at an early age. He has over 10 years' experience in the field of Information Technology where he has demonstrated his creativity and innovation with the creation of the music application Chune. **With a Master of Science Degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Liverpool and his Bachelor of Science Degree (Honours) in Computing from the University of Greenwich**, Mr. Elliott has taken his skills and education to new heights with the development of Chune which promises to change the way music and artists are promoted both locally and regionally.

Through his experience as a Technical Support Analyst, Web Designer, Part-time teacher and Applications Support Professional, Mr. Elliott has harnessed his expertise in technologies such as Joomla, HTML, CSS, MySQL, PHP and various networking platforms to create his vision of a mobile and in the future online hub for Caribbean Music.