

## KEY FIGURES IN THE CARIBBEAN

### **Adomakoh, Nicholas (Barbados)**

Dr. Adomakoh is an infectious disease physician providing clinical care for persons living with HIV and technical oversight at the Ladymeade Reference unit. He also serves as a member of the National HIV/AIDS Commission. Dr. Adomakoh is the Lead Technical Advisor for the project entitled 'Taking Action against HIV/AIDS in the UK Caribbean Overseas Territories,' a three-year project (2008–2011) funded by the Department for Overseas Development (UK), in partnership with Options Consulting (UK) and Associates for International Development (Barbados), supporting capacity building in the UKCOTs to better respond to the HIV pandemic.

[www.hivaidsbarbados.com](http://www.hivaidsbarbados.com)

### **Alleyne, George (Barbados)**

Sir George Alleyne has served as the United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean since 2003. That same year the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) appointed him head of a new commission to examine health issues confronting the region, including HIV/AIDS, and their impact on national economies. Sir George served for many years with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and retired as Director in 2003.

[www.unaids.org/en/AboutUNAIDS/Leadership/SpecialEnvoys/](http://www.unaids.org/en/AboutUNAIDS/Leadership/SpecialEnvoys/)  
[www.caricom.org/](http://www.caricom.org/)

### **Altenberg, Juanita (Jamaica)**

Altenberg has led Maxi Linder, one of the region's oldest NGOs serving sex workers, for 15 years. Her work has included one-on-one care and support for persons living with HIV and prevention activities for sex workers and others most at risk for HIV.

[www.cvccoalition.org](http://www.cvccoalition.org)

### **Armstrong, Jane (Barbados)**

Armstrong is Chief of Party for the Caribbean HIV and AIDS Alliance (CHAA) and currently leads the Eastern Caribbean Community Action Programme, funded by USAID. This programme operates in four OECS countries; Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The CHAA serves vulnerable populations throughout the Caribbean region. Armstrong was previously Head of the Regional programme at the Department for International Development (DFID) and led the UK government's HIV and AIDS Programme in the Caribbean.

[www.aidsalliance.org/sw57354.asp](http://www.aidsalliance.org/sw57354.asp)  
[www.aidsalliance.org](http://www.aidsalliance.org)

### **Ayoung, Carol (Trinidad & Tobago)**

Ayoung is the Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC), Board Member of PANCAP and the Chair of the Pan Caribbean Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (PCBC). The objectives of the PCBC are to support the implementation of appropriate workplace policies, encourage the development of National Business Coalitions and to bring private sector expertise to bear on initiatives within the national expanded response to HIV/AIDS.

[www.weforum.org/pdf/GHI/Caribbean.pdf](http://www.weforum.org/pdf/GHI/Caribbean.pdf)

**Baynes-Henry, Namela (Guyana)**

Baynes-Henry, a journalist, is the Producer and Director of a one hour magazine programme and Editor of “First Look” news on Hoyte-Blackman Television Station Channel 9 in Guyana. “First Look” airs a daily Caribbean Broadcast Media Partnership (CBMP) feature on HIV and AIDS. Founding member and Co-chairperson of a non-governmental organisation Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD), Baynes-Henry serves as the focal person on HIV and AIDS of SASOD.

[www.hoyteblackmantv9.com](http://www.hoyteblackmantv9.com)  
[www.sasod.org.gy](http://www.sasod.org.gy)

**Best, Anton (Barbados)**

Dr. Best is the Senior Medical Officer of Health in charge of the HIV/STI program in the Ministry of Health. He is a public health specialist and specialist physician in HIV medicine. Dr. Best manages the comprehensive HIV/STI program in the Ministry of Health that has responsibility for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. He is committed to aggressively addressing the issues posed by HIV in Barbados and improving access to all HIV-related services from a human rights and social justice perspective.

[www.minofhealthhiv aids.org](http://www.minofhealthhiv aids.org)

**Boafo, Kwame (Jamaica)**

Boafo, Ph.D., is the Director of the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, which covers 16 countries in the region. In 2007–2008 Boafo served as the Chairman of the United Nations Theme Group on HIV and AIDS in Jamaica and has written articles and publications on such subjects as media systems, communication policy and technology, and development communication

[www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)

**Browne, Carl (Guyana)**

Browne is the Director of the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP), an entity established in 2001 by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean to coordinate the regional response to HIV and AIDS. PANCAP has a membership of 65 partners drawn from governments, civil society, private sector and multilateral organizations. Browne also serves as a delegate of the Latin America and the Caribbean constituency on the Board of the Global Fund.

[www.pancap.org](http://www.pancap.org)  
[www.caricom.org](http://www.caricom.org)

**Carr, Robert (Jamaica)**

Carr, Ph.D., has been at the forefront of HIV/Human Rights responses in the Caribbean for over a decade. He has conducted extensive research in the vulnerabilities faced by various groups in the region. Carr has been the Coordinator of the Graduate Programmes Unit of CARIMAC, University of the West Indies, Mona since 2006. He is also the founder and Executive Director of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) which has over a hundred members.

[www.cvccoalition.org](http://www.cvccoalition.org)

**Clarke, Roberta (Barbados)**

Clarke is the Regional Programme Director of the UNIFEM Caribbean Office. UNIFEM’s mandate is to advance gender equality and women’s empowerment. With UNAIDS, UNIFEM is supporting the Caribbean Coalition of Women and Girls on HIV and AIDS (CCWA) which is a broad coalition of women working to ensure gender-responsive policy and programming in the Caribbean.

[www.unifemcar.org](http://www.unifemcar.org)

**Davis, Angela L. (Barbados)**

Davis, B.A. (Hons.), MPH., is a Senior HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) serving Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. As part of the (U.S.) President's Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), USAID/Barbados is committed to working in partnership with national and regional level counterparts to provide support and technical assistance to the countries in the region in their efforts to mitigate the impact of HIV and AIDS.

[www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

**Didier, Joan (St Lucia)**

Didier is a founding member and Executive Director of AIDS Action Foundation St. Lucia, a non-governmental organisation working to mitigate the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS through effective education, advocacy and care and support of PLHIV and other vulnerable communities. Didier also serves as the Director of the OECS Regional Coordinating Mechanism for the OECS Global Fund Project. She is a member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism for St. Lucia and serves on the PANCAP RCM and the Board of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC).

[www.stlucia.gov.lc](http://www.stlucia.gov.lc)

**Edwards, Miriam (Guyana)**

Edwards founded the Guyana organisation One Love and later co-founded the regionally based Caribbean Sex Work Coalition and then Guyana's national organisation of sex workers, Guyana Sex Work Coalition. Edwards runs training sessions for sex workers, distributes condoms and safer sex material, visits those living with HIV in the hospitals or their homes and advocates for the rights of sex workers and other marginalised groups in the Caribbean.

[www.hiv.gov.gy](http://www.hiv.gov.gy)

**Figueroa, Peter (Jamaica)**

Dr. Figueroa is Professor of Public Health, Epidemiology & HIV/AIDS at the University of the West Indies, Mona and is former Director of the National HIV/STI programme in Jamaica. He is a leader in HIV prevention and care and is committed to making HIV services available to all. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism of PANCAP.

[www.pancap.org](http://www.pancap.org)

**Goujon, Elsa (French Guiana)**

Goujon is the Executive Director of Entr'AIDES Guyane, an organization operating in French Guiana. Entr'AIDES Guyane fights HIV/AIDS in two fields of action: prevention among the population of French Guiana, particularly towards vulnerable people, and support of people with HIV, assisting with social, mental and medical relief.

[www.blada.com/associations/fiche/176-Entr\\_Aides\\_Guyane.htm](http://www.blada.com/associations/fiche/176-Entr_Aides_Guyane.htm)

**Husbands, Arlene (Barbados)**

Husbands is the Caribbean Programme Coordinator for the Education Development Center Caribbean Office in Barbados, working closely with the Ministries of Education in building their capacity to strengthen their response to HIV and AIDS. As the former National Programme Coordinator for the ILO/U.S Department of Labor HIV/AIDS Workplace Program, she has worked collaboratively with public and private sectors to obtain buy-in from stakeholders and ensure local input in the development of the design and implementation of HIV and AIDS Behaviour Change Communication Programmes in the world of work. She continues to support this work with support from the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) in collaboration with the Barbados Employers' Confederation.

[www.pancap.org](http://www.pancap.org)

[www.edc.org](http://www.edc.org)

**Jacobs, Carol (Barbados)**

Dr. Jacobs is the Chair of the National HIV/AIDS Commission in Barbados. From 2004–2006, she chaired the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, representing Latin America and the Caribbean.  
[www.theglobalfund.org/en/](http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/)

**Jean-Francois, Roosevelt (Haiti)**

Jean-Francois is the Executive Director of the Center for Communication on AIDS known by its French acronym CECOSIDA. CECOSIDA is a network of journalists and communication professionals committed to reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Haiti. Jean-Francois is Adjunct Professor at Florida Atlantic University. He serves on the Governance Committee of the Global Media AIDS Initiative.

[www.cecosida.org](http://www.cecosida.org)  
[www.thegmai.org](http://www.thegmai.org)

**Landis, Clive (Barbados)**

Professor Landis is the Chair in Vascular Research at The University of the West Indies. He is also founder of the Caribbean Cytometry & Analytical Society (CCAS), a professional society with an educational mission to train HIV/AIDS healthcare providers in the Caribbean. CCAS has trained over 500 HIV/AIDS specialists from 20 Caribbean countries in workshops which rotate through the Caribbean

[www.caribcas.org](http://www.caribcas.org)

**Leacock, Allyson (Barbados)**

Leacock, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Broadcast Media Partnership on HIV/AIDS (CBMP). CBMP unites more than 92 top broadcasters from 24 countries in the region's first coordinated media-led response to HIV/AIDS by sharing information and resources among broadcasters that significantly expands related programming and public education activities across the Caribbean. Leacock also serves on the Governance Committee of the Global Media AIDS Initiative and is Chairman of the World AIDS Campaign.

[www.cbmphiv.org](http://www.cbmphiv.org)  
[www.thegmai.org](http://www.thegmai.org)

**Lecher, Shirley (Barbados)**

Dr. Lecher is the Director of the Centers for Disease Control Global AIDS Program Caribbean Regional Office. Her specialty is in internal medicine and infectious diseases with over 15 years of experience in HIV. Her career focus in HIV has covered care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients, basic science research in HIV pathogenesis, HIV clinical trials and international public health.

[www.cdc.gov/globalAIDS/countries/Caribbean](http://www.cdc.gov/globalAIDS/countries/Caribbean)

**Mathlin, Nigel (Grenada)**

Mathlin is engaged in arranging activities for the gay, lesbian and bisexual population in his home county of Grenada through GrenCHAP, the local AIDS-prevention community-based organisation of which he is a co-founder. He is also involved in the sub-regional and regional movements through the OECS-based Caribbean HIV/AIDS Partnership (CHAPS) and CVC respectively.

<http://msmgf.org/MSMGFdirectory/directorylistings/GrenCHAP.htm>

**McDonald, Salorne (Trinidad & Tobago)**

McDonald is the Regional Behavior Change Communications Manager for Population Services International Caribbean office. From the management of more than nine country-based teams to the development of materials associated with the “Got It? Get It!” campaign, McDonald is part of the management team behind the PSI Caribbean movement. McDonald is part of many regional initiatives geared toward strengthening social marketing in the region.

[www.psi.org](http://www.psi.org)

**Michaud, Margaret (Cayman Islands)**

Michaud is the Program Coordinator for Cayman AIDS Foundation, where she is involved in education, advocacy and prevention of HIV/AIDS. Michaud has worked as an international consultant in the area of harm reduction, sex trade industry workers, families in transition, addiction and HIV/AIDS.

[www.caymanaidsfoundation.webs.com](http://www.caymanaidsfoundation.webs.com)

**Morgan, Nicholas (Jamaica)**

Morgan is one of the Panos Caribbean youth journalists and editor of its newsletter, “Our Own Voices.” His voice is stamped on its public service announcements for radio and he is also one of the mentors to other young people in the programme.

[www.panoscaribbean.org](http://www.panoscaribbean.org)

**Mottley, Sharon (Trinidad & Tobago)**

Mottley is the Chief Operations Officer of the Caribbean Coalition of National AIDS Programme Coordinators (CCNAPC). CCNAPC seeks to empower its 34 French, Spanish, Dutch and English members to build strong national, territorial and regional responses to HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean by reinforcing member leadership and building programme management capacity primarily through peer collaboration. CCNAPCS’ membership is made up of the Directors, Programme Managers and Coordinators charged with the responsibility of coordinating their country’s HIV/AIDS response. Mottley is also an advocate for LGBT and PLWHA rights and in this capacity serves on a number of advocacy groups in Trinidad and Tobago.

[www.ccnapc.org](http://www.ccnapc.org)

**Phillips, Patricia (Barbados)**

Phillips, BSM, is the Program Coordinator of Comfort Assist Reach-out Educate (C.A.R.E) Barbados, the organization for people living with and affected by HIV. She also serves on the Board of the National HIV/AIDS Commission and other Keyline Ministries in Barbados.

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**Ramos, Elias (Dominican Republic)**

Ramos is a leader of “Jovenes de la Vida Real” (in English, YurWorld or Youth in the Real World), a project by COIN in the Dominican Republic that targets marginalized youth in order to increase their resilience to HIV. He believes that an effective response takes more than disease specific interventions and includes broader development strategies that encourage change through employment and cultural values, ownership of assets, and political and civil opportunities that empower marginalized youth.

[www.civil-society.oas.org](http://www.civil-society.oas.org)

**Reid, Ainsley, K. (Jamaica)**

Reid is the GIPA (Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS) Coordinator in the National HIV/STI Programme, Jamaica where he coordinates the promotion and integration of the GIPA concept in the private and public sectors, and civil society groups. He is a resource person on HIV/AIDS and related issues in Jamaica and the Caribbean where he supports the advocacy work of churches and Caribbean Broadcast Media Partnership on HIV/AIDS. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Caribbean Health Leadership Institute and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Alliance. He co-founded the Jamaican Network of Sero-Positives (JNPlus) and currently serves as a representative on the Community Delegation of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

[www.jamaica-nap.org](http://www.jamaica-nap.org)

**Reid, Akiba (Barbados)**

Reid, MBA, is the Executive Director of the AIDS Foundation of Barbados Inc. (AFBI). AFBI is a single-issue business coalition for the management of HIV/AIDS in the workplace. With 26 member companies currently, the Foundation represents in excess of 7,000 employees.

[www.aidsfoundationbarbados.org](http://www.aidsfoundationbarbados.org)

**Roberts, Julia (Trinidad & Tobago)**

Roberts is the Regional Director of PSI Caribbean. She has worked within the Caribbean region for many years and contributed during her earlier years in the region to regional institutions such as CAREC and CRN+. Roberts is at the helm of the organization that has put forth the campaign "Got It? Get it!"

[www.psi.org](http://www.psi.org)

**Snagg, Donna (Guyana)**

Snagg is a human rights activist who uses her experience of being deported from the U.S. approximately 10 years ago to mobilize other persons with similar experiences in Guyana. She founded the Juncata Juvant Friendly Society, an NGO that caters to the needs of others who have been deported. Juncata Juvant recognizes the challenges this group encounters and their vulnerability to HIV.

[www.juncatajuvant.org.gy](http://www.juncatajuvant.org.gy)

**Trotman, Sheree (St Lucia)**

Trotman is the Information Education Communication (IEC) Specialist at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States HIV/AIDS Project Unit (OECS HAPU). The OECS HAPU is responsible for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) Project which seeks to improve the life of people living with HIV/AIDS in six participating states: Antigua and Barbuda; Commonwealth of Dominica; Grenada; St. Kitts and Nevis; St. Lucia; and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

[www.oecs.org](http://www.oecs.org)

**Tull, Joan (Barbados)**

Tull is a communication specialist working with the UNAIDS global web team. She has been involved in various UNAIDS projects and helped set up the Global Media AIDS Initiative. She has extensive experience in behaviour change communication, leading HIV-related radio projects for young people in Uganda and Nigeria. Tull was a senior producer and editor at the BBC World Service for 10 years.

[www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)

**Whorms, Ionie (Jamaica)**

Whorms is involved in advocating for vulnerable communities in Jamaica, especially crack cocaine users. She has been in recovery for 15 years. Whorms documentary “Complex Problems, Simple Solutions,”—a collaboration between CVC and the Caribbean Treatment Action Group produced by the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC)—is one way in which she has advocated for the rights of this community.

[www.cvccoalition.org](http://www.cvccoalition.org)

**Williams, Deborah (Trinidad & Tobago)**

Williams is the Chair of the Global Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS. She is the Project Officer of the Mobile Youth Healthy Educational Lifestyles Programme at the Department of Youth Affairs with the Tobago House of Assembly. Williams also serves on a number of boards locally, regionally and internationally.

[www.gnpplus.net](http://www.gnpplus.net)