



# AFRICAN CARIBBEAN SUSTAINABILITY & INVESTMENT SUMMIT LONDON 2025

## CONFERENCE THEME

Empowering Futures:  
Uniting Africa and the  
Caribbean through  
Sustainable Innovation  
and Inclusive Growth

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# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## DAY ONE

### THEME

Development, Resilience, Health and Finance for Impact in the Global South

### DATE

21st November 2025, 8:30 AM - 5:10 PM

- Registration and Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Address and Opening Remarks
- High-Level Panel: Development and Resilience in the Global South
- Health and Life Sciences Segment
- Finance for Impact Session
- Afternoon Dialogue Sessions
- Closing Reflections

## DAY TWO

### THEME

Honouring Heritage, Advancing Justice, Powering Growth in the Global South

### DATE

22nd November 2025, 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

- Opening Session and Keynote Address
- Reparations and Justice Segment
- Creative and Cultural Industries Panel
- Future & Youth Forum
- Exhibitions and Vendor Showcases
- Cultural display
- Evening Networking Session & Refreshments

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# ABOUT ACSIS®

## AFRICAN CARIBBEAN SUSTAINABILITY & INVESTMENT SUMMIT

The African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit (ACSIS) was created to bridge the historical, cultural, and economic ties between Africa and the Caribbean, fostering meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and action. Despite shared heritage and mutual interests, both regions have often been separated by geography and fragmented global systems of a past world under colonial rule.

This summit provides a much-needed platform to unify efforts, amplify voices, and address challenges such as economic disparity, climate resilience, and global representation. It convenes leaders, innovators, investors, and communities to co-create sustainable solutions, celebrate cultural richness, and unlock collective potential.

By facilitating partnerships and exchanging knowledge, the summit aims to shift narratives, promote self-determination, and generate tangible impact across sectors like science & technology, healthcare, urban and rural development, finance, and looks at restoration and reparative justice. ACSIS is a movement toward global solidarity, empowering and uniting Afro-descendant communities to shape their own futures and drive transformative change across the diaspora and the world.

### MISSION

- Our mission at ACSIS is to connect, empower, and elevate African and Caribbean communities globally by fostering partnerships, driving innovation, and advancing economic, social, and cultural development through high-impact dialogue and collaboration.

### VISION

- A unified African and Caribbean global community thriving through shared prosperity, self-determination, and sustainable development - where voices are heard, legacies honoured, and futures shaped together.

### OBJECTIVES

- Highlight the diaspora's vital role in driving sustainable development and climate action across Africa and the Caribbean.
- Strengthen partnerships between the diaspora, local businesses, organizations, and governments to expand opportunities for ACSIS members.
- Build collaboration with the African Union, Commonwealth Secretariat, and OECS to advance shared diasporic goals through dialogue and knowledge exchange.

ACSIS is more than a summit, it is a movement. Together, we shape pathways for sustainable growth, investment readiness, innovation, and trade that link continents, cultures, and communities.

# FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN & FOUNDER OF ACSIS



*“Together, let us build bridges strong enough to carry opportunity, resilient enough to weather uncertainty, and wide enough for many to cross.” - David F. Roberts*

Dear Delegates, Partners, and Friends,

It is my honour to welcome you to the African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit (ACSIS) 2025 in London. This convening is more than dialogue; it is decisive action—where Africa, the Caribbean, and our global diaspora align ambition with execution, capital with credibility, and innovation with inclusive impact.

We begin by acknowledging the untimely departure of Dr. Michelle Moseley, our former Deputy Chair and we warmly welcome our new and vibrant Deputy Chairman, Mr. Derrick Cobbinah, whose logistics expertise, service ethos, and diaspora-trade leadership will strengthen delivery as we scale.

Over the next two days, you will engage leaders across government, business, academia, and civil society—united in advancing sustainable development, strengthening investment flows, and building resilient futures for generations to come.

Our deep gratitude goes to our Diamond Sponsor, **Afreximbank**, and to our Sponsorship Partner, the **CARICOM Development Fund (CDF)**, alongside our diplomatic partners, chambers of commerce, and private-sector sponsors. We thank our distinguished speakers, facilitators, and volunteers, whose contributions ensure that ACSIS 2025 is a space for meaningful exchange and lasting outcomes.

A significant addition this year is the expanded ACSIS Deal Room—a curated, results-focused marketplace featuring sector clusters, timed pitches, moderated Q&A, and pre-scheduled 1:1 meetings, followed by data-room introductions to accelerate diligence from conversation to term sheets.

This Programme is not just a keepsake; it is a guide for continued connection. May the conversations begun here become transformative partnerships long after the closing session.

On behalf of the ACSIS Executive team, thank you for investing your time and expertise. Let us move forward with courage, creativity, and commitment.

**With appreciation and resolve,**

**David F. Roberts**  
*Founder & Chairman*

African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit (ACSIS)

# FOREWORD FROM THE DEPUTY-CHAIR OF ACSIS



This vision echoes the pioneering efforts of our forefathers, Marcus Garvey and Kwame Nkrumah, who championed Pan-Africanism and unity across the diaspora. Their legacy of self-determination and solidarity inspires us to build on that foundation, transforming historical ties into modern, actionable alliances.

May this summit ignite collaborations that transcend borders, spark sustainable innovations, and create lasting impact. Together, we can realize a future where Africa and the Caribbean thrive in harmony.

On behalf of the organizing team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your participation, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to this noble cause.

With hope and determination,

**Derrick Cobbinah**  
*Deputy Chairperson*

African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit (ACSIS)

It is an honor to welcome you to ACSIS –a convergence of visionary leaders, entrepreneurs, and advocates dedicated to forging pathways toward sustainable prosperity and shared growth.

In an era where climate resilience, economic empowerment, and cross-continental collaboration are imperative, this summit emerges as a beacon of opportunity. It unites the vibrant energies of Africa and the Caribbean, harnessing our collective ingenuity to address global challenges while unlocking untapped potential. From renewable energy initiatives to innovative trade partnerships, we are here to chart a course that benefits our peoples and preserves our planet for generations to come.

As Deputy Chair of this summit and President of the Ghana-Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, my vision is to create a vital gateway connecting our partners to the wider regions. Strategic alignment is crucial for boosting intraregional investments, fostering cultural exchanges, and driving economic growth. By harnessing our dynamic market's robust infrastructure and entrepreneurial spirit, we can unlock immense potential and drive advancements in key sectors like agriculture, technology, and tourism, benefiting all participating territories.

# FOREWORD FROM THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF ACSIS



Attendees, Partners & Supporters,

It is a privilege to welcome you to ACSIS 2025 here in London – a gathering of innovators and change-makers committed to shaping a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

Our world stands at a crossroad where the urgency of environmental stewardship meets the promise of economic innovation. Across industries and beyond borders, the call for responsible and sustainable development has never been more important. Yet, the task before us extends beyond innovation alone; it requires collaboration, courage, and clear communication to succeed.

This summit was founded on the belief that sustainable development is not the work of one sector or one region, but a shared human endeavour. The African and Caribbean communities, with our rich histories of resilience, stand as powerful contributors to this global dialogue. By bridging ideas, investments, and initiatives, we can redefine what progress means. **Our regions are not waiting for the world, we are actively reshaping our futures. Across the continents, we are reclaiming agency over our economies. Your presence at ACSIS 2025 is testament to this.**

As the Creative lead since ACSIS' inception, I am particularly mindful of how ideas are translated into action. In our age of information, media and communication play a crucial role in making complex global issues accessible and engaging to all. When we tell our stories with clarity and empathy, we invite understanding, action, and unity.

May this summit serve as a catalyst for new partnerships, renewed commitments, and bold ideas that will carry us forward.

I thank you for your presence, your insight, and your shared dedication to creating a sustainable world.

With gratitude and optimism,

**Aaron Adal**  
*Creative Director*

African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit (ACSIS)

# RECOGNITION OF THE ACSIS TEAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

No event of this scale and impact happens without the dedication, vision, and tireless efforts of an extraordinary team. The African Caribbean Sustainability & Investment Summit 2025 stands as a testament not only to the ideas shared here, but also to the people behind the scenes who brought this vision to life.

From the outset, the planning committee worked with meticulous care, ensuring that every detail—from speaker curation and panel design to logistics, sponsorships, and communications—aligned with the Summit’s mission of fostering sustainable growth, investment, and inclusive collaboration across Africa, the Caribbean, and the diaspora. Their expertise, creativity, and unwavering commitment have made it possible for this summit to convene world-class leaders, innovators, and changemakers under one platform.

We extend our deepest gratitude to every member of the planning committee, the creative team, technical support, communications and marketing professionals, and all of our volunteers. Your collaborative spirit, resilience, and dedication ensured a seamless experience for participants and elevated ACSIS to an exceptional level of excellence. It is their work behind the scenes that has created the environment for ideas to flourish, partnerships to form, and action to take shape. On behalf of the entire ACSIS community, we celebrate and honour your contribution. This Summit would not have been possible without the dedication from our team across the globe.

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**Derrick Cobbinah**, Dpt. Chair (as of Nov. 2025)

## *ACSIS Trade & Investment Ambassadors:*

**Neal Adonis**, Grenada  
**Godfred Amoako**, Ghana  
**Denis St Bernard**, Jamaica; Trinidad & Tobago







# 2025 SUMMIT FOCUS

**“EMPOWERING FUTURES:  
UNITING AFRICA AND THE  
CARIBBEAN THROUGH  
SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION  
AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH”**

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SUMMIT TOPIC

# FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY



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## THE FUTURE OF INNOVATION, INCLUSION AND IMPACT

*Exploring how digital finance and robust cyber solutions are shaping inclusive economic growth across Africa and the Caribbean, with insights into Cross-Border Innovation, Digital ID, and Data Protection Frameworks.*

At its core, we recognise that mobile banking, blockchain, AI-powered platforms and next-generation regulatory technologies are not merely incremental improvements—they are foundational shifts enabling underserved communities to participate meaningfully in global economies. The sessions cover seven critical focus areas: Digital Banking & Neobanks; Blockchain & Cryptocurrency; FinTech & Financial Inclusion; AI & Machine Learning in FinTech; RegTech/Cybersecurity; InsurTech; and WealthTech & Investment Platforms.

**Digital Banking and Neobanks** showcase how mobile-first platforms are closing traditional finance gaps. From peer-to-peer transfers to mobile wallets and micro-savings products, digital banks are democratizing access to financial services for both individuals and small enterprises in emerging markets. These tools are transforming payments, savings and credit into more inclusive and affordable forms.

**Blockchain and Cryptocurrency** sessions dive into the promise and the prudence of decentralised finance. Conversations will examine how blockchain technology can bolster transparency, decentralisation and trust, while exploring real-world use cases in remittances, cross-border trade, and financial identity. The risks of volatility, regulation and scalability will also be addressed.

**FinTech & Financial Inclusion** elevate case studies from both hemispheres, highlighting how women, rural communities, and informal sectors are being empowered through tailored fintech solutions. These models demonstrate that inclusive finance is a powerful engine of resilience and growth.

As fintech innovations accelerate, so does the need for **RegTech and Cybersecurity**. This component emphasises how regulatory technologies—for example with real-time compliance, fraud detection, governance platforms—play a crucial role in safeguarding trust, protecting data and enabling secure ecosystems

**InsurTech (Insurance Technology)** addresses one of the critical gaps in emerging markets: access to insurance and risk mitigation. Whether micro-insurance for underserved populations, climate-risk coverage, or parametric products tailored to local conditions, technology is making protection more accessible and relevant.

Finally, **WealthTech and Investment Platforms** highlight how new financial technology platforms are democratising wealth creation. From first-time savers to diaspora investors seeking access to African and Caribbean markets, these tools provide new pathways to participate in investment opportunities, previously dominated by institutional actors.

At ACSIS 2025, participants - whether startup founders, funders, policy-makers or changemakers - will find that this topic offers a dynamic movement with high opportunity for collaboration. A movement where ideas become networks, where networks become partnerships, and where partnerships lead to measurable impact. You will be discovering future technologies that are paving the new financial landscape of this decade.



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# DEVELOPMENT & RESILIENCE



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## FOSTERING INFRASTRUCTURE, URBAN DEVELOPMENT, FOOD, AND FOOD SECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

*Addressing Sustainable Infrastructure, Food Security, Water Security, Climate Resilience, and Economic Recovery, spotlighting strategies that empower communities to thrive.*

Across cities, towns, and rural communities, governments and private partners are rethinking how to achieve long-term development. Investment in renewable energy, digital infrastructure, transport, and housing is improving access to opportunity and creating employment. This session highlights examples of national strategies and regional partnerships that are transforming the development landscape through smart planning and inclusive growth.

**Food Systems and Agricultural Resilience** are vital for sustainable growth across Africa and the Caribbean. By advancing climate-smart farming, strengthening value chains, and improving access to technology and finance, both regions can boost food security and economic stability. This focus area highlights innovation and collaboration as key drivers of resilient, sustainable agriculture, open for investors.

**Climate-Resilient Infrastructure** explores solutions for building infrastructure and housing that withstand extreme weather and rising risks. Learn how communities are adopting design, materials, and policy innovations to protect lives and support sustainable growth, and associated investment opportunities available.

**Energy and Water Security** are essential foundations for sustainable development. Strengthening renewable energy systems, improving water management, and investing in resilient infrastructure can reduce vulnerability to climate change while driving inclusive growth across Africa and the Caribbean.

**Trade, Transport & Regional integration** highlights initiatives that connect markets, reduce costs, and strengthen collective growth across African and Caribbean nations. This session will examine how improved trade routes, logistics, and regional cooperation can boost economic resilience.

**Urban Development & Inclusive** showcases how cities are designing inclusive spaces that respond to rapid urbanisation, inequality, and climate change. Learn from planning models that prioritize equity, sustainability, and community participation.

**Health Infrastructure & Disaster Preparedness** reinforces how strong health systems and emergency readiness can reduce vulnerability and save lives. This session focuses on building facilities, systems, and partnerships that improve care and enhance crisis response - the importance of which was recently highlighted in the recent Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

At ACSIS 2025, participants from government leaders and business innovators to community advocates and researchers will find that this focus area represents a collective effort. An effort where knowledge becomes collaboration, collaboration sparks innovation, and innovation drives resilience. Together, we will explore strategies for development and a shared vision for sustainable growth and regional strength.



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# HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES



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## ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AND INNOVATION IN AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES

*Delving into regional advancements in Biotechnology, Public Health Systems, and Equitable Healthcare Access, focussing on Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge and Global Preparedness.*

Health and life sciences stand at the heart of sustainable development across Africa and the Caribbean. In a rapidly changing world—marked by population growth, climate pressures, and evolving global health challenges; these regions are charting a new course built on innovation, resilience, and collaboration.

Across Africa, the Caribbean and their diasporas, advancing health and life-science innovation is central to sustainable growth. In this session we explore how strategic investment, scientific breakthroughs and equitable systems are opening new frontiers in biotechnology, public-health infrastructure and inclusive care.

**Climate Change and Health** investigates how rising temperatures, extreme weather, and ecological shifts are impacting public health. This session highlights climate-related illnesses, health infrastructure resilience, and climate-smart health systems being pioneered in Africa and the Caribbean.

**Healthcare Access and Structural Barriers** examines the systemic challenges that limit equitable healthcare access, including rural isolation, financing gaps, and digital divides. Discover strategies to dismantle these barriers and build inclusive health ecosystems.

**Health Policy and Global Diplomacy** explores the power of cross-border health collaboration, policy innovation, and international frameworks. Learn how regional voices are shaping global agendas and securing partnerships to strengthen public health systems.

**Traditional and Indigenous Practices** reconnects with indigenous healing knowledge and traditional health systems that continue to serve communities. This session explores the integration of cultural practices into modern healthcare for more holistic, community-rooted solutions.

**Mental Health & Historical Trauma** addresses the often-overlooked impacts of colonisation, displacement, and socioeconomic inequity on mental wellbeing. This session centres culturally competent care models and trauma-informed mental health strategies.

**Chronic Disease Disparities** highlights that the disproportionate burden of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and cancer in African and Caribbean populations. This session spotlights prevention, early detection, and tailored health tech innovations.

At ACSIS 2025, innovation meets inclusion – advancing biotechnology, digital health, and resilient care systems that strengthen both people and economies. Participants will uncover the future of health and life sciences, with a new financial landscape for good, where progress and purpose move forward together.



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# CREATIVE & CULTURAL INDUSTRIES



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## THE IMPACT OF AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN SOCIETIES

*Celebrating the power of Storytelling, Fashion, Music, and Design to drive Identity, Economic Opportunity, and Global Influence for African & Caribbean creators and entrepreneurs.*

Creative and Cultural Industries in Africa and the Caribbean are thriving as engines of economic growth, innovation, and social transformation. From music and film to fashion and digital content, these sectors celebrate rich heritage while embracing modern technologies that connect local talent with global audiences. Cultural expression drives employment, entrepreneurship, and regional integration, making these industries central to sustainable development.

Global demand for African and Caribbean creativity is rising, offering significant opportunities for investment and collaboration. International audiences are engaging with music, film, fashion, and digital content from the region, creating new revenue streams and cross-border partnerships. Investing in creative infrastructure, talent development, and innovative platforms can unlock economic potential, strengthen cultural resilience, and generate lasting social and financial impact locally and globally.

**The Orange Economy;** African and Caribbean creatives are shaping the global Orange (Creative) Economy exporting music, fashion, film, and art while redefining narratives and creating powerful cultural exports that drive economic growth and global recognition.

**Women in Culture and Creativity** celebrates the leadership and innovation of women driving cultural production, preserving heritage, and building creative enterprises. This session will spotlight their impact, challenges, and transformative role in shaping inclusive creative economies.

**Politics & Creative Expression** explores how artists and movements use creative expression to challenge systems, advocate for change, and influence political discourse in Africa and the Caribbean, turning art into a force for activism and dialogue.

**Cultural Festivals, Art & Storytelling as Living Museums** tells the tale of how festivals, visual arts, and oral traditions act as living museums that are preserving history, educating communities, and inspiring future generations through immersive cultural experiences rooted in local identity.

**Language as Cultural Tools** helps us understand the power of indigenous and creole languages as vessels of identity, resistance, and creativity. Learn how language preservation supports cultural continuity and strengthens storytelling, performance, and education, deep-rooted in African and Caribbean culture.

**Creative Entrepreneurship** explores how creatives in the African and Caribbean diaspora are building global brands, connecting cultures, and investing back into their homelands through innovation, storytelling, and strategic entrepreneurship.

At ACSIS 2025, creativity meets opportunity, advancing arts, culture, media, and digital content that enrich communities and drive economic growth. Participants will discover the future of creative and cultural industries, where innovation and impact move forward together.



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# REPARATIONS & REPARATIVE JUSTICE



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## HEALING HISTORICAL INJUSTICES

*Engaging in critical dialogue on Historical Justice, Economic Redress, and Cultural Restitution, linking Policy, Activism, and Global Advocacy for people of African and Caribbean ancestry.*

This is not just about the past, it's about creating a just and sustainable future. Engage with thought leaders, activists, and policymakers working to turn advocacy into action and restitution into real-world impact. Discover how these efforts open doors for investment, education, and global collaboration. Your voice and vision are needed in this transformative dialogue.

Reparations and reparative justice are gaining global attention as essential pathways to address historical inequities and foster sustainable social and economic transformation in Africa and the Caribbean. By acknowledging past injustices and investing in initiatives that promote equity, education, wealth creation, and community empowerment, these efforts strengthen social cohesion and create opportunities for inclusive growth. Across the region, innovative policies, community-led programs, and cross-border partnerships are paving the way for meaningful impact, positioning reparative justice as both a moral imperative and a strategic avenue for long-term development.

**Historical Context and Justification** unpacks the legacy of transatlantic slavery, colonialism, and exploitation and the case for reparations. This session explores the historical foundations, moral imperatives, and global precedents that underpin contemporary claims for justice and accountability.

**Economic Justice and Equity** focuses on tangible mechanisms for wealth redistribution and economic empowerment. This session explores proposals for debt relief, trade reparations, investment in development funds, and strategies to redress structural inequality.

**Restitution and Cultural Reclamation** explores efforts to return looted artefacts, archives, and heritage to African and Caribbean nations. This session highlights museum negotiations, memory work, and cultural healing as key components of reparation and dignity restoration.

**Psychological and Intergenerational Impact** acknowledges the trauma carried across generations and the urgent need for psychological healing. This session explores mental health, identity, and education as tools to confront erasure and restore cultural pride and agency.

**Opposition and Public Discourses** address the resistance and myths surrounding reparations. This session equips advocates to respond to backlash, challenge misinformation, and reshape public understanding through data, storytelling, and inclusive messaging.

**Contemporary Models and Global Movements** show the way, helping us to learn from successful campaigns in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Americas. This session showcases modern strategies from city-led reparative funds to corporate restitution and highlights the role of diasporic unity in scaling impact.

At ACSIS 2025, justice meets opportunity, advancing reparative initiatives, policy innovation, and community-led solutions that strengthen social equity and economic resilience. Participants will explore the future of reparations and reparative justice and a new domain for investment and collaboration where accountability, empowerment, and impact move forward together.





# SPEAKERS

ACSIS 2025 features a dynamic lineup of leaders, innovators, and changemakers from Africa, the Caribbean, and the diaspora. Government officials, entrepreneurs, researchers, and community advocates will share insights, experiences, and strategies across public policy, investment, technology, creative industries, and social innovation. Through keynotes and panels, speakers provide inspiration, practical solutions, and a clear view of the opportunities shaping sustainable growth across the region.



## DR. JUSTINA MUTALE

**FOUNDER, JUSTINA MUTALE  
FOUNDATION**

Dr. Justina Mutale is an award-winning global speaker, philanthropist, and advocate for gender equality and inclusive leadership. Founder of the Justina Mutale Foundation, she empowers women and girls through education, mentorship, and leadership development. With over 30 years in diplomacy, international development, and global advocacy, she convenes the World Summit on Women and Girls and serves on multiple international boards. Named African Woman of the Year, she is the bestselling author of *The Art of Iconic Leadership* and co-author of *Women on Corporate Boards*. At ACSIS 2025, she champions sustainable, transformative leadership across Africa and the Caribbean.

### FOCUS

*“From Caregivers to Changemakers: Women’s Role in Shaping the Future. Exploring how women are influencing policy, research, and innovation.”*

## CLLR. SIDNEY YANKSON

**CEO, PAINLESS UNIVERSAL**

Cllr. Sidney Yankson is a dedicated public servant and community champion, now serving as Councillor for Redcliffe Ward in Kensington & Chelsea. Born to Ghanaian parents and raised in London, he brings strong conservative values rooted in family, service, and hard work. He served in the British Army Reserves, worked as a commercial barrister and in private banking, and founded a charity providing solar lights to underserved African communities. Sidney focuses on improving housing, public safety, air quality, and crime in his ward – all driven by a passion for giving back and building stronger, more resilient communities.



### FOCUS

*Cllr. Sidney Yankson will deliver an address at ACSIS 2025.*



## GRACE MUNYIRI

**CEO, CACUMATOR MENTORSHIP**

Grace Munyiri is a multi-award-winning data leader, educator, and founder of Cacumator Mentorship, which empowers girls in underserved African communities through mentorship, education, and digital learning. Her programme connects girls to role models, scholarships, and life skills to help them complete school and pursue STEM careers. Recognised with honours including the African Excellence Award and Cardiff University Social Enterprise Award, Grace also contributes to the UN ITU Generation Connect Programme, UK AI Parliamentary Group, and Chatham House. A powerful speaker, she champions responsible AI, inclusive innovation, and technology-driven equality to uplift communities and inspire future generations.

### FOCUS

*“Youth & Women Entrepreneurship - access to finance, mentorship networks”*

## DR. JIMLAS O. OGUNSAKIN

**CEO, GLEAN ATLANTIC  
MERCHANTS**

Dr. Jimlas Opeyemi Ogunsakin is a seasoned medical doctor and public health systems specialist with extensive experience in health sector reform, governance, and gender policy advocacy. Skilled in health financing, project management, and institutional strengthening, he also excels in business development, strategic planning, and organizational transformation. His work spans public institutions, international development agencies, and private corporations in Nigeria and the UK. Renowned for leadership in patient safety, quality improvement, and healthcare innovation, Jimlas is affiliated with GLEAN Africa, driving sustainable health systems and corporate social responsibility across national and international platforms.



### FOCUS

*“Access, Awareness, Action: Building Stronger”*



## JUDY FOSTER

**COO, STOP ECOCIDE  
INTERNATIONAL**

Judy Foster is the Chief Operating Officer at Stop Ecocide International, leading teams and partners across 50+ countries to advance the recognition of ecocide as a crime globally. She collaborates with organisations and diplomats to drive legal and environmental change, representing the movement at major forums such as the UN Montevideo Environmental Law Programme in Nairobi and the Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa. Judy advocates for ecocide law as a key to Africa's sustainable future, protecting ecosystems and communities. Known for her strategic, collaborative leadership, she fosters global partnerships dedicated to safeguarding the planet.

### FOCUS

*"The Case for Ecocide Law - Strengthening Africa's Environmental and Economic Resilience."*

## RUSHAB SHAH

**CEO & FOUNDER, ONEHIVE**

Rushab Shah is the CEO and Founder of OneHive, an AI-powered education and development platform supporting over 25,000 people to unlock their potential in emerging industries. With experience leading major international initiatives, including a £34 million zero-emission trucking programme in Europe, he champions localised solutions to global challenges. Rooted in Kenya, he launched OneHive Africa to tailor the platform for African communities—supporting Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia, upskilling Rwandan girls, and promoting youth mental well-being in Uganda. Guided by his belief in "Tech for Good," Rushab bridges UK innovation with African opportunities to drive scalable, sustainable social impact.



### FOCUS

*"Health Systems Together."*



## JUSTIN PLACIDE

### HEAD OF NET-ZERO MINISTERIAL BRIEFING & FISCAL EVENTS, DESNZ

Justin Placide is Head of Net Zero Ministerial Briefing and Fiscal Events at the UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, overseeing strategic governance, fiscal planning, ministerial engagement, and corporate operations. With a background in government and finance, he combines analytical rigour with a passion for public service and inclusive leadership. A London South Bank University graduate in business finance, Justin excels in policy development, stakeholder engagement, and project delivery under pressure. A strong advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion, he co-chairs the Civil Service Race Forum and the Faith and Minority Ethnic Network, championing fair, inclusive workplaces.

#### FOCUS

*“From Vulnerability to Resilience: Net Zero as a Growth Strategy.”*

## NAOMI SESAY

### FOUNDER, SWIPE WEALTH

Naomi Sesay FRSA is a visionary leader, international speaker, and advocate for diversity, equity, and innovation with over 25 years in media. Formerly On-Screen Diversity Executive at Channel 4 and Head of Innovation and Diversity at Media Trust, she began her career at MTV News and was among the first producers of Big Brother. A sought-after speaker for global organisations including Google, Deloitte, and the UN, Naomi champions emotional and cultural intelligence in leadership. Founder of Swiipe Wealth and author of *The Human Upgrade*, she is currently developing Matamp City - the first female-centric sustainable Smart City in Sierra Leone



#### FOCUS

*“Smart Cities and Their Role in Sustainable Urban Development.”*



## SANDRA MURPHY

FOUNDER, EQUIDIET UK LTD

Sandra Murphy is a pioneering entrepreneur and equine nutritionist dedicated to sustainable, science-led innovation in animal health. As founder of Equidiet UK Ltd, she developed EquidGel - the world's first natural, fibre-based hydration feed for horses - supporting resilience, digestion, and wellbeing. Her work extends into regenerative agriculture, creating high-protein, nitrogen-fixing cattle feeds that improve soil health, reduce fertiliser use, and cut methane emissions. Focused on circular, resilient food systems, Sandra promotes sustainable development in Africa and the Caribbean, linking animal welfare with environmental and economic sustainability. Recognised across the agrifood and equine sectors, she champions a regenerative, equitable future

### FOCUS

*"We Are What We Eat: Reclaiming African and Caribbean Food Resilience"*

## DAVID P.A MULLINGS

CHAIRMAN & CEO, BLUE MAHOE HOLDINGS

David P.A. Mullings is the Chairman and CEO of Blue Mahoe Holdings, an investment firm giving retail investors access to the Caribbean. With decades of experience in entrepreneurship and finance, he is dedicated to mobilizing diaspora capital for sustainable regional growth. Under his leadership, Blue Mahoe Capital became the first US-based company to launch an SEC-qualified Caribbean-focused offering for non-accredited investors, reserving the NASDAQ ticker IRIE. Born in Jamaica and raised in Miami, David is passionate about empowering middle-class investors and unlocking the Global South's potential by connecting global capital with Caribbean opportunities



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## MEMPHIS AYOADE

**DIRECTOR, REACHOUT2ALL CIC**

Memphis Ayoade is a globally recognised author, youth advocate, and social entrepreneur committed to empowering young people to define success on their own terms. At 17, he published a self-help book that reached readers across India, Australia, the US, and the UK, offering tools for overcoming adversity. As a director at Reachout2all CIC and advisor at Buildingpathwaysuk CIC, he leads initiatives such as financial literacy workshops and public speaking masterclasses for underserved communities. His consulting work with organisations including the London Violence Reduction Unit and British Transport Police focuses on promoting apprenticeships and equitable career pathways

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*“Future: Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Today - Exploring Every Impact Now for Tomorrow”*

## DR. NGOZI OYEWOLE

**PRESIDENT, CBW-AFRICA**

Dr. Ngozi Oyewole is a dynamic entrepreneur and advocate for women’s economic empowerment across Africa. As President of Commonwealth Business Women Africa, she leads initiatives promoting women’s inclusion in business and policy. With over 20 years of experience, she is also the MD/CEO of NOXIE Limited, a leading manufacturer of office furniture and PPE for Nigeria’s oil and gas industry. Ngozi drives projects like Training One Million African Girls in Coding and chairs the Strategic Women and Youth Institute. Recognised among NBC’s “33 Women Amplifying Voices in Africa,” she champions inclusive development, innovation, and sustainable growth across the continent.



### FOCUS

*“Empowering Women - Driving Progress in Business, Markets, and Policy”*



## TARIQ BROWN

**PROGRAMME COORDINATOR, SEO  
LONDON**

Tariq is a facilitator, poet, and public speaker with experience in youth development, career programming, and community engagement. Holding a BSc in Finance and Business, and having completed internships in Jamaica, Malaysia, Malta, and the UAE, he brings a global outlook to education and social mobility. As a global ambassador for Grace Kennedy in Kingston, Jamaica, he has spent six years supporting young people across London through grassroots organisations and schools. A core member of Poetic Unity, he uses poetry to promote mental health and has spoken for the Universal Peace Federation, Humanitarian Leadership Academy, ACSIS, and the BBC Words First programme.

### FOCUS

*“Future: Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Today – Exploring Every Impact Now for Tomorrow”*

## H.E SABAH ZITA BENSON

**HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UK,  
GHANA HIGH COMMISSION**

Her Excellency Sabah Zita Benson is a seasoned diplomat, lawyer, and public servant with over two decades of leadership in governance, law, and international relations. She has held several key ministerial roles, including Minister for Information—where she modernized Ghana’s communication systems—and Minister for Tourism, where she spearheaded major policy reforms and oversaw the construction of the Accra Visitors Information Centre. H.E. Benson holds degrees in English and Law from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, an LLB and an LL.M. in Oil and Gas Law from the University of Ghana, and is a Barrister of the Ghana Bar.



### FOCUS

*H.E Mrs. Zita Sabah Benson will deliver an address at ACSIS 2025*



## SEGUN AJAYI-KADIR, mni

**DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION  
OF NIGERIA**

Mr. Segun Ajayi-Kadir, mni, is a distinguished policy expert and industry leader with extensive experience in advocacy, strategic management, and industrial development. He holds a Master's in International Relations and a BSc in Political Science, and is an alumnus of Nigeria's National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies. Rising through the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), he now serves as Director General and CEO of MAN, Africa's largest manufacturing body. A founding Co-Secretary General of the Pan-African Manufacturers Association, he sits on key federal committees, including the Presidential Economic Coordinating Council and the Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform Committee.

### FOCUS

*"Building Resilient Economies: Resilience in the Face of Global Crises"*

## DR. STACEY BRIAN

**CONSULTANT & ONCOLOGY  
SURGEON, IMPERIAL COLLEGE NHS  
TRUST**

Dr Stacey Bryan is a Consultant Gynaecologist and Gynaecology Oncology Surgeon at Imperial College NHS Trust. She trained at Hammersmith Hospital and holds a BSc in Biomedical Science and an MBBS from St George's University of London, earning MRCOG in 2015 and an MD from UCL in 2022 for research on HPV and early cervical cancer detection. Chair of the British Caribbean Doctors and Dentists Association, she advocates for health awareness and literacy, especially for marginalised communities. Her work has been published internationally and recognised with the 2024 Oncology Clinician of the Year award at the inaugural Black Healthcare Awards.



### FOCUS

*"Ancestry, Awareness, and Action: The Prevention Conversation"*



## DR. DAMIE SINANAN

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CARIBBEAN-EXPORT DEV. AGENCY**

Dr Damie Sinanan is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency, serving since 2014. With over 20 years of experience in private sector development, trade promotion, investment attraction, and economic resilience, he leads initiatives that enhance the competitiveness of Caribbean firms, including SMEs, and attract transformative investments. Prior to Caribbean Export, he held key roles at exporTT, the Inter-American Development Bank, and Republic Bank Limited. Dr Sinanan holds a BSc, MSc, and PhD in Economics from the University of the West Indies, and is recognised for his strategic leadership in driving sustainable economic growth across the Caribbean.

**FOCUS**

*“The Future of Leadership: Adapting to a Changing Workforce; the session title of the speaker should ideally fit in this box and should remain a constant size for all.”*

## CHRIS DESAI

**CEO & FOUNDER, THE VAYUU FOUNDATION, UOCEAN, UEARTH**

Chris Desai is a world-renowned entrepreneur and philanthropist from Leicester, UK, known for his organic luxury fashion brand Vayyu®, the Vayyu Foundation®, and global initiatives UOCEAN 2050 and UEARTH 2050. Drawing on his mixed African, Indian, and Caribbean heritage, he works closely with underserved and isolated communities worldwide. Recognised for his impact in sustainability and social change, Chris has been named in the Forty Under 40 for Climate & Sustainability and is a BBC Make A Difference Awards winner, among other accolades.



**FOCUS**

*“Harnessing the Blue Economy for Sustainable Growth.”*

*Chris is also a Moderator at ACSIS 2025.*



## DR. INGRID ANN BUFFONGE

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & SOCIAL SCIENCES , GOV'T OF MONTSERRAT**

Dr Ingrid Ann Buffonge is the Minister of Education, Health, and Social Services in Montserrat, a British Overseas Territory. A physician with 26 years of experience, she is dedicated to strengthening public health, education, and social welfare on the island. Her health priorities include tackling NCDs, improving medical evacuation, early cancer diagnosis, and updating health policy. In social services, she promotes child and adult safeguarding, supports older persons, and improves access for non-nationals. In education, she focuses on special needs, technical and vocational programmes, literacy, digitalisation, and teacher retention. A mother of four, Dr Buffonge previously served as a parliamentarian and has practiced medicine in Montserrat and the UK.

### FOCUS

*"Rising from the ashes. Using resilience to rebuild."*

## H.E MACENJE MAZOKA

**HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UK, ZAMBIA HIGH COMMISSION**

Her Excellency Macenje "Che Che" Mazoka is Zambia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, with over 30 years of experience in media, governance, and diplomacy. Daughter of prominent politician Anderson Mazoka, she began her career in broadcasting in the United States before leading communications and marketing at the South African Broadcasting Corporation for 16 years. As High Commissioner, she focuses on economic diplomacy, strengthening Zambia-UK relations, attracting investment, and promoting Zambia's role in global discussions on climate, development, and governance. Mazoka also chairs NGOs supporting good governance and development in the SADC region, using her media expertise to amplify Zambia's international narrative.



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*H.E Macenje Mazoka will deliver an address at ACSIS 2025.*



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## ERIC PHILLIPS

**DIRECTOR, I-LABS GUYANA AND  
NORWAY**

Eric Phillips, Director of I-Labs Guyana and Norway, is a Guyanese-born international executive with extensive leadership experience across seven countries. He has held senior roles including CEO, Managing Director, and Vice President at AT&T, overseeing operations in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. A McMaster University Chemical Engineering graduate, he also earned an MBA from NYU Stern and trained at Stevens Institute and AT&T Bell Labs. Eric is Vice-Chair of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, Chair of the Guyana Reparations Committee, and a traditional chief in South Africa. A former White House Fellow and national awardee, he also represented Guyana internationally in multiple sports.

### FOCUS

*“Beyond Aid: Leveraging CARICOM  
Integration for Global South Prosperity”*

## DR. NICOLE LAWRENCE

**FOUNDER & CEO, HEALTHY HAVEN  
NUTRITION LLC**

Dr Nicole Lawrence is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and public health leader with nearly 30 years of experience in nutrition, public health, and integrated behavioral health. She is the founder and CEO of Healthy Haven Nutrition LLC, providing trauma-informed nutrition consultations, health coaching, and education. Holding a Doctor of Behavioral Health (DBH) and a Master of Public Health (MPH), she focuses on supporting foster families, child welfare professionals, and health practitioners, addressing nutrition, behavior change, and foster placement stability. Originally from Guyana, Dr Lawrence is committed to improving health outcomes in Caribbean communities and mentoring the next generation of public health leaders.



### FOCUS

*“Healing the Divide: Trauma informed  
nutrition”*



## SHERAH BECKLEY IHE

### SENIOR MANAGER, CLIMATE IMPACT PARTNERS

Sherah is an award-winning sustainability professional with over ten years of global experience in driving climate and sustainability initiatives across Ghana, Finland, and the UK. She is currently Senior Manager in Client Solutions at Climate Impact Partners, supporting multinational clients in achieving climate action goals and maximizing carbon program value. Previously, she worked at Thomson Reuters in Corporate Responsibility & Inclusion, leading environmental initiatives and sustainability thought leadership. Committed to embedding the Sustainable Development Goals into business practice, Sherah was recognized in 2018 by the Financial Times and HERoes as a Top 50 Female Future Leader for her impactful contributions to sustainability.

#### FOCUS

*“Future: Building Tomorrow’s Leaders Today – Exploring Every Impact Now for Tomorrow”*

## DR. DIANNA DASILVA-GLASGOW

### DEAN OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA

Dr. Dianna DaSilva-Glasgow is a Senior Lecturer in Economics and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, with over 15 years of experience in research and teaching. She holds a BSc in Economics, an MSc in International Trade Policy (Distinction), and a PhD in Economic Development Policy (High Commendation), alongside certifications from the World Bank Institute, Duke University, and UN institutions. An accomplished scholar, she has published extensively with Cambridge Scholars, Palgrave-Macmillan, UWI Press, and international journals including the Estey Journal of International Trade Law, Transition Journal, and the South Asian Journal of Management, contributing widely to economic development and trade policy research.



#### FOCUS

*“Sustainable Development in Developing Markets”*



## DARWIN TELEMAQUE

**CEO, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA  
PORT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Darwin Telemaque is a seasoned transportation and logistics expert with deep experience in port operations, project management, and safety management. For eleven years, he has served as CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, leading the transformative modernization of the St. John's Port—now capable of berthing three cargo ships and five cruise ships simultaneously and serving as a key economic hub. A strategic leader focused on performance and international best practices, he also holds major regional roles, including Vice-Chairman of the OAS International Committee of Ports, Chairman of the OECS Port Committee, and Chairman of PMAC, where he advances regional port development.

### FOCUS

*“Leveraging Diaspora Networks to Scale African Creative Enterprises”*

## MISIE GOODE

**MORIZON INTERNATIONAL AGENT**

Misie Goode is a versatile professional with over 20 years of experience in corporate administration, creative arts, and international project promotion. She has served as an Executive PA, event coordinator, and project manager, supporting high-profile leaders and managing conferences and cultural initiatives. Currently, she is a Morizon International Agent promoting global housing projects across Africa. Alongside her corporate work, Misie is an accomplished actor, model, and published catwalk talent, with credits in the UK, USA, and Caribbean. In 2022, she was crowned Ms Elegance UK. She brings creativity, and passion to every endeavour.



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*“Cultural Entrepreneurship & Diaspora Influence”*



## MICHAEL BURGESS

### FOUNDER, CREATIVE RESILIENCE INTERNATIONAL

Michael Burgess is a distinguished creative producer, business development leader, and former senior diplomat with extensive experience in Africa-focused initiatives across the UK and Europe. He is High-Level Events Programming Manager at the Royal African Society and Founder/Director of Creative Resilience International, supporting Black and underrepresented creatives. Michael has produced major events including Africa Fashion Week London and Nigeria, the Royal African Society's 120th Anniversary Gala, Grace Jones' Meltdown Festival, and International Africa Day with UNESCO and WIPO. He co-founded Dhaa Botswana and serves on the Mayor of London's Africa in London Committee.

#### FOCUS

*"Cultural Entrepreneurship & Diaspora Influence"*

## OLA WRIGHT

### CEO, WEST AFRICA TOURISM ORGANISATION (WATO)

Ola Wright is a passionate and accomplished tourism leader with over 30 years of experience in business ownership, management, consulting, and administration. She is CEO of the West Africa Tourism Organisation (WATO) and a tourism consultant for global organisations and destinations in West Africa. Ola has worked with governments across Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East, fostering regional collaboration and initiating projects such as the West Africa Integrated Travel (WAIT), West Africa Ecotourism Network (WAEN), the Freedom Pilgrims program, and the West African Cocoa Trail. Holding an MSc in Tourism Marketing Management from Bournemouth University, she is recognised for advancing sustainable, community-focused tourism across West Africa.



#### FOCUS

*"Heritage Tourism: Bridging Cultures for Sustainable Growth. Leveraging shared African-Caribbean heritage to build inclusive, culturally rooted tourism models."*



## BRIAN SANYA MONDOH

### CEO & FOUNDER, BLOCKCHAIN LEX GROUP

Brian is a triple-qualified advocate, Barrister in England and Wales, and Attorney at Law in Trinidad and Tobago, specialising in Web3, blockchain, digital assets, AI, and emerging technologies. He focuses on regulatory compliance, anti-money laundering, and crypto-asset recovery. Founder of Blockchain Lex Group and CryptoMondays Caribbean and Africa, Brian leads a 90,000-strong community promoting legal compliance and tech risk awareness. His research on Bitcoin, NFTs, and DAOs is widely cited, including in SSRN Top Ten and MIT's Computational Law Report. A TEDx speaker, he delivers Web3 education to 12,000+ students across the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa, and is also a professional DJ with over 20 years' experience.

#### FOCUS

*"Innovation, Technology; Trade Links:  
Unlocking Cross- Regional Potential."*

## GABRIELLE GAY

### FOUNDER, THE ERLINE BRADSHAW FOUNDATION

Gabrielle Gay is the Sustainable Development Champion for Education in the Prime Minister's Office of Barbados and CEO of CryptoMondays Africa. Founder of The Erline Bradshaw Foundation, she has over 20 years of award-winning experience in education leadership. Gabrielle created the Gabrielle Gay Award for Excellence in Reading and Literacy Mentorship Programme at age 13 and later founded the Femme Lex Cohort: Eco-Technology Justice Programme, reaching over 10 million learners across 115+ universities and schools. As Director of Educational Initiatives at Blockchain Lex Group, she leads Web3 and legal tech programs across the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa. Recognised by the UN and MIPAD100, she is a global influencer in education, philanthropy, and social impact.



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## TSONAM AKPELOO

**CEO, SUKU TECHNOLOGIES**

Tsonam is a Ghanaian technology entrepreneur, industrialist, and economist, CEO of Suku Technologies, serving clients in six countries. He chairs the Greater Accra Region of the Association of Ghana Industries and the Trade and Industry Cluster of the African Union's AU-ECOSOCC. Founder of Kadodo Africa, he supports African businesses under the AU continental free trade agreement. A global speaker on digitalisation, fintech, agritech, and TVET, Tsonam is a Global Shaper, Mandela Washington Fellow, and Tony Elumelu Entrepreneur. He holds advanced degrees in Economics, Business Creation, and MIS, with training at Stanford SEED and Alibaba Business School.

**FOCUS**

*"From Innovation to Investment: Building the Africa-Caribbean Tech Corridor"*

## IBUKUN ADEBAYO

**CO-FOUNDER & DIRECTOR,  
RESTITUTION CAPITAL**

Ibukun is the Co-Founder and Director of Restitution Capital, an impact-focused litigation fund that partners with governments in the Global South to pursue claims against entities responsible for significant state losses. Formerly Group Director at the London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG), his 18-year tenure included roles as Global Head of Sustainable Finance, Head of Emerging Markets, and Global Head of International Primary Markets. He led initiatives that raised over \$100 billion for emerging markets and pioneered offshore local-currency bonds for African and Indian issuers. Ibukun also serves on the board of the I-TRACK Foundation, which sets global renewable energy certification standards.



**FOCUS**

*"The Role of Diaspora in Advancing Reparative Justice"*



## DERRICK COBBINAH

**PRESIDENT, GHANA-JAMAICA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Derrick Cobbinah is a seasoned professional with over 14 years of experience in human resources, logistics, procurement, customer service, and outsourcing. With a multinational background in humanitarian logistics, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and operational excellence in high-pressure environments. A British Army veteran with ten years of service, Derrick was awarded the Afghanistan Service Medal and the Queen's Jubilee Medal. He currently serves as President of the Ghana Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, where he leverages his strategic vision to strengthen economic and cultural ties, promote sustainable growth, and drive innovative solutions for businesses and communities across Ghana and Jamaica.

### FOCUS

*"Bridging Continents: Strengthening Trade and Investment Between Africa and the Caribbean"*

## ESTHER XOSEI

**CO-VICE CHAIR, PARCOE**

Esther Xosei is a jurisconsult, scholar-activist, and decolonial reparatologist of Afrikan Caribbean heritage from Barbados and Guyana. She advances Planet Repairs, a framework addressing cognitive, reparatory, and environmental justice. As Co-Vice Chair of PARCOE, she builds international solidarity networks and advocates for Afrikan reparations. Esther coordinates the Stop The Maangamizi Campaign and co-founded INOSAAR, uniting scholars to create emancipatory knowledge on reparations. She is Executive Director of the Maangamizi Educational Trust, providing transformative education and movement-building initiatives. Her work champions rematriation, reconnecting Afrikan peoples with ancestral lands, and drives global Pan-Afrikan movement-building for holistic liberation and justice.



### FOCUS

*"Reparations, and Future Advocacy: Beyond Apologies - Pathways to Tangible Outcomes"*



## GEORGE BAMFO

CTO, FIXEDBYTE

George Bamfo is a Lecturer in Cyber Security and Smart Cities and School Employability Lead at LSBU's School of Computer Science and Digital Technology. As CTO of Fixedbyte and Co-Founder of Fixedbyte Without Borders, he is a passionate tech evangelist committed to empowering the next generation of innovators. George champions equality, diversity, and inclusion in technology, advocating for education and skills development that align with societal needs. Through his work in academia and industry, he strives to build a more connected, equitable, and technologically literate future, inspiring students and professionals to drive meaningful innovation.

### FOCUS

*"Securing Our Digital Future: Empowering Youth and Women for a Resilient Africa-Caribbean Alliance"*

## STEVE MAINGOT

CO-CHAIR, UNIVERSAL  
HEALTHCARE WORKING GROUP

Steve Maingot is a distinguished healthcare professional with extensive board-level experience in the NHS and Voluntary Sector. An expert in health informatics and commissioning across all care levels, he has led transformative digital initiatives, particularly in primary care and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Steve serves as Co-Chair of the Universal Health Care Working Group, NHS App Ambassador, and holds various advisory and examiner roles, including at King's College Medical School. With an MBA and B.Sc. in Applied Biology, he is a Fellow of multiple professional bodies. Steve combines operational leadership, project management, and data-driven innovation to enhance healthcare delivery and outcomes.



### FOCUS

*"Building Equitable Healthcare Systems Across Africa & the Caribbean"*



## MICHAEL LUTTERODT- QUARCOO

### INTERNATIONAL HOST

Michael Lutterodt-Quarcoo (ML-Q) is an international host and presenter with over 12 years' experience leading corporate, charity, and specialist events. Known for his charisma and cultural fluency, he connects effortlessly with audiences, whether addressing 4,000+ attendees in a large auditorium or hosting intimate gatherings. Michael's engaging style ensures events are educational, inspiring, and entertaining, leaving a lasting impact on participants. He has built a reputation for professionalism, versatility, and audience rapport across diverse cultural and event settings.

#### FOCUS

*Michael Lutterodt-Quarcoo will be the housekeeping moderator for ACSIS® 2025.*

## SIOBHÁN O'GARRO

### FOUNDER, SIOBOND MANAGEMENT

Siobhán O'Garro is an economist, systems builder, and authentic leader with extensive experience in real estate management, government economic advisory, corporate tax consultancy, and sustainable community development. She founded and led successful companies in the Caribbean and the UK and has advised major public and private sector leaders across the diaspora. Siobhán has moderated international forums, including the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's discussion on increasing women's political participation. As a trustee of South Central Youth and Voyage Youth, she champions education, mentoring, and social justice. Her work emphasizes sustainability, community-building, and fostering inclusive growth across African and Caribbean regions.



#### FOCUS

*Siobhán O'Garro will be a Panel moderator for ACSIS 2025.*



## DR. LAVERN McFARLANE

**CHIEF ECONOMIST, CARICOM  
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Dr. Lavern McFarlane is the Chief Economist at the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), where she guides the design and management of financial instruments, policies, and tools supporting regional integration and development. She leads major innovative initiatives that direct investment toward high-impact solutions across the CARICOM region. A key member of the CDF's Management Investment Committee, she co-developed the Credit Risk Abatement Facility and serves as its Chief Underwriter. She also led the creation of the Caribbean Community Resilience Fund and is structuring a Green Growth, Resilience and Sustainability Facility. Dr. McFarlane spearheaded the CARICOM Cohesion Policy, approved in 2020.

### FOCUS

*"Regional Economic Resilience: The Role of Financial Innovation & Integration in Caribbean Development"*



## REV. RONALD NATHAN

**PAN-AFRICAN PREACHER**

Rev. Ronald A. Nathan is a distinguished Pan-African preacher, faith-based consultant, and public theologian with over 45 years of ministry across Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Americas. Goodwill Ambassador to Europe and Africa for the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean and World Politics Editor for The Star of Zion, he is known as The Pan African Preacher. His popular YouTube platform offers faith-rooted commentary on liberation and justice. Recipient of the 2025 Paul Robeson Award, he advances reparations, Black empowerment, and global solidarity. A prolific writer and speaker, he is pursuing doctoral studies in Caribbean Theology and Reparations.

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*Reparations, and Future Advocacy: Beyond Apologies - Pathways to Tangible Outcomes*



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# WORLD REPARATIONS CONFERENCE

## PURPOSE

The World Reparations Conference (WRC) mission is to convene global stakeholders – Governments, Civil Society, Academia, Private Sector, and the African and Caribbean diasporas – for a focused, strategic dialogue on advancing reparations and restitution efforts rooted in historical truth, collective dignity, and intergenerational justice.

## 2025 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The first ACSIS WRC was hosted this year at the House of Lords, Parliament Square, London (25th September 2025). The WRC launched its “Pathways to Reparative Justice” session under the theme “Truth, Dignity, and Repair – For Generations to Come,” convening activists, policymakers, economists, and business leaders to shape practical frameworks addressing the enduring legacies of slavery and colonialism. Founding Chair David F. Roberts called for a structured, youth-led agenda and recognised Parliament’s historic role. Moderator Chris Desai pressed for measurable outcomes and urgent implementation.

Speakers including Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP (Chair, APPG on Afrikan Reparations), Esther Xosei (reparationist, jurisconsult), and Dr R. David Muir (Cambridge)–stressed that reparations must extend beyond finance to education reform, systemic change, and restored dignity. Ibukun Adebayo (CEO, Restitution Capital) linked high borrowing costs and “corruption premiums” in emerging markets to colonial legacies, urging reparative economic frameworks centred on transparency and sustainable growth.

Personal reflections from Heirs of Slavery, led by co-founder John Dower, brought

descendants of enslavers into dialogue with descendants of enslaved peoples, underlining the moral complexity of repair.

Deliberations examined: the economics of reparations and corporate accountability; the case for a national programme—including Haiti’s historic extraction, outlined by Dr Kridikel Truthbey (Sixth Region, USA); community-led approaches to inclusion; and the role of institutions—from Parliament and the Church to media such as The Guardian—in acknowledging and addressing ties to slavery.

Contributions from Timi Okuwa (Black Equity Organisation) and Joseph Harker (The Guardian; Legacies of Enslavement) reinforced commitments to transparency and reform.

The session closed with a collective call to policymakers, business, and diaspora communities to collaborate on education, equity, and empowerment—ensuring reparative justice translates into tangible economic and social outcomes.



*Image: Baroness Verma of Leicester opening the WRC 2025 Event at the UK House of Lords.*

# VOICES FROM THE 2025 WRC

Delegates and partners shared their reflections following the launch, emphasising its impact, coordination, and value as a platform for dialogue and collaboration.

*“A fascinating and informative day, engaging discussions and thought-provoking insights throughout.”*

Participant, WRC Launch 2025.

*“The event’s focus on economic and business-driven solutions to reparative justice stood out – this is ACSIS’s unique strength.”*

Participant, WRC Launch 2025.

*“This was great, more please! Looking forward to the next edition.”*

Delegate, WRC Launch 2025.

*“A unique platform that deserves more accolades, the dialogue was relevant and necessary.”*

Partner Representative, WRC Launch 2025.

*“Well-organised and inspiring. Thank you for hosting such an engaging event.”*

Participant, WRC Launch 2025.

*“I’m excited to support future ACSIS initiatives, this kind of platform is much needed.”*

Participant, WRC Launch 2025.

The ACSIS World Reparations Conference 2025 at the UK House of Lords was supported by the **Black Equity Organisation (BEO)**.

The Black Equity Organisation is an independent, national Black civil rights organisation created to dismantle systemic racism in Britain. We exist to promote economic, legal, social, and political equity for Black communities in Britain in order to ensure equal opportunity for progress and prosperity.

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## ONLINE WEBINAR, CONNECTING THE REGIONS VIRTUALLY

### PURPOSE

ACSIS EXCHANGE is a multi-session webinar series designed to connect African and Caribbean project developers, policymakers, and capital providers with practical insights that shorten the path from concept to bankability to investment. The series builds deal-readiness, showcases investable opportunities, and strengthens cross-regional collaboration.

### WHO IT'S FOR

Project developers, DFIs, family offices, PE/VC funds, banks, corporate venture teams, trade/investment agencies, diaspora investors, professional services (legal, advisory), and ecosystem enablers.

The five most recent ACSIS EXCHANGE webinars (from the ACSIS YouTube channel), with dates and themes:

- 2 Oct 2025 – Creative & Cultural Industries (Vol II): A focus on how the creative economy drives investable, inclusive growth across Africa-Caribbean markets. (10th Edition).
- 18 Sept 2025 – Food & Food Security (Vol II): Deep dive on food sovereignty, agri-value chains, and resilient supply systems (9th Edition).

- 4 Sept 2025 – Reparations & Reparative Justice: Policy, finance, and development perspectives linking historical justice to modern capital flows (8th Edition).
- 21 Aug 2025 – Health & Life Sciences (II): Innovation, investment, and regulation shaping healthcare and biotech collaborations (7th Edition).
- 9 Aug 2025 – FinTech & Cybersecurity: Cross-border payments, digital asset security, and investor readiness for fintech ventures (6th Edition).

Series snapshot: The latest run charts a coherent arc from financing tangible sectors (food systems and health) to enabling ecosystems (fintech security) and high-growth cultural industries, with reparative justice providing a vital policy lens.

Collectively, these sessions highlight investable pipelines, de-risking tools, and regulatory pathways while nurturing Africa-Caribbean deal flow.

For each edition, ACSIS pairs specialist speakers with moderated Q&A and follow-on materials, aligning promoters with investor expectations and the ACSIS Deal Room criteria.

ACSIS Exchange is a platform for African, Caribbean, and British policymakers, business leaders, and investors to exchange insights, share best practices, and explore opportunities for sustainable trade and investment.

# ACSIS DEAL ROOM

## DIRECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS & BUSINESS

### PURPOSE

The Deal Room at ACSIS 2025 is the Summit's platform for real transactions and strategic partnerships. Here, innovators and project leaders from Africa, the Caribbean, and the diaspora engage directly with investors, funds, and corporate stakeholders to pitch, negotiate, and unlock growth opportunities. It's where collaboration turns into capital and ideas evolve into investable ventures.



### WHAT MEMBERS GAIN

- **Cross-Regional Collaboration & Market Access** – Build bridges between African and Caribbean markets, opening doors to new trade channels, diaspora capital, and co-investment opportunities across both regions.
- **Access to Capital & Partnerships** – Step into a curated environment where global investors, development funds, and corporate leaders are actively seeking opportunities to fund, mentor, and scale promising ventures.
- **Exclusive Exposure for Investment-Ready Projects** – Showcase your project or business in front of decision-makers who can accelerate your growth through equity investment, joint ventures, or strategic partnerships.
- **Direct Path from Vision to Transaction**  
**Move beyond Networking** – this is where deals are structured, MoUs are signed, and funding commitments begin.
- **Aligned with Sustainable Impact** – Every opportunity in the Deal Room is curated with sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation at its core – ensuring that every deal contributes to long-term growth and shared prosperity.
- **Curated Matchmaking & 1-on-1 Meetings**  
Get matched with investors and partners aligned with your goals and industry.

Empowering African-Caribbean collaboration through investment, innovation, and impact. Where vision meets capital and partnerships drive sustainable growth.

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