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# 2ND OIL & GAS LAW CONFERENCE

**June 8 - 9 2017**

8:00am - 4:00pm | Hilton Trinidad Conference Centre



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### MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

Following the success of the Inaugural Oil and Gas Conference in 2015, the UWI St Augustine Faculty of Law is pleased to organise the second Oil and Gas Law Conference. The second conference will be held at the Hilton Trinidad Conference Centre in Port of Spain on June 8th and 9th 2017.

This conference is extremely important to the Faculty and one that we believe will have a regional appeal. It is also in line with the strategic plan and mission of the UWI to advance education and create knowledge in order to support the development of the Caribbean region and beyond.

At this year's conference we look forward to addressing the current legal challenges in the Energy Sector in light of the decline in oil prices and how this scenario affects oil exploration agreements. We will also discuss legal issues in energy exploration and production that new frontiers are experiencing and lessons from more mature oil jurisdictions.

The themes for the 2 days will be as follows:

**Day 1 Exploring the legal framework for Oil and Gas Law; and Day 2: The Trinidad Experience: Setting the Context and Lessons Learnt.**

### CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

The Conference Secretariat is available for registration to answer questions, print materials and assist with making your Conference experience more enjoyable. The Secretariat will be open at the following times:

**June 8th: 7:00am – 11:30am**

**June 8th: 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**June 9th: 7:00am – 12:00pm**

**June 9th: 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

### FACULTY OF LAW MAILING LIST

The Faculty of Law has a number of public education activities, such as conferences and panel discussions which take place throughout the year to promote public discourse and education. If you would like to join the Faculty's mailing list and be a part of the database, please visit the Conference Secretariat to sign up or email [law@sta.uwi.edu](mailto:law@sta.uwi.edu). You may also unsubscribe from the Faculty's mailing list at any time.

### ACCESS TO CONFERENCE MATERIALS

The conference website along with username and password to access materials will be provided to delegates.

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## EXPLORING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN OIL AND GAS LAW: THE CARIBBEAN PERSPECTIVE

**Day 1: Thursday June 8th**

### EXPLORING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR OIL AND GAS LAW

8:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8:30	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>  <b>WELCOME</b> <b>Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine</b> <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus</i>  <b>REMARKS</b> <b>Giselle Thompson</b> <i>Vice President, Corporate Operations, bpTT</i>  <b>Michael Short</b> <i>Head of Legal, Shell Trinidad and Tobago</i>  <b>Mr. Terrence Brathwaite</b> <i>Postgraduate Course Director, (LLM Programmes), Coventry Law School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>  <b>Chair</b> <b>Alicia Elias-Roberts</b> <i>Lecturer, Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus</i>
9:30	<b>Guyana: New Frontier</b> <b>C.A. Nigel Hughes</b> <i>Barrister at law and Partner, Hughes, Field and Stoby Director, Guyana Oil and Gas Association</i>
10:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

**Day 1: Thursday June 8th**

**EXPLORING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR OIL AND GAS LAW**

<b>10:30</b> <b>(60 minutes</b> <b>presentation</b> <b>and then Q &amp; A)</b>	<p><b>First Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Issues surrounding “local content” in oil and gas exploration and production</b></p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <p><b>Local Content in the Energy Sector: critical issues to consider in the development and implementation of local content policy</b></p> <p><b>Dr Ekpen Omonbude</b> <i>Economic Adviser (Natural Resources), Oceans and Natural Resources Advisory Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</i></p> <p><b>T&amp;T’s approach to economic development from petroleum - Independence and beyond</b></p> <p><b>Anthony Paul</b> <i>Chairman of the Local Content Committee, Trinidad and Tobago</i></p> <p><b>T&amp;T’s Local Content Policy for the petroleum sector - its implementation, some challenges and lessons learnt</b></p> <p><b>Dr Robert Riley</b> <i>Former Head of Safety and Operational Risk, Competency &amp; Capability Development at the BP Group, London, UK</i></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Jon Paul Mouttet</b> <i>Attorney-at-law, Messrs. Fitzwilliam, Stone Furness Smith and Morgan</i></p>
<b>11:30</b> <b>(30 minutes</b> <b>Q &amp; A)</b>	<p><b>Q and A following First Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Issues surrounding “local content” in oil and gas exploration and production</p>
<b>12:00</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>



**Day 1: Thursday June 8th**

### EXPLORING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR OIL AND GAS LAW

<b>1:00</b> <b>(60 minutes</b> <b>presentation</b> <b>and then Q &amp; A)</b>	<b>Second Panel Discussion</b> <b>Good Governance in the Management of Oil &amp; Gas Resources in Emerging Economies</b> (Delegation from Coventry University, UK)  <b>Panellists</b> <b>Political Interference and Corruption – Lessons to Be Learned from Petrobras</b> <b>Professor Stuart Weinstein</b> <i>Chair of Law Research, LLM Oil, Gas &amp; Energy, Coventry Law School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>  <b>Training the Local Workforce: Indigenisation Policies in the Oil and Gas Industry</b> <b>Dr Flavio Inocencio</b> <i>Co-ordinator LLM Oil Gas &amp; Energy Law, Coventry Law School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>  <b>Towards a sustainable development of Caribbean local content: An analysis of macro-economic variables, governance and accountability in the extractive industries</b> <b>Dr Mas’ud Ibrahim</b> <i>Senior Lecturer in Accounting, Coventry Business School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>  <b>Moderator</b> <b>Terrence Brathwaite</b> <i>Postgraduate Course Director, (LLM Programmes), Coventry Law School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>
<b>2:00</b> <b>(30 minutes</b> <b>Q &amp; A)</b>	<b>Q and A following Second Panel Discussion</b> Good Governance in the Management of Oil & Gas Resources in Emerging Economies
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>3:00</b> <b>(40 minutes</b> <b>presentation</b> <b>and then Q &amp; A)</b>	<b>Offshore Safety in the U.S. Today: Still a Work in Progress</b> <b>Professor Jacqueline L. Weaver</b> <i>A.A. White Professor of Law emeritus, University of Houston Law Center.</i>
<b>3:40</b> <b>(20 minutes</b> <b>Q &amp; A)</b>	<b>Q and A following presentation</b> <b>by Professor Jacqueline L. Weaver</b>

**Day 2: Friday June 9th**  
**THE TRINIDAD EXPERIENCE: SETTING THE CONTEXT AND LESSONS LEARNT**

<b>8:30</b>	<p><b>REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Trinidad and Tobago's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI)</b> <b>Contract transparency in Trinidad and Tobago and managing our oil, gas and mining sectors</b> <b>Sherwin Long</b> <i>Head of the TTEITI Secretariat</i></p>
<b>9:00</b> <b>(90 minute presentation and then Q &amp; A)</b>	<p><b>Third Panel Discussion</b> <b>Petroleum Contracts and key issues in Oil and Gas Exploration in Trinidad and Tobago</b></p> <p><b>Panellists</b> <b>Unique features of petroleum contracts: E &amp; P Licences versus Production Sharing Contracts; Knock for Knock Indemnity Structure</b> <b>Lisa Gosine-Alleyne</b> <i>Senior Division Counsel, EOG Resources Trinidad Limited</i></p> <p><b>Lessons learnt from industry insiders: the regulatory framework in Trinidad and Tobago</b> <b>Louise Poy Wing</b> <i>Senior State Counsel, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries</i></p> <p><b>Key areas in negotiating and drafting JOAs</b> <b>Richard M. Beckles</b> <i>Principal Consultant, The Legal Consultancy, Trinidad and Tobago</i></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Mark Morgan</b> <i>Attorney-at-law, Messrs. Fitzwilliam, Stone Furness Smith and Morgan</i></p>
<b>10:30</b> <b>(30 minutes Q &amp; A)</b>	<p><b>Q and A following Third Panel Discussion</b> Petroleum Contracts and key issues in Oil and Gas Exploration in Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<b>11:00</b>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

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### THE TRINIDAD EXPERIENCE: SETTING THE CONTEXT AND LESSONS LEARNT

11:30	<b>ADR and Proactive Dispute avoidance techniques and clauses.</b> <b>Robert A. Cedeno</b> <i>R. Eng., FCI Arb., Engineer and Attorney-at-law</i>
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 (90 minutes presentation and then Q & A)	<b>Fourth Panel Discussion</b> <b>Environmental Issues in Oil and Gas Law</b>  <b>Panellists</b> <b>Health, Safety and Environmental Challenges in Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration</b> <b>Alicia Elias-Roberts</b> <i>Lecturer, Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus</i>  <b>The Protection of installations and safety of navigation vs protection of the marine environment by the prevention of pollution from installations and ships – Aims and Challenges</b> <b>Rosemarie Cadogan</b> <i>Legal Adviser, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>  <b>Shale Gas Exploration in the United Kingdom: The Implementation of Environmental Accounting into the Hydraulic Fracturing process.</b> <b>Shane Grimes</b> <i>Lecturer in Accounting, Coventry Business School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK</i>  <b>Moderator</b> <b>Indira Rampaul-Cheddie</b> <i>Senior State Counsel, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries</i>
3:00 (30 minutes Q & A)	<b>Q and A following Fourth Discussion</b> Environmental Issues in Oil and Gas Law
3:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:00	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b> <b>Brian Baptiste</b> <i>Manager, Project Coordination, EOG Resources Trinidad Limited</i>



## **BIOGRAPHIES**



### **PROFESSOR ROSE-MARIE BELLE ANTOINE**

Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Dean, Faculty of Law, UWI and Professor of Labour Law & Off-shore Financial Law, is an attorney, award winning scholar and international legal consultant. In 2011, she was elected by the OAS as a Commissioner to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, (IACHR), Washington, where she holds two portfolios as the Rapporteur for Persons of African Descent and against Race Discrimination, and the Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples. Also, Professor Antoine was the inaugural Head of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Unit at the IACHR/OAS. In 2015 she was elected President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She is an adjunct professor in US universities, inaugural Programme Director of the LLM and a former legal officer at the ILO in Geneva. Antoine is an Honorary Member of the worldwide law body, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, the only Caribbean person so appointed. She sits on the Advisory Board of the International Journal of Legislative Drafting and Law Reform, London, the Advisory Committee of Small Jurisdictions Graduate Program, Brookes University, Oxford and is the CARICOM Chair on HIV and Migration.



### **RICHARD M. BECKLES**

Richard M. Beckles is the Principal Consultant at The Legal Consultancy. He is an Attorney-at-Law with significant energy and finance experience and is qualified in Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom. In the energy sector, Richard has worked on all facets of upstream, midstream and downstream projects including gas and LNG projects in Trinidad and Tobago, Egypt, Norway and the United Kingdom. He has also held governance and corporate secretarial roles with various E&P and LNG entities. In March 2016, Richard was appointed to the Permanent Local Content Committee established by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries. In the finance sector, Richard specializes in project and bank financing and has been involved in major project and capital market transactions in Trinidad and throughout the Caribbean. He is recognized for his ability to bring a highly commercial and practical approach to advising clients and closing transactions.

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### TERRENCE WENDELL BRATHWAITE

Terrence Wendell Brathwaite is the Academic Postgraduate Course Director (LLM Law Degree Programmes) and Sr. Lecturer in Law at the Coventry Law School. He is the Co-ordinator of the Law School's annual 'Oil, Gas & Energy Law Convezazione' and other workshops in the Law School. Prior to joining the Coventry Law School from the Coventry Business School in 2015, Terry was the Course Director of the Faculty of Business & Law's Chartered Management Initiative Programme, Founding Convenor of the world's first MSc/MBA Degrees in Global Development & International Law, and former International Consultant (Industrial Medicine) to the British Council in Kazakhstan. Pre-Coventry University which commenced in 1994, Terry served with several organizations including the regional World Trade Institute of Latin America & the Caribbean, the regional Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organisations, the Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago, and Project Coordinator (Social Marketing) at The University of the West Indies. He has held Visiting Lectureships at several universities including Harvard University, the CENTRUM Católica Business School in Lima, Peru, the National Normal University of Taiwan, the Emirates Aviation University, and the Universities of Tomsk & Kemerovo, Siberia/Russia. Terry has an MA Degree (European Union Law) from the University of Leicester, and an MPhil Degree (Industrial Medicine) from the University of Birmingham in the UK. He is a trained Mediator, Chartered Marketeer & Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, Companion of the Institute of Sales & Marketing Management, a Fellow of the International Institute of Law & Medicine, and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.



### ROSEMARIE CADOGAN

Rosemarie Cadogan is an international lawyer and interim Head and adviser with the Ocean Governance and Natural Resources Advisory Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. Her projects and transactional experience spans over 15 years on projects in the Caribbean, Africa, Pacific and Guyana. She has advised governments and regional groupings on legal issues relating to the exploration and exploitation of natural resources, including negotiating and drafting international agreements for joint management of transboundary deposits, fisheries agreements, maritime enforcement, extended continental shelf submissions and maritime boundary delimitation. Ms Cadogan holds a degree in Law from the University of the West Indies, a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations from the University of Guyana, and a Masters' Degree in Marine and Environmental Law from Dalhousie University, Canada. She is admitted to the Bar in Guyana and Canada.

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### **ROBERT A. CEDENO**

Robert A. Cedeno is an Engineer and Attorney-at-law. Robert practices in the field of complex construction multi-party dispute resolution, on all types of projects, applying FIDIC (all books), TTIA and other forms of General Conditions with disputes between the Employer-Owner/ Contractor/ Surety/ Architect/ Engineer. He serves as arbitrator, mediator, claims consultant, technical/legal advisor, and as the chair or member on Construction Dispute Adjudication/ Review Boards (DABs/DRBs) internationally. He is a member of several associations including the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT), Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT), APETT's designee on the Caribbean Accreditation Council for Engineering and Technology, the American Bar Association (ABA), Construction and International Law Sections, the Florida Bar Association, Past-President of the Florida and Member of the USA Construction Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, and the Florida Engineering Society. He is a graduate of the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad & Tobago, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and University of California at Berkeley, where he obtained a Master of Science in Civil Engineering and Florida International University, Miami, Florida, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Hon.)



### **ALICIA ELIAS-ROBERTS**

Alicia Elias-Roberts is a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the UWI St Augustine campus. She is pursuing a PhD in Energy and Environmental Law at Queen's University in Canada. She is a graduate of the University of Oxford and the University of Houston where she obtained a Masters in Law in Energy, Environment and Natural Resource Law. She also has a Certificate in Legislative Drafting from the Commonwealth Secretariat and the University of Guyana and several other qualifications. In 2015 Mrs Elias Roberts was awarded a United Nations fellowship in International Law, in The Hague, The Netherlands. She was previously a Legal Treaty Consultant with Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and has done legal consultancies for UNAIDS, ILO and various governments in the Commonwealth Caribbean. She has over 15 years' experience as a law lecturer and was a former Head of Department of Law at the University of Guyana. Mrs Elias-Roberts is admitted to practice in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and New York.

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### LISA GOSINE-ALLEYNE

Lisa Gosine-Alleyne is the Senior Division Counsel of EOG Resources Trinidad Limited, an Affiliate of EOG Resources, Inc. with operations in the United States, Canada, China and the United Kingdom. Lisa, whose core area of expertise is in oil and gas and corporate transactional law, has lived and practiced in Trinidad since 1994. After graduating from University College London, Lisa spent several years in litigation representing large corporations as Junior Counsel before making the transition to the oil and gas arena. More than a decade of her career has been spent negotiating myriad oil and gas instruments in the upstream, downstream and midstream sectors. As the lead in-house counsel for EOG she has a unique perspective, from the viewing of seismic lines through to following the hydrocarbon to its delivery point. Lisa considers herself a “hybrid lawyer”, having been litigator and now dealmaker. She has tried cases to their final verdict, and now negotiates complex transactions to their final signature. Lisa is a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and has served as a director on the boards of two ammonia companies. *“Sometimes lawyers get so hung up on the academic points of law that they lose the focus of putting the legal issues into perspective which often results in the stymieing of the deal. Oil and gas lawyers must always strive to be dealmakers, not deal breakers.”*



### SHANE GRIMES

Shane Grimes is a lecturer in Accounting at Coventry University, UK and is an associate fellow of the UK higher education academy (AFHEA). Prior to joining the university, he worked as an external auditor and business consultant specialising in strategy and risk for various companies. Shane teaches postgraduate level Corporate Governance, Business Strategy and Financial Risk Management. Additionally, he delivers P4 Advanced Financial Management, F8 Audit and Assurance, P7 Advanced Audit and Assurance and P1 Professional Accountant on the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) syllabus.

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### **C.A. NIGEL HUGHES**

Mr. C.A. Nigel Hughes is a Partner in the law firm Hughes Fields & Stoby. He is a founder member and Director of the Guyana Oil and Gas Association and a Human Rights advocate with considerable emphasis on Indigenous rights advocacy. Mr. Hughes read law (LL.B.) at University College London (UCL) in 1985 where he graduated with honours. He subsequently read post graduate law (LL.M) at University College London in 1986 and was then called to the Bar in London as a member of the Inner Temple in 1987. Thereafter he was attached to the commercial chambers in London. In 1998, he returned to Guyana where he joined the firm of Hughes Fields & Stoby. After his arrival at the firm Mr. Hughes was appointed Head of the firm's IT Department and was responsible for the considerable modernization of the firm. Mr. Hughes has been involved in several significant developments in the field of advocacy and legal practice in Guyana. He has developed considerable expertise in the areas of banking, energy law, oil and gas, mergers and acquisitions, commercial law, insurance, aviation, intellectual property, telecommunications Law, mining, international finance, arbitrations, project finance and trade law. Mr. Hughes is a past president of the Guyana Bar Association as well as former member of the Chancellor's Rules Committee which advised the Chancellor on the revision of the new rules. Mr. Hughes has previously been retained by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) as a consultant on civil society. He has been engaged as a lecturer for the University of the West Indies Executive Masters in Business Administration Program where he lectured in Negotiations in several parts of the Caribbean including Belize, British Virgin Islands and Guyana in the post graduate program. Mr. Hughes has provided and continues to provide advice to several major multinational investors in Guyana and the Caribbean.



### **DR MAS'UD IBRAHIM**

Dr Ibrahim is a Senior Lecturer in (Oil and Gas) Accounting at Coventry University, UK. He has held various teaching roles at different Universities both in the UK and abroad before joining Coventry University in 2015. As a qualified chartered accountant, he has successfully prepared students for professional qualifications. Prior to his teaching career in the UK, Dr Ibrahim has served as consultant to Oil and Gas Companies in Nigeria. He has nearly 6 PhD students (as a Director of Studies, supervisor 1 or 2) working on different areas of Accounting or Economics (including Oil and Gas). Dr Ibrahim is a fellow of the UK higher education academy (FHEA) and he mainly teaches Financial Accounting and Research Methods at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.



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#### DR FLAVIO INOCENCIO

Dr Flavio Inocencio is the Co-ordinator and Co-Director of the LLM Degree in Oil, Gas & Energy Law at Coventry Law School, Faculty of Business and Law, Coventry University, UK. He is currently a Lecturer in Law. He also worked in the Oil and Gas industry as a Consultant and published a book about the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and another on Sovereignty.



#### SHERWIN LONG

Sherwin Long is the head of the Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) Secretariat. Previously, Mr. Long held the positions of Senior Research Specialist, Energy and Chairman of the Energy Efficiency and Alternate Energy Committee at the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago. During his five year tenure at the Chamber, he provided targeted research for the leadership of the country's leading upstream, midstream, downstream and energy services companies on issues related to business competitiveness, fiscal reform, green economy development and the risk/reward structure of the natural gas value chain.



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### **MARK JAMES MORGAN**

Mark earned his law degree at the University of Liverpool and was called to the English bar as a member of Gray's Inn in 1982. He joined Fitzwilliam, Stone, Furness-Smith & Morgan as a Partner in 1986. He maintains a thriving litigation practice as an Advocate and has acted as an arbitrator in commercial disputes. Mark has extensive experience in the oil and gas sector. He advises numerous upstream exploration companies both offshore and onshore. He has been involved in the preparation of submissions in bid-rounds and the negotiation of production sharing contracts, carry agreements, development agreements and on-shore exploration projects. He has advised on the establishment of mid-stream and downstream industries and the preparation and negotiation of gas supply agreements. He counts international drilling and energy service companies among his clientele and represents many energy and energy service entities in their tax matters with the Board of Inland Revenue. He has been listed in Chambers Global's listing of the world's leading lawyers for business for many years and is a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators.



### **JON PAUL MOUTTET**

Jon Paul Mouttet is a Partner in the Commercial Department of Fitzwilliam, Stone, Furness-Smith & Morgan. Mr. Mouttet has over a decade of practice in the energy sector and his practice primarily focuses on industrial foreign investment projects, energy and tax law. Mr. Mouttet's clients include international and local companies involved in oil and gas, power generation, commodity trading, industrial and manufacturing processes, quarrying, service companies and local conglomerates operating in various sectors. Apart from his core energy practice he also advises on industrial regulation, tax, joint ventures, M&A transactions and other commercial/corporate matters and regularly represents both local and international clients. Mr. Mouttet is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (LL.B, Hons), the Hugh Wooding Law School (Legal Education Certificate) and King's College London (LL.M). He is a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Law Association and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and is also consistently ranked as a Leading Lawyer in the Trinidad and Tobago Business Law section of Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers.

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#### DR EKPEN JAMES OMONBUDE

Ekpen Omonbude is an economic adviser (natural resources) at the Commonwealth Secretariat's Oceans and Natural Resources Advisory Section. In this capacity, he has advised numerous Commonwealth member governments on matters pertaining to petroleum and mineral resources policy, economics, fiscal system design, benchmarking and implementation, mineral, petroleum and energy sector regulation, as well as mineral and petroleum contracts. Ekpen's areas of focus include oil and gas market fundamentals, upstream oil and gas economic model design and analysis, policy, regulatory and contractual issues. Ekpen has published and spoken widely on a number of topical issues ranging from cross-border oil and gas pipeline economics to taxation, and also on local content policy in the petroleum sector.



#### ANTHONY PAUL

Anthony Paul is an energy and strategy advisor, focusing on assisting countries rich in extractives to retain more of the value generated by their resources and to manage them in a manner that supports sustainable development. In his more than 35 years in petroleum and mining, he has held technical, commercial, management and leadership roles, spanning the entire petroleum exploration and production value chain in Government and State and Multinational companies. He has worked in East, West & Southern Africa, the Middle East, Central & Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Geology from Imperial College of Science & Technology, University of London and an MS in Geophysics from the University of Houston, Texas.

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### **LOUISE POY WING**

Louise Poy Wing is an attorney of over twenty years' experience with eighteen of those being in the energy sector, having joined the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries in 1999. Her practice covers major Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), Power Generation and Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) projects with particular expertise in oil and gas commercial agreements. Miss Poy Wing obtained her Bachelor of Laws from the University of London in 1991, the Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School in 1993 and a Masters in Petroleum Law and Policy with distinction from the University of Dundee in 2006. She is now a published author on the subject of unitisation, with special reference to the Trinidad and Tobago/Venezuela unitisation. The text was published by a German company, Lambert publishing in 2011. Miss Poy Wing is currently completing her MBA with the Anglia Ruskin University.



### **INDIRA RAMPAIL-CHEDDIE**

Indira Rampaul-Cheddie is a Senior State Counsel at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries. She has over 15 years' experience in the petroleum industry, in several legal, commercial and leadership roles. She specializes in negotiation and drafting of contracts and legislation relating to every phase of the petroleum industry. She is affiliated with and has presented and/or published for a number of organizations in the local and international petroleum industry. Her experience is wide and includes leading a team from The Earth Institute, Columbia University in advising the government of Timor-Leste; advising the IDB-MIF Programme and serving as an Adjunct Law Professor with Seton Hall Law School, New Jersey, USA. Ms. Rampaul-Cheddie holds a Masters of Business Administration from Anglia Ruskin University, an Executive Certificate in Conflict Management from the University of Windsor, a Masters of Biblical Studies from the Trinity School of Theology, an LL.M in Petroleum Law and Policy from the University of Dundee, Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy, a Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School and an LL.B. Degree from the University of the West Indies.

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### DR ROBERT RILEY

Dr Robert Riley is an international Oil and Gas Law consultant and is the former Head of Safety and Operational Risk, Competency and Capability Development at the BP Group in London. Prior to this appointment he was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BP Trinidad and Tobago. Before becoming Chairman, Riley was the Business Unit Leader of the company's West Business Unit. Prior to that, he was the company's Vice President responsible for Law and Government Affairs. Riley has worked in the petroleum industry since 1991, with a one year break from May 1995 to April 1996, when he served as General Counsel and Company Secretary Worldwide at Trinidad and Tobago's national airline, BWIA. Riley is a graduate of the University of the West Indies with degrees in Agriculture and Law. He was awarded the Chaconia Gold medal (National Award) for his contribution to national economic development in Trinidad & Tobago in 2003.



### MICHAEL SHORT

Michael Short is the Head of Legal for Shell Trinidad and Tobago, a Shell Integrated Gas Venture involved in the full upstream and LNG value chain in Trinidad. Michael joined Shell from BG (through the Shell-BG combination in 2016) where he worked in Kazakhstan in the Karachaganak Petroleum Operating joint venture, and in the US developing midstream projects in the Haynesville shale production areas. Prior to joining BG, Michael worked at Shell Trading, Gas & Power, supporting natural gas trading and renewable energy projects. Michael spent eight years with the US pipeline and midstream company Williams, working on deep-water Gulf of Mexico infrastructure projects and supporting the midstream gathering and processing business. Prior to becoming an in-house counsel, Michael worked for a number of years in private law practice, focusing on oil and gas matters. Michael is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, and received his JD and LL.M. from the University of Houston Law Center.

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### **GISELLE THOMPSON**

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