



**Hon. LISA CUMMINS**

Senator & Minister of Tourism & International Transport of Barbados

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Ms. Lisa R. Cummins was in May 2018 appointed by the Government of Barbados to serve as a Senator in the Upper House of Parliament. Until her appointment to the Cabinet of Barbados, she served full time as the Executive Director of the University of the West Indies Consulting Company which was rebranded Lumin Consulting in celebration of Caribbean Luminaries and Laureates in all development disciplines. A former career diplomat for ten years, covering a wide range of issues including CARICOM, Africa, Europe and Asia as well as the United Nations while she served at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. After a brief internship at the Barbados Permanent Mission of the UN in 2000 to cover the United Nations Millenium Summit and General Assembly, she was was posted to the Barbados Embassy at Washington DC as Alternate Representative to the Organisation of American States (2001- 2004).

An International Trade Specialist by training, she later was recruited to join the Commonwealth Secretariat in 2008 as a Trade Policy Adviser and was posted to Uganda as lead technical adviser and a member of the negotiating team for trade in services in the East African Community trade talks with Europe and the EAC Common Market. She also led the negotiations for Uganda at the World Trade Organisation for the successfully concluded WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

She spent three years in Uganda, where she worked on trade and development projects in East and Southern Africa for several development partners including the World Bank, UNCTAD, the European Union and Trade Mark East Africa which included the development of a National Services policy for Uganda, the development of standards for export goods to Europe, and the Introduction of a Value Creation Program for Vanilla Bean producers.

With extensive experience in regional economic integration, trade policy development, private sector development and trade, Ms. Cummins was invited to return to Barbados to head the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries, a role in which she served for four years



until she was recruited by the University of the West Indies to head their International Consulting Company.

For four years she led the commercial front facing arm of the University of the West Indies to leverage the technical capabilities of the region's premier tertiary institution to provide development advice to the Caribbean region, Small Island Developing States and Small States. Her breadth of international and regional development experience enabled her to lead teams which provide advisory services to Caribbean institutions including the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the Development Bank of Jamaica, the Caribbean Development Bank and numerous Governments.

She continues to serve in multiple capacities on a national, regional and international level on services trade issues and private sector development support.

In 2018, given her trade background and specialization in services, Senator Cummins was appointed as the Chairman of the Barbados Port Inc. In addition, she sat on the Board of the Bridgetown Cruise Terminal Inc. the Shridath Ramphal Center for Trade Law and Policy and was a member of the Integrity Group of Barbados.

Most recently, Senator Cummins served as Co-Chair for the University on a Committee charged with the responsibility of Reimagining the UWI for the Academic year 2020-2021 She is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Barbados, the immediate past Assistant District Governor of Barbados for Rotary Regional District 7030 and the mother of a 21 year-old daughter.

Senator Cummins has been serving as Minister of Tourism and International Transport from July 27, 2020.