

PROFILE | LINCOLN G. DOWNER



Lincoln George Downer is a global connector and change agent. A career diplomat in Jamaica's Foreign Service, Mr. Downer has served the country with distinction for 25 years. He provides expertise in the areas of Strategic Diaspora Engagement, Consular Diplomacy, as well as Citizenship and Immigration Policy.

The pursuit of the vision for a better Jamaica keeps him laser-focused on identifying solutions that create meaningful and measurable changes to optimize people development and engagement.

Mr. Downer recently served as the Director, Diaspora Affairs Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. He is firmly committed to the integration of the Jamaican Diaspora and local communities for their mutual benefit and collective advancement.

He has been integral to the implementation of several groundbreaking initiatives implemented by the Ministry for greater inclusion of the Jamaican Diaspora in nation building. These include the Mapping Jamaica's Diaspora Project; the Effective and Sustainable Diaspora Engagement for the Development in the Caribbean; the establishment of the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council and the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council.

Mr. Downer has also consulted with Government officials from Mauritius, Moldova, St. Kitts and Nevis and Grenada in the elaboration of their respective Diaspora engagement strategies.

A track record of success in all his assignments advanced his portfolio responsibilities in Jamaica's Foreign Service, including:

- Assistant Director for Diaspora Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Diaspora Development Officer and Minister-Counsellor for Consular Affairs, Jamaican High Commission, London
- Acting Consul General, Consulate-General of Jamaica, New York
- Customer Services Manager, Immigration, Citizenship and Passport Services Division
- Vice Consul, Consulate-General of Jamaica, New York

Mr. Downer is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Mona and holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations with a Minor in Spanish.