



Deborah Brosnan

*President and founder
Deborah Brosnan and
Associates*

Dr. Brosnan is an ocean climate-resilience scientist and visionary eco-leader reshaping the fight against environmental and climate hurdles. Bridging sectors from finance to government, she's a powerhouse interlocutor turning challenges into opportunities for businesses, communities, and our planet. From her native Ireland to the US and Caribbean, her journey echoes dedication, passion, perseverance, and personal resilience surviving both a plane crash and volcanic eruption – a true force of nature.

With academic, business and NGO triumphs, she's a trailblazer who fuses science and technology into real-world solutions. The mastermind behind initiatives like the OceanShot Caribbean program, partnering with global entrepreneur John Paul DeJoria, she's bringing back coral reefs ecosystem services and championing climate resilience using nature based solutions.

Dr. Brosnan's wisdom echoes in the halls of power, testifying before the US Senate and House, imprinting policies with her expertise. From UN negotiation meetings to service on Boards of Trustees, she's a driving force in global dialogues. Media mainstays like CNN and BBC rely on her insights, while she's also presented on stage at SXSW, TEDx, and WebSummit Honored with the Red Cross Humanitarian Hero's Award for saving lives when the 747 plane she was traveling on crashed on takeoff, and the Ireland-America Lifetime Award, her legacy shines today as President and Founder of Deborah Brosnan & Associates. With fellowships and sabbaticals at Stanford University, the Smithsonian Institution, and the University of Washington, her impact continues to help drive a tidal wave of change.



Paul Christian Ryan
*CEO of Pacific Ocean
Culture (Fiji)*

With a motivation for Blue and Green Economies. Paul has 30 years experience at the forefront of a solution driven framework, managing initiatives on the ground, specialises in high profile complex sustainable and socially responsible Greenfields Aquaculture projects, benchmarking best practice in marine and freshwater production systems.

Leading the dialogue, analysing and designing the vision, his experience spans Strategy, supporting procedure and policies and operational within a diverse range of demographic locations including Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Mozambique, Tanzania, Ghana, Denmark and Australia.

Experienced in high density scale farms and low impact eco-systems, projects have benchmarked credible sustainable Aquaculture development. Focused on an equitable share in the planets future, current project Pacific Ocean Culture, Fiji demonstrates a holistic approach to Aquaculture through a “back to basics poly-culture farming model” underpinned by a strategic focus on environmental and social impact.



Legena Henry
*CEO & Founder of
Rum & Sargassum
Inc. (Barbados)*

Dr. Legena Henry, PhD, is an MIT graduate, who has been the CEO of Rum and Sargassum Inc since 2021, where her team is commercializing an indigenous renewable transportation solution in Barbados.

A Mechanical Engineer by training, she is also the Lecturer for Renewable Energy at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, specializing in Renewable Energy applications in Mechanical Engineering.

She researches sustainable energy sources in the Caribbean, such as bio-fuel from Sargassum seaweed, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion, and ocean wave energy.



Rajiv Ramlugon
*Group Chief
Sustainability Officer,
Omnicane (Mauritius)*

Rajiv Ramlugon holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mauritius, a master's degree in environmental engineering (with distinction) from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, and an MBA in Global Sustainable Management from Anaheim University (California).

He has 26 years of experience in the field of corporate sustainability in Mauritius and has also been involved in the implementation and management of various international quality, environmental and sustainability standards.

In 2007, after spending 10 years in the field of solid waste management, he joined Omnicane which is one of the largest groups in the sugar cane and energy sector in Mauritius. He is currently the Group Chief Sustainability Officer at Omnicane and is responsible for all matters related to environmental management, renewable energy and sustainable supply chain management. He is also the CSR Coordinator of Omnicane Foundation whose mission is to promote community development and empowerment within the framework of Omnicane's Corporate Social Responsibility.