



**Dilma Vieira**CEO, Business
Incubator Center

Dilma Vieira is a manager at BIC, with a degree in Accounting, a postgraduate degree in Management and an MBA in Asset and Investment Analysis.

She is passionate about working with people. She has exceptional communication skills, a quick learning ability and performs well under pressure, which helps her thrive in collaborative environments.

Throughout her professional career, she has had the opportunity to lead various teams, represent companies as a manager and sales representative, mentor entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs and train more than 1500 young people in entrepreneurship and has developed more than 8 entrepreneurship competitions for young people and women





Garfield Joseph
Executive Director,
Antigua and Barbuda
Investment Authority

Garfield Joseph who holds dual citizenship with Antigua and Barbuda and the United States of America is a native son of the soil.

His management experience in the public and private sector spans many, many years.

During that time he has worked in many countries in the Caribbean, Latin America and the United States of America.

He is a high impact, goal oriented and transformational business leader with Fortune 500 management experience.

He is also the former Chairman of the Board of Directors at the St. John's Development Corporation and was also the Deputy Chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Employers Federation. The Employer's Federation is one of the two largest private sector organizations in Antigua and Barbuda, alongside the Chamber of Commerce.

His areas of expertise and thought leadership include business strategy and policy, operations management, investment facilitation, new market development, business transformation, management training, consulting, franchising, and hotel/hospitality management.

He is also Antigua and Barbuda's First Young Hotelier of the Year (2002) and the proud recipient of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Michael Manley Scholarship in 2003.

Mr. Joseph successfully completed his studies for a Master of Business Administration, (MBA) at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England in 2003.

He currently heads the Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority, the ABIA.

He has also lectured part-time, at the University of the West Indies, Five Islands Antigua Campus in the School of Management.

Mr. Joseph is a man who is highly committed to the development of others and is also passionate about learning, sharing, and giving back to society.





Christopher Cocker CEO, Pacific Tourism Organization

Chris hails from the Kingdom of Tonga and is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO), a position he has occupied since 2016. H

aving previously worked for a number of regional organizations over the past 25 years, Chris has gained an extensive experience working with Pacific Public and Private sectors, specializing in tourism, trade and investment.

As a proud Pacific Islander, Chris is a passionate advocate of sustainable tourism development in the region.