



**Mark Pereira**  
Founder of Zed  
Labs (Trinidad &  
Tobago)

Founder of Zed Labs, Mark leads the charge in creating innovative software solutions that bridge the gap between technology and impact.

His mission is to empower individuals and businesses across the Caribbean to thrive in the digital age, demonstrated through initiatives such as a software bootcamp for youths, a coworking space, and a groundbreaking mobile money app, Wam.

Mark's work embodies the potential of Caribbean innovation, highlighting his technical expertise and dedication to using technology for positive transformation in the region.



**Malika Jivan**  
*Director, Abacus Ltd.*  
*(Seychelles)*

Malika Jivan is a qualified Chartered Accountant. She started her career in 1999 in international taxation with Arthur Andersen and Ernst and Young.

In 2004, she relocated to her home country Seychelles where she started businesses in the field of financial services, taxation, and compliance. She has extended these services to countries in the region.

She has been involved in the development of the Seychelles financial services and at the forefront of industry and Government discussions. Along with other international experts she runs training, workshops, panel discussions on new laws, for both the private sector and Government.

She has sat on the Board of Barclays (Seychelles) Limited, the Social Security Fund, and the Seychelles Pension Fund.

In 2021, she started projects to gamify training for institutions to make it more interactive and ensure higher retention especially in anti-money laundering and other compliance matters.

Her list of clients includes banks, SMEs, etc. Her work and clients span the region and include the Indian Ocean, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Central America and South East Asia.



**Jodi Smith,**  
*General  
Partner,  
Matanataki  
Pte Ltd (Fiji)*

Jodi Smith is Founding General Partner of Matanataki, which has been operating in Fiji since 2016.

2020 Matanataki has been a key origination partner to the UN's Global Fund for Coral Reefs. Matanataki's "interconnected deal flow" approach, designed by Jodi to strengthen supply chains and amplify impact in Small Island Developing States, was profiled in the 2023 Financing the UN Development System report.

Jodi is a fifth generation Chinese Fijian, who forged a career in business management after 20-years of making studio films including The Matrix. She has 15+ years of business development and interim management internationally, and is a specialist in developing and operating primary industry SMEs in SIDS.

She was CEO of Ranadi Organics, turning it around to become Fiji's first indigenous woman-led, women-focused, organic agriculture exporting company, a "game changer" for women who typically work ad-hoc, informal jobs, in a country which has one of the world's highest rates of gender-based violence. Jodi is the managing partner of Matanataki Impact 1, responsible for overall strategy, fundraising and investor relationships.



**Sandra Glasgow**  
*Managing Director,  
RevUp Caribbean  
Ltd. (Jamaica)*

Mrs. Sandra A. C. Glasgow has a few passions – high among them: startups, scaleups, angel investing, business incubation and corporate governance. She is the Managing Director of her consulting company, BizTactics Limited, a Co-Founder of Jamaica’s first Angel Investor Network, FirstAngelsJA, and a Co-Founder and Managing Director of RevUP Caribbean, a virtual business incubator. In 2023, she was appointed Honorary Consul for the Republic of Suriname in Jamaica.

A graduate of the University of the West Indies, she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a master’s degree in business administration, with a specialisation in the Management of Technology. Mrs. Glasgow was Jamaica’s Eisenhower Fellow in 2000, spending 8 weeks in the USA exploring the topics of business incubation and angel investing.

She currently serves as a director on the boards of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited, and Stanley Motta Limited. She also serves on the Boards of two companies in the FirstAngelsJA portfolio, chairs the Board of the National Crime Prevention Fund (Crime Stop) and is a director of the Multicare Youth Foundation, a Charity dedicated to uplifting at-risk youth.

Mrs. Glasgow spent 5 ½ years as the CEO of The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica and before that, 20 years at the University of Technology, Jamaica, where she founded the Technology Innovation Centre, Jamaica’s first state-of-the-art technology business incubator.



**Namasivayen  
Poonoosamy**

Chief Executive Officer,  
Mauritius Economic  
Development Board  
(Mauritius)

Mr. N. Poonoosamy is the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board (EDB) of Mauritius, the apex government agency for promoting Mauritius as a hub for trade, investment and business as well as an international financial centre.

He was the Managing Director of the Board of Investment (BOI) from 2011 to 2018, whereby the BOI became the EDB. Mr. Poonoosamy held senior managerial positions in the private sector (Deloitte) as well as in the public sector.

He also sits on a number of strategic boards locally and is a Board Director of the World Alliance of International Financial Centres (WAIFC). He was the Chair of the COMESA Regional Investment Agency. Across his career spanning more than 25 years, he has been a key influencer in shaping national and strategic initiatives. As CEO of EDB, he is a leading exponent of economic diversification and business facilitation policies in addition to providing strategic support to Government for sustained economic development in view of positioning Mauritius as a competitive and trusted investment and business location.

He is a regular speaker at key international forums and conferences on themes varying from economic policies, investment facilitation, international trade, financial services and sustainable development.





**Ronke-Amoni  
Ogunsulire**  
*Regional Manager  
for the Caribbean,  
International  
Finance Corporation*

Ronke-Amoni Ogunsulire currently serves as IFC's Regional Manager for the Caribbean. Based in Santo Domingo, Ms. Ogunsulire oversees IFC's investment and advisory services in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and the English-speaking Caribbean.

Prior to this role, Ogunsulire was IFC's Regional Manager for the Ghana Sub-region, overseeing Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, and Togo. She worked as an Adviser to the CEO of IFC and as Principal Investment Officer in the Africa Region.

Ms. Ogunsulire graduated from Yale University with an MBA in Finance and a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies. She also holds Bachelor's Degrees in Chemical Engineering and in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College.