



PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT



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EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT 1

Joseph Cox Appointed Managing Partner of The Institute for Innovation and Growth (IIG)

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024: The Institute for Innovation and Growth, a Regional Economics and Sustainable Development Think Tank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Cox, Lead Consultant at Joseph Cox and Associates, as Managing Partner, effective September 2, 2024. With more than three decades of experience as an Applied Economics Consultant and Advocate, Mr. Cox brings extensive expertise to his new role.

He joins the Institute after a nine-year stint as the Assistant Secretary-General, Economic Integration, Innovation and Development of the CARICOM Secretariat which stands as a testimony to his depth of expertise in regional development and manifested in initiatives such as the Made in CARICOM programme and the Regional Post-COVID-19 economic recovery strategies.

His impact extends globally through successful projects with the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, which has solidified his position in the international development partner community. His dedication to fostering growth and innovation is evidenced in his advocacy and authorship of the book, [The New Normal – A Post-COVID Primer for Business](#), a valuable free resource for the Caribbean.

Previously, Mr. Cox excelled as the Managing Partner at the Centre for Growth and Development in Jamaica and as Executive Director, Growth Secretariat at the Planning Institute of Jamaica, making notable contributions to national development through the establishment of three (3) financial institutions and pioneering strategies such as the "Taxation for Growth Strategy for Jamaica", "Municipal Finance Reform Strategy" and an intervention strategy entitled "Towards a Modern Development Approvals Mechanism" geared to the overhaul of the construction permitting system in Jamaica.



EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT 2

DEVON GARDNER Appointed Senior Partner of The Institute for Innovation and Growth (IIG)

GROS ISLET, SAINT LUCIA, 11 NOVEMBER 2024: The Institute for Innovation and Growth Inc., a Regional Think Tank for Science, Technology, Economics, and Sustainable Development, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Devon Gardner as Senior Partner, effective 1st November 2024.

Dr. Gardner is an established thought-leader in the field of science and technology, with specialization in the areas of climate and energy. He joins the Institute after three years as the Head of Technical Programmes at the Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), the energy-specialized agency for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), where he led a multidisciplinary technical team that implemented innovative and country-appropriate initiatives and projects, and provided science-driven decision-support on complex issues, that contributed to accelerating the just energy transition in Member States.

Prior to his tenure at the CCREEE, Dr. Gardner served as Head of the Energy Unit at the CARICOM Secretariat for over seven years. Dr. Gardner also served as a Sustainable Energy Advisor within the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs) between 2010 and 2014, and has held multiple appointments in academia, ranging from *Senior Research Fellow* to *Professor* in universities within the Caribbean and Europe.

Dr. Gardner holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics (2001) with specialization in numerical analysis and modelling from the University of the West Indies (Mona Campus) in Jamaica. He has over two decades of dedicated and reliable experience and expertise within the energy sector, spanning a deep understanding of *molecular-level behaviour* in such areas as hydrogen storage and fuel cells, to *macro-level* areas such as energy diplomacy, energy policy and regulations, energy planning, multi-criteria decision analysis. He is responsible for the design and implementation of several low-carbon strategies and projects on energy within the Caribbean.