RUSSELL ANTOINE– Hotel Controller– Calabash Hotel-Green Globe 21 Benchmark Hotel
Russell Antoine joined the staff of Calabash Hotel in August 1998, and presently holds the post of Hotel Controller at Calabash Hotel. His long and distinguished period of service to the hotel industry in Grenada spanned some 30 years. He has served as Executive Director of the Grenada Hotel Association, Manager of Sea Scape Inn, Owner/Manager of Hibiscus Inn and Director/Secretary to the Board of Grenada Resorts Corporation.

His contribution to the teaching profession is well documented as he served as both teacher and principal of Morne Jaloux Roman Catholic School. He was also self-employed owning a tour operator and taxi service.

Mr. Antoine is a qualified teacher and holds a diploma with First Class Honors in Hotel/Motel Administration from George Brown College and a certificate from the University of the West Indies.

DR. SPENCER THOMAS– Chair of the Grenada Sustainable Development Council
Dr. Spencer Thomas, a former Director General and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in Grenada, is currently the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific Technical and Technological Advice of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. He is also a regional Councillor and Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, headquartered in Switzerland.

Dr. Thomas also Chaired the Grenada Sustainable Development Council from its inception in 1996 and hence is eminently qualified to speak on the issue of sustainable development. Dr. Thomas holds a Ph.D in Energy Economics, Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematical Economics and Masters Degrees in Economics and Development and in Telecommunications Regulatory Policy.

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2:00-3:30 pm
Program

Panel Discussion

2:00pm- 2:03pm  Opening Remarks.....Helen Bhola- Faculty

2:03pm- 2:08pm  Introduction of all Panelists/Presenters….Naline Joseph- Faculty

2:10pm- 2:25pm  First Speaker......Dr. Spencer Thomas-Chair of the Grenada Sustainable Development Council

2:30pm- 2:45pm  Second- Speaker……Mr. Hugh Riley-Director General Of the Caribbean Tourism Organization

2:45pm- 3pm  Third Speaker…….Mr. Russel Antoine…Hotel Controller Calabash Hotel- Green Globe 21 Benchmark Hotel

3:00pm- 3:10pm  Speaker… Hon. Glynis Roberts- The Minister of Tourism for Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique

3:10pm- 3:20pm  Questions from the Audience

3:20pm- 3:25pm  Vote of Thanks…Tonia Charles….Tourism and Hospitality Management Major Student

Biography

Hugh Riley is the Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, (CTO). As the chief executive officer he oversees the CTO’s offices in Barbados, North America, the UK and Europe and leads the organization’s initiatives to strengthen relations with the tourism industry’s key strategic partners; these include hotels, airlines, cruise lines and all categories of retail and wholesale packagers of the Caribbean’s tourism products. His responsibility is to deliver the CTO’s mission as the Caribbean’s tourism development agency, providing specialized services and technical support to thirty-three governments and a variety of private sector members in the areas of research and statistics, information technology, marketing communication, human resource development, media training, public relations, and sustainable tourism development.

Mr. Riley joined the staff of the CTO New York in 2002 as director of marketing, after having worked in a number of senior tourism positions in the U.S, Canada and the Caribbean over a period of twenty years. He is credited with having instituted new air services from North and South America to his native Barbados and the Caribbean, and was responsible for engaging the Caribbean Diaspora and the traveling public through uniquely targeted events in major cities throughout North America.

He was honored by the New York City Council for his contribution to the cultural life of that City. In his current capacity Mr. Riley directs the activities of teams of tourism professionals in managing Caribbean tourism’s human and financial resources and raising public awareness of the Region as the world’s premier warm weather tourism destination. As a member of the Board of Directors of various tourism marketing and academic bodies, he is widely quoted in industry publications and is a frequent speaker at tourism-related events in the Caribbean and internationally.