

## BIOGRAPHY

### Sonia Marville-Carter B.A, Dip. Bus, M.A

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Ms. Sonia Marville-Carter is the new representative of the Government and people of Barbados in Canada as Consul General at Toronto.

Having spent 9 fulfilling years in the public sector in the role of Personal Assistant to 2 Ministers of the Government of Barbados from 1999- 2008, she went on to serve at the United Nations as Special Assistant to Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson in her post as Assistant Secretary General and was based in New York.

Her time spent in the capacity of Special Assistant afforded her the opportunity to play a significant role as part of a strategic team of organizers for the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development held in Brazil in 2012. That conference attracted participation from 192 UN member states and included some 57 Heads of State and 31 Heads of Government, private sector companies, Non-Governmental Organisations and other groups.

A graduate of the University of the West Indies with a Masters in Sociolinguistics, and a Diploma in Business with an emphasis on Marketing, she has 23 years' experience in the private sector. During those years Ms. Marville-Carter undertook several significant roles in administration, marketing, human resources, public relations, publishing, sustainable development and energy.

Consul General Marville-Carter held portfolios of Managing Director of M3 Management Consultants, as well as Human Resources Co-ordinator for L.M.Konnections Inc. which is a management company for FLOW Barbados.

A well-rounded person who enjoys interacting with people, Consul General Marville-Carter has a working knowledge of both French and Spanish, was an English Language Teacher and has been a member and soloist in the Methodist Church circuit for many years. She was an avid volleyball player, playing at first division level and functioned in the capacity of President of the Hoyte's Village Volleyball Club. She swam competitively and was a member of the Barbados Dance Theatre for approximately 8 years.

As she embarks on this new mission, she sees the diaspora as a vibrant agent in the transformation and promotion of Barbados and the Caribbean throughout the world and is committed to doing what is necessary to further the development of relations between Canada and Barbados. Identifying and maximizing trade, Labour and other economic opportunities of mutual benefit to both Barbados and Canada are exceedingly important to her.

The strengthening of Barbadian communities within the diaspora is also vital and therefore Consul General Marville-Carter looks forward to engaging and working with all of the agencies, organizations, individuals and other stakeholders in this regard.