

CARLA DOUGLAS – Biography

Mrs. Carla Douglas currently serves as the acting Principal Research Director in the Research & Development Division (R&DD) of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Mining in Jamaica where she is responsible for the overall planning, directing, co-ordination, supervision and management of the Research and Development Division including four (4) Agricultural Research Stations as well as for the monitoring and implementation of agricultural policies, programmes and projects to meet the objectives of the Division.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Botany and Zoology with a focus on Crop Physiology and Entomology from the University of West Indies, Mona. She holds a Master of Science Degree with Distinction in Integrated Rural & Urban Environmental Management also from the University of the West Indies.

She is Jamaica's Focal Point to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and was responsible for Jamaica's contribution to the State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture Report 2019 prepared by the FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Mrs. Douglas was the point person for the Ministry of Agriculture in the design and establishment of the local seed bank that was supported by the Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR), funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), implemented by the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona

and managed by the Caribbean Agricultural Research Development institute (CARDI). The Research & Development Division has responsibility for some aspects of the local seed policy.

She has also participated in and completed training by the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) on Plant Breeders' Rights as well as a short course in Seed Technology at Iowa State University. She recently completed the Public Sector Senior Leadership Programme training offered by the Management Institute of National Development (MIND) in Jamaica.

Carla is committed and loyal to GOD. She is a Christian, wife, and mother of three children. She is very active in her local church where she is a Music Coordinator, and Senior Youth Leader. One of her favourite texts: 'Nothing is impossible with GOD'.