

## **Manifesto –**

### **WSSCC Steering Committee Nominee - SIDS - Audreyanna Thomas**

#### **a) Why the Nominee would be a suitable Steering Committee member**

I have been associated with the Water Supply and Collaborated Council (WSSCC) since 2003. My initial engagement started as a National Coordinator for Guyana and I subsequently became a member of the Steering Committee in 2014 and held the Seat for the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS). As National Coordinator I was involved in many sanitation, environment and public health projects and programmes.

As a Steering Committee member, I was appointed Chair of the Fit-for-Purpose (Change Management) Sub-committee which enabled a process for the transitioning of WSSCC to successfully be repositioned, relative to the 2016 - 2020 Strategic Plan, as well as in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If provided with an opportunity to continue serving on the Steering Committee for another term, I intend to continue my support to deepening and strengthening the ways-of-working of the Secretariat, as well as in its contributions at the community and country levels.

#### **b) What the Nominee can contribute to the Steering Committee**

My contribution to the Steering Committee would be in areas of organisational development, change management, advocacy, communications, partnership building/stakeholder engagement, public health, environmental health, sanitation, sustainability leadership and sustainable business.

#### **c) What the Nominee has accomplished in sanitation and public health in the past 5 years**

Over the past five years, I have been involved in several initiatives in sanitation (human and solid waste management) and public health, such as 'Team and Partnership Building and Organisational Strengthening' for the Georgetown Solid Waste Management Programme under the then Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Inter-American Development Bank and PAHO/WHO; Consultant for Public Dissemination of Information and Awareness Raising on Wastewater Issues in Guyana - Guyana Wastewater Revolving Fund (GWRF); Mentor for Guyana Team – One Health, One Caribbean, One Love Project – Coordinated by UWI, IICA, PAHO, EU, etc.; Pioneer/Consultant - Cleanliness and Citizenship – Community-Led Total Sanitation (C&C-CLTS) Project and Workshops for staff of the Georgetown Mayor and City Council (M&CC) and CSOs, a collaboration between PAHO/WHO and M&CC, among others.

I am currently pioneering a 'Sustainable and Resilient Communities Programme' as a national approach for transitioning sugar-dependent communities from essentially being dependent on the sugar industry to becoming more diversified. This programme has three components - Economic Resilience, Social Resilience and Environmental Resilience. Under the Environmental Resilience component, an 'Environment and Sanitation Industry' is being developed within these communities which is also in keeping with the SDGs. This programme is also a part of the change management programme for the sugar industry of which I play a

leading role in making the Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc. (GuySuCo) where I work, fit- for - purpose.

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