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Most recently, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago contracted his services as Consultant/Advisor in preparing the issues for the Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) which is to be hosted in Trinidad and Tobago in 2014. His deliverables included:

- *Identification of the key issues of critical importance relative to the growth of competitiveness in the region;*
- *Development of an appropriate Theme for the ACF;*
- *Development of a relevant work programme for meeting all the commitments related to Trinidad and Tobago serving as President Pro Tempore;*
- *Development of an organizational structure to execute the ACF in 2014 as well as the products and outcomes to be targeted under the Presidency Pro tempore;*
- *Development of a strategy and action plan for wider CARICOM involvement in the ACF that includes the regional private sector and Civil Society organizations; and*
- *Recommendation of areas that will effectively align Trinidad and Tobago's competitiveness strategy with that of the OECD.*

With respect to past accomplishments, in January 2007, he was appointed *Ambassador Extraordinaire and Plenipotentiary* by H E The President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and designated Special Envoy to the Americas. At the same time, he was named National Coordinator and Chairman of the Negotiating Process of both the Fifth Summit of the Americas and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2009.

Prior to his appointment as National Coordinator for these two major conferences, he served as Director of the Summit of the Americas Secretariat in the OAS, Executive

Director of the IDB and Deputy Secretary General of the SELA and Senior Manager at the CAF. The details of his career are stated below.

During the period 2004 to 2006, he worked as Director of the Summits of the Americas Secretariat at the OAS, which saw him at the helm of an operation which provided critical support to member states in Summit follow-up, implementation of mandates and Summit preparation.

This followed his tenure as Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB) as representative of the English-speaking Caribbean Constituency – The Bahamas ; Barbados ; Guyana ; Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

Prior to his appointment to the Board of Directors at the IDB Group in 2000, he served as Deputy Secretary General of the Latin American Economic System (SELA). He was elected to the post in June 1995.

At the SELA Secretariat, he played a leadership role in all matters of policy, management and finance related to the modernization of administrative processes at the institution. He was also charged with coordinating activities related to regional integration, trade and the process of creating a hemispheric free trade area. In addition, he was responsible for instituting mechanisms for the coordination of programmes between the regional integration secretariats.

From 1990 to 1995, he held the post of Operations Manager of Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF). In the Financial Services Area, he developed and expanded CAF's role outside the Andean Region and negotiated and established trade, project and co-financing facilities in the region and extra-regionally. Significantly, he participated in the negotiations that saw the entry of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago among others, into CAF's shareholding.

Between 1986 and 1990, he held the post of Manager at FRTC Financial Services, Inc. in Washington D.C., with responsibilities in the area of Trade and Financial Services Area. There, he became part of a team of international specialists responsible for mobilizing funds for several corporate projects. He also participated in areas such as underwriting services in joint-venture packaging and pre-investment operations with foreign and local correspondents.

He undertook his doctoral degree in Economic Development at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC, where he specialized in the areas of Economic Development of Latin America and the Caribbean; International Law and Organization and International Relations. After completing the requirements of his doctoral programme, he joined the Inter-American

Development Bank (IDB), as an intern attached to the institution's Department of Operations.

He completed his Bachelor and his Masters Degrees at the University of London, the London School of Economics (LSE) in the area of Economic Development and is also a graduate of the University of Delaware where he studied Economic Development and Political Science.

Over the years, he has been the recipient of several academic honours and awards from The Johns Hopkins University and the University of London and several other International Foundations, for his work in the field of development.

He is married to Hjordys González and has a daughter, Krystina Alexandra Rodríguez, all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.

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