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Before taking up the position as Project Manager for Cultural Heritage with the OAS, Celia Toppin worked in Barbados as the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth and as Director of Cultural Policy and Research in the Prime Minister's Office. She has had many years of experience in the area of Culture at both the local and the international levels. She has



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