

## BIOGRAPHY



Samantha S. Charles is a Saint Lucian national born January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1977. She has been employed with the Government of Saint Lucia from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1999 to present. Ms. Charles previously worked with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) from October 1999 to November 2009, following which she became employed with the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (now Department of Tourism, Information & Broadcasting) as a Tourism Officer.

Throughout her tenure with the Department of Tourism, she has had responsibility for the portfolios of

*Research, Tourism Education & Awareness, Marine Sector, Luxury &*

*Boutique* properties. She has always had a keen interest in the tourism industry and as such thoroughly enjoys her job and is always eager to expand her knowledge on the industry.

To date, her sole responsibilities are the Marine Sector with particular focus on the review of the 2014 National Tourism Transportation Policy (Ply-for Hire Sector) and Tourism Education & Awareness.

Ms. Charles currently holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management Studies (Hons) from the University of the West Indies Open Campus, Saint Lucia), Certificate in Business Administration University of the West Indies Open Campus, Saint Lucia and Diploma in Hospitality Studies (Sir Arthur Lewis Community College).

Her interests (when not on the job) are reading, listening to music and exercising.