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MALF Welcomes New Permanent Secretary

New Permanent Secretary (Ag.) at the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, Ms. Susan Shurland

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) is proud to welcome our new Acting Permanent Secretary Ms. Susan Shurland.

Ms. Shurland has been in the Public Service since 2006 and prior to assuming her duties at the MALF she was the Deputy Permanent Secretary (D.P.S.) at the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts for just under two (2) years.

Ms. Shurland is a former Secretary General of the Trinidad and Tobago National Commission for UNESCO in the Ministry of Education. Previous to that, during the period 1990-2005 she was employed at the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA) where she worked in the areas of environmental education, project management and planning, public relations and marketing at both the Information Centre and the Technical Advisory Services Department.

Ms. Shurland also served as coordinator of the IMA's Caribbean Marine Studies journal.

She holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree, with a focus on Environmental Education, and a Master's Degree in Regional Planning and Resource Development, both from the University of Waterloo, Canada.

On a lighter side, Ms. Shurland enjoys dance, music, historical novels and is an avid lawn tennis fan.

The new Acting Permanent Secretary replaces Ms. Lydia Jacobs who proceeded on pre-retirement leave on September 4th 2019. In Mrs. Jacob's absence, Mrs. Coomarie Goolabsingh has been acting as the Permanent Secretary in the interim for the Ministry.

In her first message to staff, the new Acting Permanent Secretary encouraged them to always remain true to themselves, work hard, persevere and success will come their way.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries congratulates Ms. Shurland on her appointment and wishes her all the best in her efforts to advance the Ministry's agenda.

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