From strategy to meaningful impact

Professional profile

I am an international development professional based in Trinidad and Tobago, with 12 years of experience across FAO and ILO and postgraduate training in development statistics. I combine programme delivery, economics, partnership development and institutional coordination to help organisations turn development priorities into practical action. My approach starts with understanding what prevents implementation, then aligning people, resources and evidence around achievable results.

Career highlights

12 years of UN experience; up to five concurrent projects; US$2.1M managed or mobilised, including US$1.2M secured through proposals led. CV-reported, overlapping figures.

Career timeline

2025–present: MSDT Consulting, Co-founder.
2022–September 2026: ILO Caribbean, Just Transition Officer / National Project Coordinator (from 2024).
2014–2022: FAO Caribbean, Programme Assistant.
2010–2011: SALISES, Project Aide.

Education

MSc Development Statistics, UWI (2023); BSc Economics and Political Science, UWI (2011). Excel, SPSS, Stata, GRMS and IRIS.

Contact

Connect on LinkedIn

Jamaica: programme leadership

Challenge

Embed decent work in climate policy amid competing priorities and implementation disruptions.

My contribution

Led workplanning, consultant oversight, budget monitoring and steering committee coordination; reprioritised deliverables and prepared closure records.

Results

Steering committee formalised under Labour Advisory Council; contributed to NDC 3.0 discussions and closure documentation (CV-reported).

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: MLSS, climate ministry, UWI, employers and unions / Competencies: Governance, risk management, programme delivery

Evidence

ILO — Jamaica Just Transition project

Economic evidence for policy

Challenge

Make climate and employment trade-offs understandable to policymakers.

My contribution

Managed the ILO side of the modelling project, coordinating specialists, technical review and handover.

Results

Model handed over in July 2025. Forecasts are modelled scenarios, not realised jobs or GDP.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: UNDP, Cambridge Econometrics, Jamaican ministries / Competencies: Technical coordination, evidence utilisation

Evidence

ILO — Green Economic Growth Model report
UNDP — Green growth study launch

Regional resource mobilisation

Challenge

Translate national priorities into fundable regional programmes.

My contribution

Led proposal drafting, technical input consolidation and budgeting for Barbados and a Jamaica–Grenada–Suriname cluster.

Results

USD 1.2 million secured through proposals led, according to CV; part of USD 2.1 million managed or mobilised.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: ILO technical teams and national counterparts / Competencies: Grant design, budgeting, partnerships

Evidence

Career account; public corroboration pending.

Barbados: green economy capacity

Challenge

Connect green economy ambitions with institutional and skills needs.

My contribution

Coordinated capacity needs assessment and strategy development inputs, including TVET engagement.

Results

Capacity assessment and micro-credentials validated in 2026, career account; final strategy status requires confirmation.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: PAGE partners, TVET stakeholders, Barbados Community College / Competencies: Capacity development, strategic planning

Evidence

Career account; public corroboration pending.

Tripartite assessment validation

Challenge

Build shared understanding of green employment evidence.

My contribution

Led workshop facilitation, enabling group deliberation and synthesis of stakeholder views.

Results

Participants agreed on a national technical working group.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: Government, employers, workers / Competencies: Facilitation, consensus building, evidence translation

Evidence

ILO — Green jobs assessment validation

Public engagement and social dialogue

Challenge

Make technical climate and labour issues accessible beyond policy meetings.

My contribution

Co-led Workers' Week outreach, spoke at Labour Talks and presented regional workshop outcomes to labour representatives.

Results

Public engagement and presentations documented; no individual reach or behaviour-change metric claimed.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: MLSS, ILO colleagues, Caribbean Congress of Labour / Competencies: Communication, advocacy, stakeholder engagement

Evidence

ILO — Labour Talks roadshow
ILO — Workers' Week
ILO — Caribbean Congress of Labour conference
ILO — Trade union climate dialogue

FAO: regional development operations

Challenge

Maintain delivery and accountability across agriculture and environmental programmes.

My contribution

Supported results frameworks, budget and disbursement tracking, procurement, partner consultations and donor reporting.

Results

Programme delivery and documentation supported; public records confirm participation, not specific financial outcomes.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: FAO, ministries, regional institutions, UNEP / Competencies: RBM, operations, environmental management

Evidence

ECLAC — Regional meeting report
UNEP — Nutrient management proceedings

SALISES: institutional process design

Challenge

Align university and donor reporting and organise scholarship administration.

My contribution

Designed reporting timelines and workflows for scholarship calls, review and execution.

Results

Processes established within the first year, career account; efficiency gains not quantified.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: UWI SALISES, project team / Competencies: Process improvement, research administration

Evidence

Career account; public corroboration pending.

MSDT: community development

Challenge

Design practical support for schools and community institutions.

My contribution

Co-developed training and community interventions, including an eight-session school transition programme and donor outreach concepts.

Results

Programme design and partnership development reported; delivery and participant outcomes need confirmation.

Stakeholders & competencies

Partners: MSDT partner, school stakeholders / Competencies: Entrepreneurship, training, social development

Evidence

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Public evidence

ILO — Jamaica Just Transition project

2024–2026 · Names project contact and establishes programme objectives. Source

ILO — Green Economic Growth Model report

2025 · Acknowledges management of the project for ILO; Cambridge Econometrics authored the study. Source

UNDP — Green growth study launch

15 July 2025 · Names and photographs Marissa at the handover. Source

ILO — Labour Talks roadshow

18 September 2024 · Documents expert speaking and stakeholder outreach. Source

ILO — Workers’ Week

May 2025 · Credits joint leadership of outreach. Source

ILO — Green jobs assessment validation

2023 · Credits workshop facilitation. Source

ILO — Caribbean Congress of Labour conference

2025 · Documents presentation of subregional workshop outcomes. Source

Public evidence continued

ECLAC — Regional meeting report

2016 (report reference) · Lists FAO programme assistant and alternate gender focal point. Source

UNEP — Nutrient management proceedings

February 2016 · Lists FAO programme support participation. Source

CANARI — Pre-COP30 dialogue report

2025 · Records participation, not authorship. Source

LinkedIn — Professional profile

Accessed 24 November 2026 · Self-published MSDT affiliation and services. Source

ILO — Trade union climate dialogue

2025 · Documents presentation of project roadmap. Source

Jamaica Gleaner — Green growth a plus

10 July 2025 · Reported coverage of the economic model handover; recheck before publication. Source

Jamaica Observer — United Nations appeal

21 July 2025 · Reported coverage of green growth; recheck before publication. Source

Environmentally Speaking — Climate on the Ballot: Jobs

8 April 2025 (reported) · Podcast appearance lead; confirm episode and direct recording link. Source