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**Mrs. Marcia Brandon.**

Marcia Brandon is a Jamaican who has lived and worked in Barbados for the past 17 years. An experienced, professional youth business development practitioner Marcia has been the Executive Director of the Barbados Youth Business Trust (BYBT) for the past ten (10) years. Marcia has worked innovatively over the years to build BYBT into a best practices model which is recognized nationally, regionally and globally. She is a youth entrepreneurship development trainer, advisor, researcher and writer and to date has authored numerous articles on youth entrepreneurship development.

She has been awarded by the BYBT for excellence and dedication.

As a social development practitioner Marcia is involved in many voluntary activities, a role she enjoyed in Jamaica and continued on relocating to Barbados. She spends time working with persons in crisis; mentoring regional young entrepreneurs and youth business programmes' managers; HIV/AIDS affected and infected individuals, ex-offenders and with the youth in general. She was a member of the management committees for both The Block centre and The Samaritans.

Other social development positions include:

- Committee member – Canada Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Fund
- Consultant – CDB – Youth Entrepreneurship Development
- Regional Business Labs Trainer – Young Americas Business Trust
- Advisory Board member – SEED Project- UWI-Cave Hill Campus
- Judge – BIDC Business Plan Competition
- Judge – TIC Americas Business Plan Committee
- Member – OAS Scholarship Committee
- Regional Coordinator – Caribbean Group of Youth Business Programmes – IADB Regional project
- Past Director – Small Business Development Venture Capital Fund
- Regional Trainer/Coordinator/Advisor in Youth Entrepreneurship Development
- Past Judge – Prime Minister's Innovation Competition
- Founding Director - Caribbean Microfinance Network

- Barbados Association of Non-Governmental Organizations' Coordinator for Youth Enterprise and Grant Funding for Civil Society.
- Student Liaison Officer for Jamaica Association of Students at Cave Hill, for the Jamaican Association of Barbados.
- Member of the Micro-Enterprise Working Group for the OECS.
- Member- Career Road Show- Tourism Education, Awareness and Me (TEAM).

Marcia is married to E.P. Brandon. The couple has two children. When she finds the time she likes to laze, listen to jazz, dance, garden, plan home renovations and sing.