

## **ANNEX 1: Biographies of CET Members**

### **Dr. the Hon Julian R Hunte OBE, SLC (St Lucia)**

Dr. the Hon Julian Hunte is the current President of the West Indies Cricket Board, and is active in the private sector as Chairman and Chief Executive of the Julian R Hunte Group of Companies. He has previously held several of key leadership roles in St Lucia and internationally. He is a former Minister of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation of St Lucia, Leader of the St. Lucia Labour Party, Leader of the Opposition, a Senator and Member of Parliament.

Dr Hunte has also served as President of the United Nations General Assembly in 2003-2004 and was elected in 2008 as Chairman of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly. Dr Hunte has served twice as Permanent Representative of St Lucia to the United Nations, and the UN Special Committee on Decolonization respectively. He also provided leadership for standing bodies of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), including as Chair of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR). Dr Hunte served as founder and Chairman of the Standing Conference of Popular Democratic Parties of the Eastern Caribbean (SCOPE); an alliance of political parties of Eastern Caribbean States having common aims and ideologies for national political development.

In 1979, Dr Hunte was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE), in recognition of his dedicated service to the Government and people of St Lucia. His Holiness Pope John Paul II conferred on Dr. Hunte the Papal Honour of the Knight of Grand Cross Piam in appreciation of his inclusive approach to the work of the United Nations General Assembly. In 2005, his country's highest honour, The St Lucia Cross, was conferred on Dr Hunte for distinguished and outstanding service. In the same year, Dr Hunte received an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom.

### **Lorne R. Gibson (Canada)**

Lorne Gibson is a professional election administrator in Canada. From 2006 to 2009, he was the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta. In this role, he was an independent legislative officer and reported directly to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. He administered Alberta's 27<sup>th</sup> provincial general election in March 2008. Before that he was the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer with Elections Manitoba from 1998 to 2006 and supervised two general elections and numerous by-elections in the Province of Manitoba. Lorne Gibson is currently consulting in the fields of electoral management and

research. He has a sound knowledge of elections law, voter registration systems, campaign finance, and election management information systems.

### **Priscilla M Achakpa (Nigeria)**

Ms Priscilla M Achakpa is the Vice-Chair of Transition Monitoring Group (TMG), the biggest NGO Coalition in Nigeria that focuses on election processes including Domestic Election Observation. She is also the Executive Director and Co-founder, Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria. WEP is one of the leading women NGOs in Nigeria that has worked extensively on gender and environmental issues relating to research, advocacy and lobbying for pro-poor policies inclusivity, human rights, livelihoods, capacity building of the grassroots and climate change.

### **Josephine Teakeni (Solomon Islands)**

Vois Blong Mere Solomon is a national women's media NGO which Josephine Teakeni has led since 2002. She is a longstanding advocate for women's rights and a community para-legal trainer and was one of 26 women who contested parliamentary elections in 2006. *She is also Secretary to the Media Association of Solomon Islands.*

### **Mr Idrisa Haji Jecha (Zanzibar, Tanzania)**

Mr Idrisa Jecha joined the Zanzibar Electoral Commission in 2000 as a Information and Public Relation Officer. Currently he is serving as Acting Director of Elections. Before joining the Commission he was Assistant Chief News Editor at Radio Zanzibar. He has observed elections in Seychelles and Zambia in 2006 and has undertaken numerous courses related to electoral practice.