

2024 Elections to Council

NOMINATION PROFILES

**THE FIFTY-FOURTH (54TH) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF
THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (ICATT)
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2024, AT 5.00 P.M.**

Financial Members are asked to elect to the Council of ICATT five (5) persons from those members of Council eligible for re-election (four) together with the (5) new nominees proposed. The nine (9) members whose profiles are presented below have been nominated to be considered for filling the five (5) vacant positions on the Council.

Financial Members must Pre-Register to attend the Annual General Meeting via a virtual platform. Registration is open from March 7, 2024, at 8.00 am and will close on March 28, 2024, at 4.30 pm. No Member shall be entitled to vote or attend any general meeting who is in arrears with any subscription or sum payable by him to the Institute.

Prior to the AGM, Financial Members may vote electronically between 8.00 am on March 7, 2024 to 12 noon on March 26, 2024. Voting will re-open on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at a time to be announced during the AGM to allow persons who had not voted previously. To be eligible, such members must be present online at the March 28 AGM.



Christopher Ramjit
CA, FCCA

Managing Principal, CR Next Generation Chartered Accountants

Christopher Ramjit, the Managing Principal of an established firm in Trinidad and Tobago, has steered the organization's success for over five years. Holding the distinguished titles of Member in Practice – Audit and Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, he brings a wealth of expertise to his role.

Currently, Christopher holds the position of Vice Chairman for ICATT's Small and Medium-Sized Practitioners' Committee, showcasing his commitment to the development and support of practitioners in this sector. Additionally, he actively contributes to ICATT's overall governance as a Member of the Council.

Christopher's leadership in the external audit field and his active involvement in professional committees underscore his dedication to the accounting profession's growth and excellence. His multifaceted role in both practice and governance positions him as a valuable asset to ICATT, fostering collaboration and contributing to the advancement of small and medium-sized practitioners in the accounting community.

Shivanan Deopersad
CA

Manager, Taxation, The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago

Shivanan Deopersad holds memberships with both ICATT and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados (ICAB). Currently serving as the manager-in-charge of the taxation division within the NGC group of companies, he brings a wealth of experience.

Shivanan's extensive career in taxation spans over 20 years, where he honed his expertise at prestigious Big 4 firms – Deloitte, EY, KPMG, and PwC. His notable roles include serving as a salaried partner at PwC East Caribbean and a tax director at Deloitte in Trinidad and Tobago.

Shivanan has been an active member of ICATT's tax committee since 2014, concurrently participating as a member of the Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago. Eager to give back to the local accounting profession, Shivanan aspires to serve on the council of ICATT. This commitment reflects his dedication to the profession, which has been the cornerstone of his life's work as a tax professional.

Edmund Phillips
CA, FCCA, CIRA, BsC.

Financial Institutions Supervision, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

Edmund Phillips, an active member of ICATT, has dedicated the last three years to serving on the Council. His initial role was as the Ex-officio member of the Licensing committee, followed by his appointment as the Chairman of the Public Accountants in Business (PAIB) Committee.

Before his council tenure, Edmund had been involved with the institute since 2015, serving as a member on the Licensing Committee (formerly the Quality Assurance Committee) and holding the position of Vice-Chairman. Currently employed at the Financial Institution Supervision Department of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, he previously engaged in private consulting and accumulated a decade of experience at PwC.

Driven by a commitment to give back to the community, Edmund actively serves as a director on the boards of various organizations in both the public and private sectors. He holds a BSc in Management with a minor in Finance from the University of the West Indies, is a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor, and holds fellowship status with ACCA.

Edmund's multi-faceted background and dedication make him a valuable asset to the Council, contributing to the profession's advancement and fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors.



Kerry Mohammed
CA, FCCA

Principal, KKRM Auditors & Advisors

Kerry Mohammed, Principal at KKRM Auditors & Advisors, brings a wealth of experience to his role, having previously served as a council member. As a distinguished fellow of ACCA, he boasts over 18 years of expertise in audit, business advisory, and compliance. Educated in the United Kingdom, Kerry earned recognition as one of the youngest chartered accountants to qualify from the FTC Kaplan London campus.

Renowned for his exceptional professional acumen, Kerry has gained trust in his field, serving clients across diverse industries in the private sector. In addition to his professional commitments, he holds positions on the boards of several private companies in Trinidad & Tobago and serves as the Executive Director of Sales & Marketing for Atlantic Trading Company Ltd.

Beyond his professional achievements, Kerry is a multifaceted individual who finds joy in playing the piano, swimming, reading, and actively participating in charity work. Committed to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Kerry aspires to rejoin the council, aiming to further the institute's research and implementation efforts. His goal includes increasing awareness and regulation of the accounting profession in the Caribbean, with a specific focus on fostering the development of SMEs. Kerry's dedication positions him as a valuable contributor to the continued growth and advancement of the accounting profession in the region.



Marissa Quashie
CA, FCCA, MBA

Associate Partner, EY

Marissa Quashie, an accomplished professional with over twenty years of experience in the assurance sector, currently serves as an Associate Partner at EY. Her career has been marked by a two-year secondment to the UK, where she specialized in the financial services sector—a focus she continues to maintain.

Marissa is passionate about client service and collaborative efforts aimed at achieving the highest standards of audit quality within specified deadlines. Actively involved in professional leadership, she holds a crucial role as a Council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago (ICATT). In her current capacity, Marissa chairs the Members and Student Relations Committee, emphasizing her dedication to fostering strong professional relationships within the accounting community.

Her contributions extend beyond her role as Chair, having previously served as a member of the Audit and Accounting Standards Committee of ICATT. Marissa is also known for delivering technical presentations at the Annual Finance and Accounting Conference, as well as various seminars and webinars for the benefit of ICATT members.

Marissa's commitment to the Institute reflects a deep-seated passion for strengthening the accounting profession. She envisions it as a pivotal voice on critical matters affecting the business community and economy, both locally and regionally. Beyond her professional endeavors, Marissa's interests encompass a profound love for the sport of cricket and a fascination with true crime documentaries. Her multifaceted commitment makes her an invaluable asset to the Council, contributing significantly to the growth and influence of the accounting profession.



Nalini Suratsingh
CA, FCCA

CFO at a Statutory Authority

Raquel Nalini Suratsingh, commonly known as Nalini, is a seasoned Finance Executive with an impressive 25 years of experience spanning various sectors such as Credit Unions, Accounting and Audit Services, Advertising, Banking, and Construction. Nalini presently holds the title of CFO at a Statutory Authority under the purview of the Ministry of Finance

Throughout her career, Nalini has held diverse senior Finance and Accounting roles in the Public Sector and currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer.

Nalini's unwavering dedication to the development of the Accounting Profession is evident through her extensive involvement with ICATT. Over the years, she has actively participated in several committees, including the Members and Students Relations, Accounting and Audit Practice, Public Sector Accounting, and Small and Medium Practitioners Committees. Additionally, Nalini has contributed significantly by lecturing various courses under the CAT, ACCA, and CIMA programs at local tertiary institutions for over five years.

If elected to the Council, Nalini aims to be a strong advocate for Public Sector Accounting Reform. Her priorities include championing the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by relevant Statutory and other bodies. Furthermore, she envisions improvements to the reporting framework used in the micro-enterprise sector. Nalini's diverse experience and commitment position her as a valuable advocate for positive change and progress within the accounting profession.



Petal Daniel-Benoit
CA, FCCA

Councillor, THA

Petal Daniel-Benoit, a seasoned Chartered Accountant with over fifteen years of accounting experience, holds professional membership and qualifications from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Commencing her career at SWMCOL, she later assumed the role of Senior Financial Analyst at the Division of Finance, THA, and served as a Lecturer of Accounts at COSTAATT. Petal's extensive service extends to Boards, including NLCB, Tobago Regional Health Authority, and the Tobago Festivals Commission.

Currently, Petal actively contributes as a member of ICATT's PAIB Committee, dedicating herself to the role for the past three years. Beyond her professional pursuits, Petal is an entrepreneur focused on building a successful business in Tobago. Recognized for her resilience and commitment, she served as the National President of Junior Chamber International West Indies, receiving lifelong membership as JCI Senator in 2019 for her outstanding leadership. Further, she was appointed the 2022 JCI West Indies Senate Chair and Assistant Secretary General of the Association of Senators of the Americas and the Caribbean. Presently, she serves as the Treasurer of Jaric Titans Sports and Development Club, an organization based in her community.

Petal believes in playing a proactive role in shaping policies, initiatives, and strategies that foster the growth and development of the accounting sector in Trinidad and Tobago. Passionate about leveraging her skills and knowledge to support fellow professionals, she aims to advocate for their needs and drive positive change within the industry. Dedicated to fostering collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement within ICATT, Petal envisions contributing to its mission of promoting excellence in the accounting profession. Her goal is to enhance the reputation of Trinidad and Tobago as a hub of financial integrity and accountability.



Renée-Lisa Phillip
CA, FCCA, AMLCA

Managing Partner, PKF

Renée-Lisa Phillip, is a distinguished chartered accountant with an extensive thirty-five (35) years of post-qualification experience, having cultivated her expertise in the US and the UK. Specializing in company valuations, judicial management, auditing, and coaching, she currently provides auditing and business advisory services to various associations and businesses across the public and private sectors.

Her earlier roles include serving as the internal auditor for Texaco Trinidad Inc. and working as an auditor/taxation specialist with Freedman Stuart Chartered Accountants in the UK. Renée-Lisa is a member of ISACA (formerly Information Systems Audit and Control Association), holds a Trustee License for conducting Bankruptcy and Insolvency Business in Trinidad and Tobago, is an Anti-Money Laundering Certified Associate, and earned an A'Level scholarship.

Over the past three years, Renée-Lisa has made significant contributions as a member of the Council of ICATT, actively participating in the Accounting and Audit Standards Committee and serving as the Chairman of the Small and Medium Practitioners Committee.

Recognizing the pivotal role of the Council, Renée-Lisa sees it as an invaluable opportunity to influence the accounting profession by fostering relationships with key stakeholders. Committed to guiding the profession through the challenges posed by ever-evolving standards, regulations, and interpretations, she is dedicated to making a positive impact as a member of the Council.



Tanya Wright
CA, FCCA

Director at KPMG

Tanya Wright, currently serves as a Director at KPMG and boasts a remarkable track record with over 20 years of audit and assurance expertise in both Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Her extensive experience encompasses auditing multi-national group engagements, specializing in manufacturing, distribution, telecommunications, and utilities, with a particular focus on insurance and financial institutions. In addition to her pivotal role as Audit Director, Tanya serves as the Director of Learning and Development for KPMG Caricom. Previously, she held the position of Risk Management Manager for KPMG Trinidad and Tobago.

Tanya's commitment to professional development is evident through her role as a presenter on technical topics for ICATT. Actively involved in the accounting community, she also contributes as a member of the Members and Student Relations Committee of ICATT.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Tanya is a passionate advocate for youth development, leveraging her knowledge and experience to champion causes for personal growth and development. She envisions utilizing her expertise to further develop and enhance the services of ICATT.

Tanya is poised to add substantial value to ICATT, providing crucial support to its causes and contributing to the overall advancement of the accounting profession.