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## Simone M. Lloyd

SIMONE M. LLOYD, GISP IS AN INTERNATIONALLY CERTIFIED GEOSPATIAL PROFESSIONAL, PROJECT MANAGER, EDUCATOR AND TRAINER WITH A WEALTH OF 17 YEARS' EXPERIENCE CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAMAICA'S GEOSPATIAL LANDSCAPE, IN ADDITION TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INITIATIVES.

She currently serves as the Senior GIS Manager and Trainer within the National Spatial Data Management Branch of Jamaica's Ministry of Economic Growth & Job Creation. She has previously served as the Principal Director (Acting) for multiple extended periods. Her current main responsibilities include managing the operations of the GIS Training, Education and Public Awareness Unit; coordinating, developing and delivering five (5) geospatial training and educational initiatives and has coordinated numerous national geospatial projects, geospatial policy development and geospatial events and programmes. She has 17 years' experience serving within the Land Information Council of Jamaica and its Technical Advisory Board, including chairing and serving as advisor for multiple committees.

She possesses over 5 years' experience serving as Jamaica's Focal Point and Head of Delegation to the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Group of Experts and its Americas Regional Committee sessions. Additionally, she serves as the Caribbean Vocal on the UN-GGIM: Americas Board of Directors and the UN-GGIM: Americas' Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) Steering Committee. Simone also occupies various leadership roles within the UN-GGIM Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters and is its representative to multiple geospatial organizations. Simone has also served and serves within multiple leadership roles within the UN-GGIM High-Level Group on Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF).

Additionally, Simone serves as the Caribbean Lead on the International Federation of Surveyors' (FIG) America Capacity Development Network.

Simone also possesses over 20 years' experience serving as a Geography and Geospatial educator/adjunct lecturer to multiple secondary and tertiary-level educational institutions in Jamaica.

Simone holds a Master of Science degree in Geoinformatics from the University of the West Indies-St. Augustine, and three post graduate diplomas in Geoinformatics (University of the West Indies-St. Augustine), GIS for Land Management (University of Technology, Jamaica) and Geography and Social Studies Education (University of the West Indies-Mona) and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geography with minor in Geology (University of the West Indies-Mona).

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## Álvaro Monett

ÁLVARO MONETT IS A GEOGRAPHER AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS REGIONAL ADVISOR ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN THE STATISTICS DIVISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

In this position, his main duties are focused on supporting the countries of the region in strengthening their geospatial data infrastructures and their national processes of integration of geospatial and statistical information. Mr. Monett also plays the ECLAC role of Technical Secretary of the Regional Committee UN-GGIM: Americas.

Before assuming his role at ECLAC, Álvaro Monett was involved for 18 years in the development of the Chilean Spatial Data Infrastructure, serving as Executive Secretary of this program between 2015 and 2017. From this position and in the same period, at the regional level, he served as Vice President of the United Nations Regional Committee for Global Management of Geospatial Information Americas Regional Body (UN-GGIM: Americas) and from 2010 to 2013 he was Coordinator for the Working Group on Planning of the Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure the Americas, CP-IDEA.

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# Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop

CHIEF, GEOGRAPHY DIVISION  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop is Chief of the Geography Division at the U.S. Census Bureau, where she leads the development of a national geospatial database. This database of addresses, roads, and boundaries creates the foundation for census taking and surveys.

Bishop received her Master's degree in Public Administration from New York University and her Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Lehigh University. Bishop is the President of the U.S. National Section of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. She is Head of the U.S. Delegation for the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. She also serves as Co-chair of the UN-GGIM High Level Group on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF).

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## Daniel R. Roman

DR. DANIEL R. ROMAN GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1985 WITH A B.S. IN GEOLOGY.

He attended the Ohio State University and received a Master of Science in Geodetic Science and Surveying (1993) and a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences [Geophysics-Gravity/Magnetism] (1999).

He has worked for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey for over 20 years managing vertical datums, geometric positioning and policy management within the United States Government. Since 2023, he serves as NOAA's Senior Advisor for Geodesy. He is a previous Chair for FIG Commission 5 (Positioning and Measurement), co-chaired the North American Reference Frame Working Group of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG), represented the U.S. in ISO TC211 Advisory Group 12 (Geodetic Registry), and represented the Americas on the UN Subcommittee of Geodesy (UN SCoG).

In 2023, he was selected as the Chair for the recently formed FIG Americas Capacity Development Network, continues to chair the UN SCoG Working Group on Capacity and Education, and is engaged fully in the international Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) community to ensure the development of geospatial data according to F.A.I.R. principles.

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## Salim Sawaya

MANAGER, ESRI NONPROFIT & GLOBAL ORGANIZATIONS TEAM.

Salim Sawaya leads Esri's Nonprofit & Global Organizations team supporting the UN and other international organizations, nonprofits and foundations, and other organizations working on Sustainable Development, Humanitarian Assistance, Global health and Conservation globally. Having worked at Esri in Washington, DC for the past 20 years, Salim and his team support Esri's customers to design and implement GIS solutions that make a difference and bring value to their organizations.

He has 25 years of experience working in the fields of ICT and GIS in positions focused on requirements analysis, solution design, implementation planning, application development, customer support, project management, business development and marketing. He holds a MS in Geographic and Cartographic Sciences from George Mason University, 2008, and a BA in Economics and Finance from Bucknell University, 2000.

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## Bheshem Ramlal

DR. BHESHEM RAMLAL IS A PROFESSOR OF GEOSPATIAL  
INFORMATION ENGINEERING.

He holds a BSc. Land Surveying from The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, a Postgraduate Diploma and an MSc. in Integrated Map and Geoinformation Production from the International Institute for Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences from the University of Twente, the Netherlands, and a PhD in Spatial Information Engineering from the University of Maine, USA, Prof. Ramlal joined the UWI in 1988 and has served in various capacities including as Head of Department and now Dean, Faculty of Engineering.

He has also served as Chair, Board of Directors, National Spatial Data Infrastructure Council of Trinidad and Tobago, and a member of the Board of Directors, Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago. Prof. Ramlal's research is focused on Geospatial Knowledge Infrastructure, applications of Geospatial Observation Data, data curation, and geospatial data standards and policies.

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## Paul Collymore

MANAGER - INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT THE LANDS AND SURVEYS  
DEPARTMENT IN BARBADOS.

Paul Collymore has over 20 years of experience in GIS and IT, and currently takes lead on developing, implementing and training in GIS systems that are solutions to data management challenges throughout the Barbados Government sector and some private entities. Paul is responsible for the Department's digital mapping data but also the Department's parcel database as part of the National Land Registration Programme. He has served as the GIS focal point for national committees and projects and enjoys leading a small team of talented GIS staff to accomplish the Department's Geospatial objectives and goals.

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## Lim Liyang

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GEOSPATIAL POLICY & ENGAGEMENT,  
SINGAPORE LAND AUTHORITY.

Lim Liyang oversees the development of national geospatial data policies and programs for Singapore's National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), GeospatialSG. He led the formulation of Singapore's Geospatial Master Plan and supports the work of the Geospatial Trusted Centre and the Geospatial Capability Centre to deepen geospatial capabilities in Singapore.

Lim Liyang has previously coordinated a UN Task Group for Global Geospatial Information Management, consulted for the World Bank on SDI development, and guest lectured at various institutions. Additionally, he received the Singapore Management University MBA Scholarship for Community Impact and the National Commendation Medal for his commitment to geospatial development.