

CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
Sir Ronald Michael Sanders KCMG, KCN, AM

Date of Birth 26 January 1948

National: Antigua and Barbuda

Current Occupation

Consultant, Writer and Senior Research Fellow at Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London.

Former positions Public Sector

Served twice as High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda to the United Kingdom (1983-1987) and (1996-2004); Ambassador to the European Union (non-resident); Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation (1996-2004); Deputy Permanent representative to the United Nations for Antigua and Barbuda (1982-1983)

Executive Assistant to the President of the Caribbean Development Bank responsible for the public affairs policy implementation (1977-1978)

Other Inter-Governmental activity

At the invitation of former US President Jimmy Carter, became a member of "The Friends of the Democratic Charter" in October 2011 (to present time).

Member of International Advisory Board of the Round Table: *The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs* a scholarly journal published six times a year. Founded in 1910, ***The Round Table*** is Britain's oldest international affairs journal, providing analysis and commentary on all aspects of international affairs.

Member, and Rapporteur, of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) appointed by Commonwealth Heads of Government to report and make recommendations on reform of the Commonwealth (2010-2011). The Report, "*A Commonwealth of the People: Time for Urgent Reform*" was the centre piece of discussion at the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia in October 2011.

Member of the Advisory Board to World Bank/Commonwealth Secretariat Task Force on Small States (1999-2000)

Deputy Leader of the Working Group of OECD and non-OECD representatives appointed in January 2001 to work on an inclusive international forum on cross border tax issues to replace the OECD initiative on “Harmful Tax Competition”.

Member of Ministerial Task Force appointed by the Prime Ministers of the UK and the Caribbean Community to produce a report on “Redefining the Relationship between the UK and The Caribbean” for consideration of Heads of Government, September 2001 from which the “UK-Caribbean Forum”, a biennial meeting of UK and Caribbean Foreign Ministers was created.

Elected Chairman Caribbean Financial Action Task Force against money laundering and drug trafficking (2002-2004)

Leader, Antigua and Barbuda Team at the World Trade Organisation that successfully challenged the US in a trade dispute in the services sector June 2003 to March 2004.

Consultant to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States on the possible formation of a political union (1988)

Member of a three-man Commonwealth Committee of High Commissioners to liaise with UN Committee on countering Apartheid propaganda (1985-1987)

Elected member of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) at UNESCO (1983-1985)

Elected member of the Executive Board of UNESCO (1985-1987)

Delegate to Commonwealth Heads of Government Conferences 1983-1985 and 1997 to 2003.

Member of the Antigua and Barbuda government delegation to the Lancaster House Conference on Independence for Antigua and Barbuda (1980)

Private Sector

General Manager and Programme Director, Guyana Broadcasting Service (1973-1976)

Member of the Board of Directors of the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) (1975 to 1977)

Vice President and President of the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU) (1973-1976)

Served on the Board of Directors of Financial Institutions, Telecom Companies and Media Companies in Belize, Barbados, Guyana, and the US Virgin Islands (1987-1996) with responsibility for negotiations related to acquisition and financing and regulatory bodies.

- Negotiated the purchase of the Guyana Telecommunications Corporation in 1990 by the US firm Atlantic Tele Network (now Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company) still operating profitably as a publicly traded company.
- Headed negotiations with telecommunications regulatory bodies in Guyana and the US
- Part of a team to take Atlantic Tele Network on to the NASDAQ stock exchange in an IPO in the US and Europe
- Headed negotiations with governments in Africa and the Caribbean for acquisitions

Consultant to Canadian Legal Firm, Aird & Berlis, on legal frameworks for Public Sector-Private Sector partnership programmes in the Caribbean (2013-)

Honours and Awards

Honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on 1 January 1997: Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (**CMG**)

Honoured in the Antigua and Barbuda list on 1st January 2001: Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation (**KCN**)

Honoured by the Republic of France with the dignity of Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques on 19th April 2002

Honoured by Her Majesty The Queen on 15th June 2002 in the Birthday Honours list: Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (**KCMG**)

Honoured by the Government of Australia on November 30th 2012 with membership of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to the Commonwealth and in advancing the interests of small states.

Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Letters (D.Litt) by the Senate and Council of the University of the West Indies in April 2014

Qualifications: Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations, Sussex University, UK

Professional Affiliations: Royal Institute of International Affairs. UK

Sir Ronald Sanders Publications

Sir Ronald publishes a weekly commentary that is carried in major newspapers in every Commonwealth Caribbean country. His commentaries are also published in over a dozen Internet News websites with audiences of millions worldwide. These commentaries are often reproduced by publications in other parts of the world. He is also the author of:

Broadcasting in Guyana, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1978

Antigua and Barbuda: Transition, Trial and Triumph, (Caribbean Communication), London, 1984

Benefits for All - the Antarctic Issue in the UN, Mazingira, International Magazine for Environment and Development Vol. 8 No 4, Oxford, 1984

Is Britain Indispensable to the Commonwealth, The Round Table: Journal of Commonwealth Studies, July 1987, London

Introduced and Edited, **Inseparable Humanity - an Anthology of Reflections of Shridath Ramphal Commonwealth Secretary General**, Hansib Publishing, London, 1988

Indian Indenture: Another Slavery, in Third World Impact, Hansib Publishing, London, 1988

At the Crossroads of History: Unity in the West Indies, West Indian Digest, December 1988/January 1989, London

Political Union in the OECS: An Opportunity Squandered, Caribbean Affairs, April-June 1989, Trinidad; also, **Political Union: An Opportunity Lost**, The Courier, No 116, Brussels, July-August 1989

The Effectiveness of UNCTAD as an Instrument for the Third World, Round Table: Journal of Commonwealth Studies, London, July 1989. Also, **An Assessment of UNCTAD's Effectiveness as an Instrument to Promote the Interests of the Third World**, Chapter XIII in Peace by Pieces: United Nations Agencies and Their Roles, Robert N Wells Jr (ed), Scarecrow Press Inc, New Jersey, 1991

Diplomacy in the Foreign Policy of Small States, Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, London, October 1989

Narcotics, Corruption and Development: The Problem in the Smaller Islands, Caribbean Affairs, January-March 1990. Trinidad

The Drug Problem: Social and Economic Effects, Caribbean Affairs, July-September 1990. Trinidad

Britain and the Caribbean: A Caribbean Perspective, Chapter 7 in Europe and the Caribbean, Paul Sutton (ed), (Macmillan) London 1991

The Drug Problem: Policy Options for Caribbean Countries, Chapter 12 in Democracy in the Caribbean: Political, Economic and Social Perspectives, Robert A Pastor et al (eds), Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993

Antigua and Barbuda: A Little Bit of Paradise: A historical and contemporary guide to Antigua and Barbuda, Hansib Publishing, London, 1994

The Commonwealth Must Not Wake-up Feeling Terrible, Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, London, July 1996

The Growing Vulnerability of Small Sates, Round Table: the Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, London, July 1997

Commonwealth Edinburgh Summit: A Beneficial Encounter for Small States: Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, January 1998

Commonwealth After Edinburgh: Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, April 1998

The Fight Against Fiscal Colonialism: Tax Competition: An Opportunity for Iceland, Hannes H Gissurarson and Tryggvi Thor Herbertson (eds), University of Iceland Press, 2001; also see **OECD and Small States** in Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, July 2002

The Future of Financial Services in the Caribbean, International Tax Competition: Globalisation and Fiscal Sovereignty, Rajiv Biswas (ed), Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 2002

Introduced and Edited, **Antigua Vision, Caribbean Reality: Perspectives of Prime Minister Lester Bird**, Hansib, London, May, 2002

Crime in the Caribbean: An Overwhelming Phenomenon, Hansib, London, May 2003

War on Terror and the Erosion of Rights, Hansib, London, June 2003

Crumbled Small: The Commonwealth Caribbean in World Politics, London, 2005, Hansib Publishing

Ramphal, the US-led invasion of Grenada, and the Commonwealth, in Shridath Ramphal: The Commonwealth and the World, Essays in honour of his 80th birthday, edited by Richard Bourne, Hansib Publications Ltd 2008

The Benefits of Being neither Fish nor Fowl: The UK Caribbean Overseas Territories in the International Community, in Governance in the Non-Independent Caribbean: Challenges and opportunities in the twenty-first century, edited by Peter Clegg and Emilio Pantojas-Garcia, Ian Randle Publishers, 2009.

The Commonwealth as a champion of small states in The Contemporary Commonwealth, Edited by James Mayall, Routledge, 2010

The Commonwealth at its Turning Point: The EPG Report and CHOGM 2011, The Round table, Vol.100, No. 417, December 2011, pp 577-579

Asserting the Rights of Smallness: Small and Vulnerable Economies at the WTO in REFLECTIONS from the Frontline: Developing country negotiators in the WTO, Edited by Pradeep S. Mehta, Atul Kaushik, and Rashid S.Kaukab. Published: Academic Foundation, 2012

A Commonwealth Free Trade Area is neither likely nor desirable, published by Commonwealth Advisory Bureau, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 2012

Success of EPG Recommendations Depends on Leadership, in The Round Table, Vol.102, No.1, pp.1-6, March 2013

The Commonwealth and China: Upholding values, containing the dragon?, in the Round Table, The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, June 2013

Reparations for Slavery: Can a claim be sustained? Posted on the website of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 13 August 2013

The EPG wanted Ireland back in the Commonwealth, posted 13 December 2013, on website of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies

The Commonwealth after Colombo: Can it be meaningful again? in the Round Table, The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, Vol. 103, No. 1, February 2014

Public Speaking and Panel Participation

Featured Speaker in the United Kingdom House of Commons for the launch of “Friends of UNESCO” when UK Government withdrew from UNESCO in 1985.

Speaker at Symposium on “Narcotics, Corruption and Development in the Caribbean”, Centre for Caribbean Studies, Warwick University, July 1989

Featured Speaker at First St Catherine’s Conference on the Commonwealth held at Cumberland Lodge on the theme “Is Britain Indispensable to the Commonwealth” in April 1987.

Featured Speaker at a Seminar on “Political Union in the Windward Islands of the Caribbean” organised by the High Commissions of Grenada, Dominica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica at the Commonwealth Institute. London, on 12 November 1988

Featured Speaker to Commonwealth Fellows on “The Commonwealth” at Farnham Castle, UK, March 1997 organised by the Commonwealth Foundation

Featured Speaker on “The Commonwealth in International Affairs” at The Royal College of Defence Studies, London to senior members of the public service, diplomatic corps and armed services from 86 countries on 6 May 1997

Featured Speaker on “The Commonwealth After Edinburgh” at a Cumberland Lodge Conference of Heads of Commonwealth Organisations in the UK, representatives of the Media and Captains of Industry in January 1998

Member of Commonwealth Foundation Panel on “The Commonwealth and Small Island States” for Commonwealth Fellows at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London on 11 March 1998

Chairman of Panel on “Media and the Global Environment” at the First Ministerial Assembly of the Global Environmental Facility in New Delhi, India on 3 April 1998

Member of Panel at “Conference on Montserrat”, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London University on 18th May 1998

Featured Speaker at “Insight Europe”, a seminar on negotiations for middle management officers from 15 European Countries, held at the Civil Service Staff College, UK, on 7th September 1999

Member of Panel on “Offshore Banking: Blessing or Curse” at International Monetary Fund (IMF)/Caribbean Development Bank sponsored Seminar on “The Caribbean coping with Globalisation”, Barbados, 8-9th February 2000

Member of Panel on “Offshore Centres: The Way Ahead” at International Fraud Convention, London, on 26th June 2001 organised by International Financial Exhibitions Ltd to examine the international response to tackling fraud.

Featured Speaker on “Response to the OECD’s modified Harmful Tax Competition Initiative” at PricewaterhouseCoopers Conference on Investment on 7th September 2001 at Paradise Island, The Bahamas.

Member of Panel on “Tax Competition” at Conference on “Tax Competition: An Opportunity for Iceland” in Reykjavik, Iceland on 2nd November 2001.

Keynote Speaker at Conference on “Transnational Crime in the Caribbean Basin: Policy Options” organised by The Canadian Foundation for the Americas in Ottawa, Canada in March 2003

Speaker on “Anti-terrorism legislation and Human Rights” at a Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative Seminar at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, 5th June 2003

Public lecture on the Caribbean – *Hope after Disasters*- at the London Metropolitan University at the invitation of the Vice Chancellor, November 2005

Public Lecture at Cave Hill Campus, UWI: *The Evolution of CANA and the Role of the Regional Media in the Caribbean Single Market*, Tuesday 16 May 2006:

Public Lecture at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), London: *Venezuela in the Caribbean: Expanding its sphere of influence*, Tuesday 17 April 2007

Public Lecture: *The Commonwealth Caribbean and the new Colonialism: risks and resistance in an age of globalization*, at the Watershed Media Centre, Bristol, UK, Tuesday 26 June 2007

Lecture: *Caribbean in a Global World*: UNESCO Sponsored Caribbean Media Conference in Grenada (Grand Anse), 14th May 2009

A paper to: Commonwealth Caribbean Business Media Workshop, Crown Plaza Hotel Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, 3 June 2009

Lecture: *CARIBBEAN and CENTRAL AMERICA: The US Near Abroad: Seeking Stability in a fractious world*, Delivered at The Royal College of Defence Studies, London, to 85 high-ranking military officers from Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle-East, Tuesday 15th September 2009

Public Statement launching the Book: *From Ranji to Rohan* by Professor Clem Seecharan at London Metropolitan University on 19th November 2009

Feature Address: *Small Caribbean States: Exploitation by Japan of their economic vulnerability in support of whaling?* at Ocean Life Symposium II: Ocean Life on the Brink in Grand Anse, Grenada on 19th May 2010

Remarks at an Informal Consultation on *Reinvigorating the Commonwealth* at Wilton Park on Wednesday, 1st September 2010

Keynote address: “Perth and the EPG challenge”, At a Pre-CHOGM Briefing on: “The Commonwealth: Issues and Challenges” Organised by: The Commonwealth Association & The Round Table with The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the Commonwealth Press Union Trust, on Wednesday 12 October 2011, at the CPA/IPU Rooms, Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament, London

Lecture: *The choice for the Commonwealth remains stark: Reform or Wither* at the opening of the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau Conference on “100 days after CHOGM” at the University of London, Senate House, 7th February 2012

Public Lecture: *The Modern Commonwealth: Its relevance to St Vincent and the Grenadines- a Small Island Developing State*, a Public Discourse celebrating the Commonwealth in the Diamond Jubilee Year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth, 15th March 2012

Keynote address: “*The attractions of Nationhood: Illusion and Reality - Lessons from the CARICOM experience*” at The 50-50 Caribbean Conference: Surveying the Past, Mapping the Future, UCCI Campus, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands 22nd March 2012

Public Lecture: *The Commonwealth in crisis – is reform possible?*
Thursday 15th November 2012, Deller Hall, Senate House, University of London

Presentation of a paper entitled, “*The Caribbean and the Wider World: What will future relationships look like?*” at Contemporary Caribbean Workshop, British High Commission, Barbados, 27-28 November 2012

Public Lecture at Senate House, London University on: *The Commonwealth and China: Upholding values, containing the dragon?*” on 23rd February 2013

Statement launching *In The Ring: A Commonwealth Memoir*, by Sir Donald McKinnon, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (2000-2008) at Marlborough House, London, 26 February 2013

Statement at Colloquium on “Export led growth for the Caribbean” organised by Caribbean Export in Barbados in March 2013

Feature speech at the International Centre for Research and Development, Ottawa, Canada: *The Boy on the Burning Deck: The devotion of Canada to the values of the Commonwealth*, 2nd May 2013

Presentation in the House of Commons, London, at UK “Six months to CHOGM Forum” – a Critique and Analysis of the Commonwealth Charter on 15 May 2013

Presentation on: *The Legacy of Empire: The View from the Caribbean*, at Conference on the Legacy of (the British Empire) at Senate House, London, on 20 May 2013, organised by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and the Overseas Services Pensioners Association.

Presentation on: *New Caribbean oil exploration: high risks, high rewards?* at the Inaugural Dr Eric Williams Panel Discussion, organised by the British Foundation of the University of the West Indies, at

The Nehru Room, The Commonwealth Club, London on 22 May 2013.

Statement at China-Latin America Think Tank Forum in Beijing, China, on 22nd July 2013 on Special Circumstances of the Caribbean in the Latin America and Caribbean framework in relation to China.

The Commonwealth in troubling times: Inaugural Lecture to mark the Centenary of the Royal Charter to the Bristol Commonwealth Society at the Mansion House, Bristol, UK, 12th October 2013

The Moral case for Reparations for Slavery, A presentation at a Panel Discussion at Senate House, University of London, Friday 18 October 2013

Troubling Times: The Commonwealth beyond Colombo, Closing Address at a Pre-Commonwealth Heads of Government Forum on “The Commonwealth in Colombo: Prospects for the 2013 Commonwealth Summit, organised by The Round Table, The Institute of Commonwealth Studies, The Commonwealth Journalists Association (UK), the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, and the Commonwealth Association at Senate House, University of London on 21st October 2013

Remarks, Leading discussion on the Report of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative: *The Missing Link – A Commonwealth Commissioner for Human Rights* on Monday, 11 November 2013 at Senate House, University of London, organised by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

"Can Malta rescue the Commonwealth"? After Dinner Presentation on 9 January 2014, at “An enduring family of nations?: the Commonwealth after Colombo”, Round Table Post-CHOGM Conference, 9-10 January 2014 Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge

Speaker at: *A Commonwealth for the 21st Century: leadership, values, people*: Organised by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Wilton Park, 31 March to 2 April 2014

Speaker at: Colloquium on *Why Join the Commonwealth*, organised by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at Senate House, London University on 10 July 2014

Speaker at the Graduation of the Social Sciences Faculty of the St Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies, Friday 24 October 2014: *The University of the West Indies has led development in the West Indian Caribbean*