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Verene A. Shepherd, is a Social Historian, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination on Racial Discrimination, Director of the Centre for Reparation Research and the immediate past University Director of the Institute for Gender & Development Studies at The University of the West Indies. She spent 5 years as a member of the UN's Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, 2 as Chair. A published author, she has written several books, among them, *Lucille Mathurin Mair*(2020), *Introduction to Reparation for Secondary Schools* (2021), *Appleton Estate: From the Dickinson Family to the Campari Group: A Short History*(2022), *I want to Disturb my Neighbour: Lectures on Slavery, Emancipation & Postcolonial Jamaica* (2007); *Livestock, Sugar & Slavery: Contested Terrain in Colonial Jamaica* (2009) and *Maharani's Misery: Narratives of a Passage from India to the Caribbean* (2002). Her awards include the Government of Jamaica's *Order of Distinction*, Commander Class, for outstanding service to Education in History and Gender Studies; The UWI *Vice Chancellor's Award* for Excellence in Public Service; was one of the 70+7 women awarded for service to The UWI during the institution's 70th anniversary celebrations, and is one of 60 women included in the *Gleaner's Jamaican Women of Distinction* (2020). A highlight of her career was being invited to South Africa in 2004 by former President Thabo Mbeki to educate South Africans about the Caribbean, especially Haiti, in preparation for giving refuge to exiled Haitian President Bertrand Aristide. While in South Africa she spoke at the President's gala dinner for South African women on South African Women's day.