

YANA Caribbean presents

Caribbean Nurses Securing Global Health

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This webinar offers a unique opportunity to gain insights into the invaluable role nurses and nurse leaders play in promoting health equity, health policy, education, and addressing disparities on a global scale.

Join us for an enlightening webinar on "Caribbean Nurses Securing Global Health" as we delve into the vital contributions from pioneers like Mary Seacole in the Crimean War, to the current endeavors of Caribbean nurse leaders in the context of global healthcare.

Whether you are a healthcare professional, student, or simply passionate about global health, this webinar promises to be both informative and inspiring.

Panel will be moderated by Dr. Marcia Hodge YSN '06, YANA Caribbean Chair

Oscar Noel Ocho, DrPH, MPH, MPhil, BScN

Trinidad & Tobago



Oscar Noel Ocho is the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO), and Director of University of West Indies School of Nursing in Trinidad and Tobago.

He is a qualified Registered Nurse (RN) and has served within the Ministry of Health in multiple roles. Dr. Ocho is a Packard/Gates Population Leadership Fellow from the University of Washington, Seattle, USA as well as one of the first cohort of professionals who participated in the Caribbean Health Leadership Institute scholarship programme for health leaders in the Caribbean 2007/2008.

His academic qualifications include a BScN (Education) from The UWI, Mona, Jamaica (1995); MPH (International Health) University of Washington, Seattle, USA 2005 and MPhil in Sociology from The UWI, St. Augustine (2007) and a Doctorate in Public Health with an

emphasis on Public Health and Policy since 2013 from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Ocho has served as a motivational speaker to youth in the Caribbean including Trinidad and Tobago as well as Grenada, St. Vincent, Barbados and Guyana. He has also served as Vice President of the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago as well as Chairman for Casa de Corazon; a home for abused children in Trinidad and Tobago.

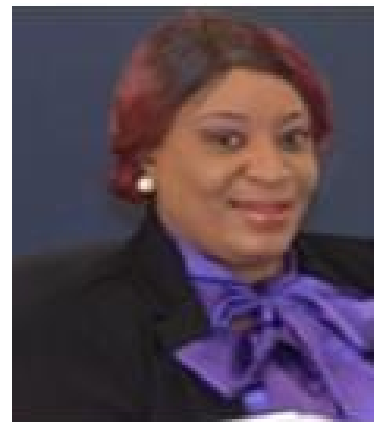
Paulette Cash, PhD, MSN, NNP, CNS

Bahamas

Paulette Cash is a veteran nurse of 40 years in the public health sector in The Bahamas. She holds a doctorate degree in Public Health Administration and is qualified at the master's degree level as a neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP) and clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

A graduate of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI -2015) Dr. Cash serves as a facilitator for the ICN Leadership for Change (LFC) Programme in The Bahamas.

Attendance at the World Health Assemblies, Geneva Switzerland (2016), and participation on the expert panel for the Revision of the ICN Code of Ethics for Nurses (2018 - 2020) are two memorable highlights of her experience as a nurse. However, her role as a clinician working with sick and vulnerable neonates for over 20 years, is a source of deep gratification.



Nester Edwards, MPH, BSN

Grenada



Nester Edwards is the Chief Nursing Officer in Grenada. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Education and a master's degree in public health.

As Chairperson of the Regional Nursing Body she is charged with leading initiatives aimed at strengthening nursing and midwifery in the Caribbean Region. Part of the strategic plan for nursing includes the review of midwifery and nursing education and practice standards.

She was also a speaker at the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress, 2019, in Singapore. Ms. Edwards has contributed to the development and implementation of several policies, guidelines and standard operating procedures for the Ministry of Health, Grenada, and other government sectors.

Tatiana Sadak, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, FGSA

United States

Tatiana Sadak is a Professor, Deputy Dean, and Director of the [Dementia Palliative Education Network \(DPEN\) at the Yale School](#) of Nursing. She specializes in Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurodegenerative Disorders and is a Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Sadak's research focuses on developing evidence-based interventions and measurement tools to improve healthcare for individuals living with dementia and their care partners.

Dr. Sadak has received fellowships from the American Academy of Nursing and the Gerontological Society of America for her contributions to the field. She has also been recognized as a Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing and named a Top Doctor/Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry.



Marcia Hodge ‘06 YSN (DNP, MSN, RN, CCNS)

YANA Caribbean Chair, Moderator



Born in the beautiful twin islands of Trinidad and Tobago, Marcia graduated from Yale University School of Nursing with a Master's of Science (MSN) Degree in 2006. She is a former Open-heart surgery nurse who later earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree from Johns Hopkins University. Marcia served as the New York City Regional Director for the Yale Day of Service from 2019-2021 working with non-profit organizations to serve multicultural communities. She was also a former Education Chairperson of the Trinidad & Tobago Nurses Association of America. Presently, Marcia is the Director of Nursing Excellence and Quality at a 700+ bed acute care hospital in Brooklyn and is a member of New York's Empire State Bioethics Consortium.

Steelpan and Calypso music enthusiast, Marcia is married to Kenrick and the proud mom of son Avery and daughter Markena. Her passion for service led her to YANA where she launched its Caribbean Chapter on December 3rd, 2023.