

BIO – LORRAINE NICHOLAS

Dr. Lorraine Nicholas is a Tourism Specialist, employed at the OECS Commission, headquartered on the island of Saint Lucia. For the past ten years, Lorraine has enjoyed a combination of research and technical experience in the tourism field. In 2003, she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue a Doctorate in Tourism at the University of Florida, where she graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She also holds a Master's degree with distinction; and a Bachelor's degree with First Class Honors in Tourism Management from the University of the West Indies.

Facilitation of ease of intra-travel is arguably the most critical aspects of the Tourism work programme of the OECS Commission and one of Dr. Nicholas' most recent achievements in this regard, is the development of an Air Service Agreement that seeks to liberalize air transportation in the Eastern Caribbean region. She also developed an Action Plan for Ease of Travel within the region in 2013, which was approved by the Ministers of Tourism, which involves the granting of full clearance for visitors to the region at the first port of entry, without the need for subsequent checks during the same trip.

Dr. Nicholas also represents the OECS on the Caribbean Tourism Organization's Aviation Task Force which seeks to address the air transportation issues in the wider Caribbean region.