



## **BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLES HENRY FERNANDEZ MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

**Charles Henry Fernandez** was born on December 24, 1954 and grew up in St. John's City, Antigua. He attended the St. Joseph's Academy Secondary School and as an adult he completed a Business Management Degree at the University of the West Indies.

**Mr. Fernandez** joined the Antigua & Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) in 1984, and was appointed to the Senate in 1995 by then Prime Minister Hon. Lester Bird. He served as a Senator until 2004.

During his time in the Senate, **Mr. Fernandez** also served as Chairman of the Board of the Free Trade and Processing Zone from 1995 to 2002, and Chairman of the Board of the Medical Benefits Scheme from 2002 to 2004.

**Hon. Charles Fernandez** represented the Antigua & Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) in the 2009 and 2014 Elections in the St. John's Rural North Constituency, where he presently resides with his wife Jill and three sons.

Minister Fernandez was the Managing Director of the Deluxe Theatre Ltd. on High and Cross Streets, and serves as a Director on the Board of another local business.

Minister Fernandez has been married to Mrs. Jill Fernandez for the past 25 years and is the proud father of three sons.

Hon Charles Fernandez is also a member of the Lions Club of Antigua a non-profit charitable organization, He is an avid member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in St. John's and a voluntary blood donor. He is also the founder of the Cedar Grove Primary School Enrichment Fund, an organization that assists the less privileged children in the Cedar Grove Committee in his constituency.