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The P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy Announces the Passing of Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal

It is with deepest regret and profound sorrow that the P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy at the University of the West Indies announces the passing of Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal, Research Fellow at the Institute and Professor of Practice at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at the UWI.

At the time of his passing on January 4, 2023, Ambassador Bernal, former Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States, was also Senior Associate for the Americas Programme at the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies. In April 2021 he was appointed to the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

The P.J. Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy recognises the stellar and indispensable contribution which Ambassador Bernal has made to the work of the Institute from its planning, inception and up to the very day of his sudden and untimely passing.

Former Prime Minister P.J. Patterson, Statesman-in-Residence at the Institute extends heartfelt condolences to Ambassador Bernal's wife Margaret, their sons and the rest of their family, as well as to his wide circle of academic and other professional colleagues and friends.

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