

## Panel Debate Participant Profile

### Mr. Ainsley A. Henry JP., Forestry Department.

Morning session: December 07 09:00 – 12:00 pm

Mr Ainsley A. Henry’s career in environmental research and management extends more than 20 years and has mostly been in Jamaica. He holds a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree in Environmental Management and a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree in Botany/Zoology (Double Major) from the University of the West Indies (Mona campus) along with multiple certifications in related fields.

Prior to joining the Forestry Department, he served as Programme Manager for the highly successful Climate Investment Fund/Inter-American Development Bank funded “Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR)” being implemented through the Mona Office for Research and Innovation at the UWI, Mona Campus. This programme is being executed across six Caribbean countries.

Earlier in his career, he worked with both the Natural Resources Conservation Authority and the National Environment and Planning Agency (Government of Jamaica), in a variety of posts, including as an Environmental Officer, a Manager and a Director.

His interest and training in forestry dates to his undergraduate studies, where he not only did forestry courses but also focused heavily on wetlands, including mangrove forests. This continued into his graduate studies on the St Thomas Great Morass. He’s also published a number of papers on the subject.

Mr Henry has held several board appointments, both internationally, including as the current Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC), Vice-chair of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Administrative Reform of the Ramsar Convention; Co-coordinator of the Caribbean (Ramsar) Regional Initiative on Wetlands (CaRIWet) and locally, including Council Member of the Jamaica Institute of Environmental Professionals (JIEP) and multiple boards and committees of the GOJ.



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