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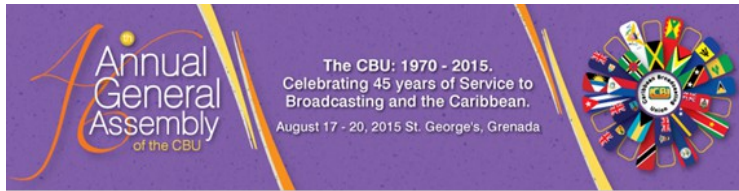
CARIBBEAN BROADCASTING UNION 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
St. George's Suite, Grenadian by Rex Resorts
St. George's Grenada, August 18, 2015

PRESENTER – AYLAI LIVINGSTONE

Aylair is a Jamaican attorney-at-law with over fifteen (15) years' experience in the public and private sectors. She is an Open Government and Anti-Corruption advocate and practitioner, with regional and international experience in the implementation of transparency and accountability policy and law, with a focus on Freedom of Information. Beginning in 2002 as the then Director of the Freedom of Information program in Jamaica, Ms. Livingstone led a small, energetic team in the implementation of the Access to Information (ATI) Act across the country, innovating and putting in place many of the structures necessary for a corresponding change in the culture of governance.

She has gone on to work extensively with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), assisting the governments of Tonga, Palau and Vanuatu to develop FOI policies, legislation and national implementation strategies. Her work continues in Fiji, Kiribati, and the Solomon Islands. Regionally, she advocates for a more cohesive, integrated regional approach to, and ownership of the Access to Information movement in the Caribbean.

Through her efforts in promoting transparency and larger anti-corruption measures, Aylair has been an invited guest speaker at the 2005 launch of the Indian RTI Act; the 3rd International Small Island Developing States (SIDS) conference on anti-corruption (UNODC/UNDP) in Samoa, and more recently, at the World Bank Open Forum series (2015) where she presented a paper "Caribbean Freedom of Information: 20 years and Beyond".



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Aylair has also contributed, from the Caribbean perspective, to the Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA)/National Endowment for Democracy (NED) report, "Breathing Life into Freedom of Information Laws: The Challenges of Implementation in the Democratizing World".

PRESENTER – WESLEY GIBBINGS

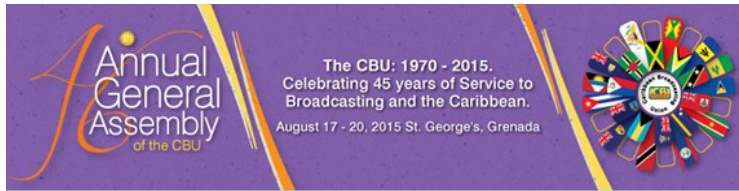
Wesley Gibbings is a journalist, media trainer and press freedom advocate who has been in the world of media for over 30 years. He is the founding president of the Association of Caribbean Media Workers, now serving as the organisation's General Secretary.

He is also Deputy Convenor and interim Board Member of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX) and Steering Committee member of the Global Forum for Media Development.

Gibbings is the author of numerous papers on media development and press freedom which he has presented at workshops and conferences in the Caribbean, North America, Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Pacific and South-East Asia. His work is included in several publications and he is editor of Caribbean journalism handbooks on covering climate change and elections.

He is also a published poet with four volumes to his name.

PRESENTER – PETER RICHARDS



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Peter Richards is a St. Lucian national who has considerable experience in regional communications. He has lived and worked in several Caribbean countries, is the editor of the Barbados-based Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) and has been on assignments throughout the Caribbean, North and Latin America Europe and Africa.

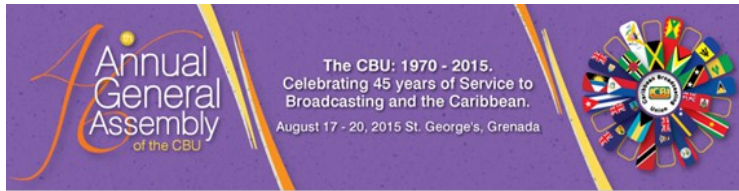
He is co-author of the book “Life in the Caribbean Community” and with Dr. Lera Rhodes of the University of Georgia, published the academic paper entitled “Threats to Press Freedom in Established Democracies”. He has won numerous awards including “Best Feature Writer” and “Most Outstanding Journalist” by the Caribbean Broadcasting Union/Caribbean Publishing and Broadcasting Association.

He was educated at the International Institute of Journalism in Germany, the University of the West Indies (UWI) and City University in London, graduating from the latter with a Master's Degree in Communications Policy Studies.

PRESENTER – MICHELLE BRAITHWAITE

Michelle Brathwaite holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College where she majored in International Relations with a focus on Sustainable Development, and a law degree from the University of Southern California where she studied the way in which the law affects minorities, women and impoverished communities.

After graduating law school, Ms. Brathwaite worked for a number of years as a corporate transactional lawyer in California and worked as a legal consultant in



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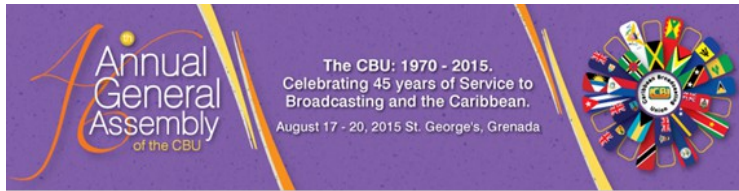
Barbados, California and Toronto. While working in California, Ms. Brathwaite was an active member of the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

In November of 2012, Ms. Brathwaite joined the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the OECS as National Human Rights Officer. In her role, Ms. Brathwaite's primary mandate is to work with Caribbean governments and civil society organizations to be more responsive to the UN International Human Rights System, to assist Caribbean governments in implementing human rights obligations and to raise awareness around human rights issues in the Caribbean region.

PRESENTER – ISABEL VIERA

Isabel Viera is the Advisor for Communication and Information in UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean since February 2015. Before that she was the Program Officer for Communication and Information in UNESCO Regional Office in Havana for almost fifth teen years.

Mrs. Viera has been responsible for the designing and implementation of UNESCO Communication and Information program in Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti. She provided technical assistance to governmental and non-governmental institutions and managed collaborative projects related to the promotion of communication and information for sustainable development including: the use of ICTs for social development, communication at community level, the training of journalists, the



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promotion of universal access to information, institutional strengthening of libraries and archives, among others. She has been active in international and regional events in which she has given lectures and presentations on UNESCO's vision on these issues.

Her academic background includes a Master's degree in Communication Science and a Bachelor's in Cybernetics.