



**2025**

**SESSION 1 PLANETARY HEALTH ISSUES & REFLECTIONS**

**Saturday, January 18 – 4 – 8:00 PM**

**Moderator: Dr. Arna Brown-Morgan**

Item	Speaker	Start	End
<b>One Health Prayer Welcome and Introduction (CCFP)</b>	Dr. Olivia Scott Dr. Seni Ononuju (CCFPJ President)	0400	0405
<b>Greetings</b>		0405	0414
<i>Part 1 – Climate Change &amp; Our Environment</i>			
<b>Climate Change Solutions: the Circular Economy</b>	Dr. Himwatee Baboolal	0415	0455
<b>Climate Change &amp; Sepsis</b>	Dr. Sandeep Maharaj	0455	0535
<b>Sponsor Presentations</b>	Humanima One Health Laboratory	0535	0545
<b>Climate Change &amp; biodiversity: Connecting Sustainable Development Goals 13, 14 &amp; 15</b>	Dr. Thera Edwards	0545	0625
<b>Plant Health – current concerns for agriculture &amp; ecosystems</b>	Mr. Damian Rowe MoA	0625	0705
<b>Sponsor Presentations</b>	True Pet Food	0705	0715
<b>Jamaica’s Earthquake Risk – preparing for a ‘Big 7’ shake</b>	Prof. Simon Mitchell, UWI	0715	0755
<b>Closing – Vote of Thanks</b>		0755	0800

**SESSION 2 Infectious Diseases, Mental Health Care**

**Sunday, January 19 – 3 - 7 PM**

**Moderator: Dr. Kathy-Ann Leon**

<b>One Health Prayer Welcome and Introduction (JVMA)</b>	Dr. Olivia Scott Dr. Kathy-Ann Leon (JVMA President)	0300	0305
<b>Greetings</b>		0305	0314
<i>Part 1: Infectons.....</i>			
<b>One Health Workforce Development for Pandemic Prevention</b>	Prof. Latiffah Hassan	0315	0355
<b>One Health in Zambia</b>	Dr. Raymond Hamoonga	0355	0435
<b>Sponsor Presentations</b>	Baruch Distributors	0435	0445

Vector Control in Jamaica: The sterile insect technique for mosquito control	Ms. Sherine Huntley-Jones	0445	0525
<b>Sponsor Presentations</b>	Smart Line Pet Products	0525	0535
Emotional support: service and emotional support animals - uses and abuses	Dr. Lesley Robson	0535	0615
Emotional Support – How to help family, friends & Colleagues in need	Dr. Aldyth Buckland	0615	0655
Closing Vote of thanks		0655	0700

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## SPEAKERS

### DAY 1



**Dr. Himawatee Baboolal** is an environmental scientist from south Trinidad, Dr. Baboolal has spent her entire career in cross discipline environmental research. She attended Iere High School and Siparia Senior Comprehension High School, and holds two bachelor of science degrees, BSc. Botany and Zoology (1997-UWI) and BSc. Occupational Health and Safety (2010- University of Greenwich). In 1999, she was the national awardee of the BGTT 1999/2000 British Council/University of Strathclyde international scholarship to pursue an MSc in Environmental Science and in 2021, she graduated from the BPTT/UTT Environmental Fellowship Programme with a doctorate in Environmental & Life Science- Air Quality Characterization and Pollution. She is now the lead consultant at her University Startup company- Air Science TT, and an Assistant Lecturer in the Faculty of Science and Technology at the UWI – St. Augustine. Her areas of expertise for teaching include at UWI include Environmental Pollution and Monitoring, Technology and Sustainability and Climate Change Science, Management and Regulations.



**Dr. Sandeep Maharaj** is the Director of the School of Pharmacy at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. He is also a Global Outreach Fellow Emeritus at the Planetary Health Alliance. Dr Maharaj has a special interest in Climate Change and Mental Health and the impact of sepsis on both. He is the CEO of the recently formed Caribbean Sepsis & AMR Alliance. He has also served the public as the Deputy Chairman of the Eastern Regional Health Authority, a government board of health management. He has a BSc in Pharmacy, an MBA and a PhD in Business Administration from UWI-St. Augustine, and a Certificate in Climate Change & Health from Yale University, U.S.A.



**Dr. Thera Edwards** is Lecturer and Map Curator in the Department of Geography and Geology. Her early training in botany and environmental sciences lead to interdisciplinary research in landscape change and history, climate change responses and vegetation ecology. In the past 23 years, her research and projects have covered landscape change, environmental management. sustainable development, with particular emphasis on biodiversity, forestry, watersheds, agriculture and protected areas management. Since 2020 she has embarked on research investigating traditional food production systems; food culture; crop histories as well as diet, activity and health. She has co-authored numerous academic articles and technical reports related to Jamaica and the wider Caribbean. In 2016, she co-edited the volume “Global Change and the Caribbean: Adaptation and Resilience” along with David Barker, Duncan McGregor, and Kevon Rhiney.



**Mr. Damian Rowe** is currently the Acting Chief Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspector at the Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch (National Plant Protection Organization of Jamaica) within the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Mining. Prior to this, he served in positions that included operating the WTO SPS Enquiry Point, Plant Quarantine Inspection Service and Fumigation Services for over 15 years. He is instrumental in the development of safeguarding mechanisms to secure Jamaica’s border and actively participates in standard-setting at the IPPC and Codex Alimentarius levels, manages Jamaica’s National Phytosanitary Permit System and sits on various national and ministerial committees. He serves as the Technical Secretary for the Caribbean Plant Health Directors (CPHD) Forum since 2023. He holds an Associate of Science Degree in General Agriculture, a Bachelor of Technology Degree in Environmental Science, and a Masters of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health.



**Prof. Simon Mitchell** is a Professor of Sedimentary Geology and Research Director at the Earthquake Unit at the UWI Mona. He holds a B.Sc. in Geology, First Class from the University of Hull (1989) and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Liverpool (1993). His interests include the geology of the Caribbean, and carbonates/mixed carbonate-clastic systems. This includes understanding the geologic/tectonic evolution of Jamaica and placing it in a plate-tectonics framework for the Caribbean. He is very active in outreach programmes and has done numerous (over 70) radio and TV interviews and regularly contributes to Newspapers (letters and guest columns). He provides many lectures (both in person and online) to both professional and non-professional societies and organizations.

## DAY 2



**Prof. Latiffah Hassan** is a Malaysian veterinarian with expertise in Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology. She has been teaching, researching, and serving at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Putra Malaysia for over two decades. During her tenure, she has made significant contributions to the field of zoonotic diseases, food safety, and antimicrobial resistance, publishing more than 100 articles, book chapters, training modules, and disease protocols. In the past decade, Dr. Hassan has played a crucial role in enhancing One Health workforce capacities in Malaysia and Southeast Asia by strategizing training programs and fostering numerous intersectoral engagements. She holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from University Putra Malaysia and a PhD in Veterinary Epidemiology from Cornell University. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover established by Lancet and the Coalition for Preventing Pandemics at the Source and an Advisory Board Member for University California Global Health Institute.



**Dr. Raymond Hamoonga** is a veterinarian and a One Health Specialist at the Africa CDC Regional Investment Financing Project (ACDCP) Zambia. He is a result-driven epidemiologist with over ten years of experience with skills in One Health, multisectoral and transdisciplinary collaboration, working at the local, regional, national, and global levels. His background includes researching disease management procedures to enhance field knowledge and business success, developing, customizing and strengthening applications to achieve challenging objectives with the help of innovative analytical and computational strategies. He holds a Masters degree in Epidemiology from Massey University, New Zealand and a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Zambia.



**Mrs. Sherine Huntley Jones** is an esteemed Medical Entomologist and the Programme Director for the Ministry of Health and Wellness Vector Control Programme in Jamaica, where she has dedicated over 25 years to advancing public health initiatives. Her extensive experience encompasses the development and implementation of policies aimed at controlling vector-borne diseases. Currently, Mrs. Huntley Jones serves as one of the focal point for the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) project in Jamaica, exploring innovative applications of this method as part of an Integrated Vector Management strategy. Her work not only contributes to the ongoing efforts to mitigate the impact of pests and disease vectors but also positions Jamaica at the forefront of pioneering entomological research and sustainable public health practices. In addition to her role at the Ministry, she is a part-time lecturer at the University of the West Indies, where she shares her wealth of knowledge and expertise with the next generation of health professionals. Her commitment to education, research, and community health underscores her dedication to creating a healthier future for all. She is recognized for her leadership, collaborative spirit, and passion for advancing vector control measures, making her a respected figure in the field of medical entomology. She continues to inspire her colleagues and students alike, driving innovative solutions to public health challenges in Jamaica and beyond.





**Dr. Lesley Robson** is a veterinarian, born and raised in Jamaica. Her interest in veterinary medicine started early, as a young child, in the cool hills of Manchester and culminated in her graduation from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. She went on to be Certified in Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine in 2008, after being a general practitioner, working initially, in a large, mixed animal practice, but now working primarily with small animals, and exotics. She currently owns Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Services in Gainesville Florida and is also pursuing coursework in Veterinary Forensics. She does voluntary work in her spare time, and has worked with pet care agencies offering free services for the pets of the homeless, Operation Catnip – a spay-neuter-vaccinate programme for free ranging cats, the Humane Society of the US, and currently with the JSPCA and Spay-Neuter Jamaica. She pursues these passions in the belief that there is community health through animal health and welfare and that the intuitive and empathic nature of animals can truly be healing. She has worked alongside her service dog “Maggie” for 10 years.



**Dr. Aldyth Buckland** is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (Mona), accredited member of both the Caribbean College of Family Physicians and the International Board of Coaches and Practitioners. She is an accomplished and experienced Family Doctor in her own Private Practice, empowering herself, patients and their families to take charge of their life and health through participatory integrative practices. She has mentored UWI medical students in General Practice Specialty. She is a 2020 Five Star Doctor Awardee of the Caribbean College of Family Physicians. She serves as a member of the WONCA Working Party on Mental Health, is a past President of the Caribbean College of Family Physicians (Ja), Vice-President of the Association of General Practitioners of Jamaica, Member of the Medical Association of Jamaica and is its insurance committee chair. An honorary member and volunteer of the Jamaica Cancer Society serving in smoking cessation training and guiding the public in life-style interventions. She is certified in Caribbean Climate and Health Responder Course by the Global Consortium of Climate and Health Education/ Columbia Mailman School of Public Health/ Earth Medic/Earth Nurse. She represents the Caribbean College of Family Physicians on the Caribbean Regional Hub of Planetary Health Alliance. Along with Dr. Paul Cadogan, Dr. Aldyth Buckland serves as co-chair of the One Health Conference-a collaborative venture between the Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association and the Caribbean College of Family Physicians (Ja. Chapter). She has two grown-up daughters, a loving family, wonderful friends and colleagues, enjoys nature, walks, practices yoga, qigong and meditation, listens to music, plays with her dogs and serves the Almighty who makes everything possible.

