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Appointment of PVC Global Affairs

The UWI Regional Headquarters Jamaica. 16 September 2016. As part of ongoing strategic efforts to steer the global outreach of The University of the West Indies (The UWI), Ambassador Richard Bernal was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Global Affairs earlier this year. In this newly created post within the University's Regional Headquarters in Mona, Jamaica, Ambassador Dr Bernal is charged with coordinating all negotiated international projects and programmes with campus principals, driving The UWI's global initiatives and assisting with promoting and obtaining the global accreditation of the institution.

Ambassador Dr Bernal is an economist with over 40 years of experience. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University. Among his formal qualifications include a BSc, MA, PhD in Economics and an MIPP in International Public Policy. He is currently Counsellor for Jamaica on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He served as Executive Director from 2010-2012 and Alternate Executive Director from 2008-2010. Prior to the IDB, he was the Director-General of the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (RNM) for eight years with responsibility for trade negotiations for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

In 1991 he was appointed Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States of America and Permanent Representative to the Organisation of American States (OAS) until 2001. When he demitted office after 10 and a half years, he was the fourth most senior Ambassador in Washington D.C. and Dean of the Caribbean Diplomatic Corps. Ambassador Bernal has given testimonies to several Committees of Congress (House and Senate) and the US International Trade Commission on issues of concern to the Caribbean.

Ambassador Dr Bernal was named an Honorary Professor at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) at The UWI after having taught international economics and development economics at The University for seven years. He has published over 100 articles in scholarly journals, books, and monographs as well as opinion editorials in the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal.