



Kiran Maharaj Biography

Kiran Maharaj is an accomplished entrepreneur, media executive, and business leader whose work has significantly shaped Trinidad and Tobago's private sector and the wider Caribbean development landscape. Her leadership has advanced innovation, advocacy, and capacity-building across the business community and the media industry.

As Past President and current Board Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce she founded the Orange Economy and Food Security Committees, driving growth in the creative industries and promoting sustainable development. She has also held previous leadership roles in the chamber movement, including past presidencies in other business associations, where she has championed a stronger, more enabling environment for enterprise and investment. She also represents the TT Chamber at the Caribbean Chambers of Commerce and the International Chambers of Commerce.

Her educational background includes degrees and executive education from University of the West Indies, Harvard Business School, New York University and Oxford University. Kiran is Managing Director of Caribbean Lifestyle Communications, where she oversees several successful radio brands, including Heartbeat Radio 104.1FM, the world's first radio station dedicated to women, capturing the attention of Alliance for Women in Media who dubbed her "an island of one". As Co-Founder and President of the Media Institute of the Caribbean under her leadership the entity's alumni stands at over 750 journalists in 22 countries in the Caribbean network.

Elected to the Steering Committee of the Global Forum for Media Development (Belgium), and a member of the Advisory Council of the Centre for Media Integrity of the Americas (founded by the OAS) Kiran continues to amplify Caribbean perspectives on international platforms. She also serves on several boards, including a digital ad agency and a financial institution. Her outstanding contributions have been recognized by the U.S. State Department and US Embassy Trinidad, Woman of Courage Award (2018). Her career reflects a deep commitment to ethical leadership, innovation, and empowering the next generation of leaders across business and media.

Her most recent venture is with MIC Create. An entity that bridges creative production, strategic communications, and specialized research to help clients build trust, manage risk, and grow their impact. They work with corporates, SMEs, NGOs, development agencies, and public-sector leaders who need integrated support across content, communication strategy, and leadership readiness.