



Sharonmae Smith Walker

Dr Sharonmae Smith Walker currently serves as the CEO of the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality since November 2024. Prior to that she served as the CEO of JANAAC Global Accreditation.

Sharonmae has over 15 years of direct quality infrastructure contribution and over twenty years of consulting experience in Environmental Management, Analytical Chemistry, Accreditation, Conformity Assessment, Food Safety, Training and Quality Management Systems, working closely with the private and public sectors and multilateral organisations. Ten years as adjunct Senior Lecturer in the OESH Programme, Department of Chemistry, University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona and more than 15 years providing professional training in various fields, a strong record of scholarship. At the UWI, she earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Chemistry and a Bachelor's Degree in Pure and Applied Chemistry and has received several academic awards. In February 2025, she successfully defended her doctoral thesis titled "An Evaluation of Jamaica's Accreditation Based Conformity Assessment System undergirded by its National Quality Infrastructure to determine if it impedes or aids Agri-Food Trade" at the University of Sunderland (UK).

She has served for six years as the Co-Chair of the ILAC-IAF Joint Development Support Committee (JDSC), 2018-2024. She has had a distinguished tour of service of the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) and recently demitted office as the IAAC Vice Chair after two years; her previous roles included chair of the management committee for four years and vice chair of the technical committee for two years. Sharonmae has also chaired the Technical Committee on Enhancing Trade Support Capabilities of Border Regulatory Agencies, a committee operationalized as part of Jamaica's overarching Trade Facilitation Reform Agenda (TFRA) since 2018 and chaired a subcommittee of The National Quality Policy Council of Jamaica since 2021.

Her experience working with Quality Infrastructure Pillars in the Caribbean region has sensitised her to opportunities to strengthen the regional quality infrastructure supporting the changing Caribbean landscape and enhancing economic growth and environmental sustainability. Sharonmae brings a broad understanding of quality infrastructure from varying perspectives.