

Lead Instructor Profile:

Patrice F. Pratt, MBA, BA, BEng, APP Managing Director, INPRI, Jamaica, Ltd.

Ms. Patrice Pratt is an internationally-accredited procurement expert specializing in developing and smaller economy issues, with over nineteen (19) years of experience in public procurement. She has advised and/or assisted several Governments in respect of public procurement reforms in the areas of policy, legislation, administration and operations.

Ms. Pratt has conducted Procurement Assessment Reports (CPARs), Fiduciary Technical Notes, performed policy and institutional reviews, and developed legislation and regulations for six Caribbean Community (CARICOM) States. She has conducted training needs assessments and designed and delivered training programmes at all levels of government.

For twelve years, Ms. Pratt served as the Head of Trade-Related Issues in the Office of Trade Negotiations at the CARICOM Secretariat, as well as lead international trade negotiator in disciplines of Government Procurement, Competition Policy and Personal Data Protection. In this capacity, she led the CARICOM region's negotiations for a Western Hemispheric Free Trade Area of the Americas, successfully concluded the world's first Transparency in Government Procurement Agreement between The Forum of the Caribbean Group of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (CARIFORUM) and the European Union (EU), and represented the CARICOM States in negotiations for a Transparency in Government Procurement Chapter with Canada.

Ms. Pratt developed the detailed policy instrument, which served as a guideline for the preparation of a protocol on public procurement for the CARICOM States under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (2001) (Revised Treaty).

Ms. Pratt has authored several articles and scholastic documents on public procurement, including the public procurement curriculum for the Master of International Trade delivered through the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. An Accredited Procurement Professional, Ms. Pratt holds a Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Economics (cum laude) and a Bachelor of Engineering (Bio-Medical). Professional associations/affiliations include Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Economics Honor Society) and the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), the world's largest supply management professional association.