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Asha Kambon is Regional Adviser at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, with a focus on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation (MSI).

Ms. Kambon has extensive experience in the conduct of socio/economic and demographic research on the Caribbean in the area of social development with specific reference to gender and development, population and development and poverty eradication. She has provided technical assistance to governments in the subregion in the establishment of social policy frameworks and has provided training to government technocrats in evidence-based social policy formulation.

Among Ms. Kambon's accomplishments are the conduct of macro socio-economic assessments of natural disasters as part of an ECLAC team for countries in the Caribbean (e.g. Belize, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and Suriname) and provision of training to national level personnel, and to the World Bank team of assessors. She has led a team of gender experts in what is the only gender impact assessment (GIA) undertaken in the Caribbean, the results of which have informed donor spending in Grenada following hurricane Ivan; established fully searchable social statistical databases housed at the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters; guided research processes for development of a Social Vulnerability Index for Caribbean SIDS; and contributed to the development of the social sector dimension of the ECLAC methodology for Disaster Assessment.

In addition to numerous publications completed during her 14 years of service at ECLAC, Ms. Kambon is proud to have been part of the drafting team of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), under the guidance of the then Secretary General Of the Fourth World Conference, Mrs. Gertrude Mongella.

Selected publications include:

1. Suriname: the Impact of the May 2006 floods on sustainable livelihoods by. Buitelaar, Kambon, Hendrickson and Bloomestein (2007);
2. Grenada: Gender Impact Assessment of Hurricane Ivan - making the invisible, visible (2007);
3. Caribbean Small States, Vulnerability and Development (2005);
4. The Impact of Globalization on Poor Women in the Caribbean (2001);
5. Education and its Impact on Poverty (2000);
6. Youth, Employment and Livelihoods (February 2000)

Ms. Kambon is a Ph D Candidate awaiting a call for the defense of her Doctoral Dissertation on: **Investigating Policy formulation in the Social Sector in regard to youth in transition from school to work in two Caribbean SIDS: Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.**

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