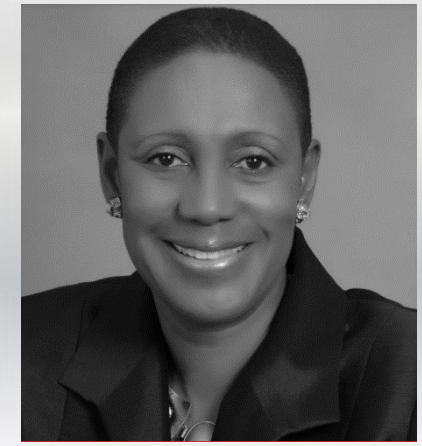
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Dr. Iva Gloudon

Administrator

Inducted in 2020

Women's hockey and football in Trinidad and Tobago would not be the same without the influence of Rev Dr Iva Gloudon. She has had a direct effect upon both the physical infrastructure and the sporting administration of both sports, to their benefit.

Gloudon reflects the type of administrator who played sport at a high level, recognized the improvements to be made and the areas that warranted focus, then implemented the changes once they progressed to administration. In Gloudon's case, she played hockey for Trinidad and Tobago for nine years, from 1971 to 1980, before furthering her life within sport by earning a degree and master's degree in Physical Education at the University of Illinois.

She promptly followed this with attaining her Doctorate in the same field.

Returning to Trinidad in 1988, Gloudon became involved in the administration of the Trinidad and Tobago Women's Hockey Association, rising to become its President in 1991, the same year that she was installed as Director of Sport & Physical Education at the University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine campus. Her four-year stint yielded good results, the foremost of which was Trinidad and Tobago successfully bidding to host an FIH Women's Hockey World Cup qualification tournament in 1996. While the hosting would be a great learning experience for local hockey, the true benefit was that it resulted in the building of the National Hockey Centre in Tacarigua, complete with its artificial pitch – the first in the country – finally giving Trinidad and Tobago hockey a home.

Gloudon then turned her attention to football, joining the Trinidad and Tobago women's programme and bringing her hockey and UWI administrative experience. Within her first two years Trinidad and Tobago women's football hit an all-time low, losing 10-0 to USA at the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup. Though women's football was despondent, Gloudon reached out to coach Jamal Shabazz to use the moment as a spur for the future, to start from scratch. Together with Shabazz, she formed a strategic plan that included proper promotion of the women's game and a scouting process in secondary schools. Forty girls were chosen and the sport built towards the future, which would eventually include the 1-0 defeat by Ecuador in a play-off to secure the final spot at the 2015 Women's World Cup. It was a massive turnaround, enabled by the belief and work of Shabazz, Gloudon, and assistant coach, Marlon Charles. Under her guidance, women's football took great leaps forward in technical ability and tactics.

She oversaw the construction of the Sports & Physical Education Centre at UWI and used her influence and connections to help secure scholarships for several athletes. Gloudon would also go to great lengths to ensure the progress of youth within sport, such as when she secured an Inter-American Bank loan in 2010 to ensure that 100 students obtained a bachelor's degree in physical education. She was also instrumental in UWI signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the global governing body for football, FIFA. It enabled cooperative programmes in the areas of research, training, education and facilities development in sport management, education and administration.

In 2011, Gloudon was made the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago to Jamaica and Ambassador to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, reducing her direct involvement in sport. She also became ordained as a Minister of the Gospel one year later. In recognition of the impact of her administrative legacy to sport, Rev Dr Iva Gloudon was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame in 2020.