



**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saint Lucia
to the United States**

H.E. Anton E. Edmunds

Official Biography

Anton Edmunds is the Ambassador of St. Lucia to the United States and the Permanent Representative of St. Lucia to the Organization of American States (OAS).

Prior to taking up his appointment, Ambassador Edmunds provided advisory services to governments, businesses, and associations with interests in the Caribbean Basin region. As head of a boutique Caribbean and emerging markets consulting firm, areas of focus include energy, competitiveness, maritime security, trade facilitation, financial services, business continuity/disaster responsiveness, and tourism.

Private sector clients include CH2M Hill, UNIBANK (Haiti), Edleman, SuperClubs, Bank of America, ExxonMobil, Chevron, FedEx, Tropical Shipping, Seaboard Marine and Scotiabank. Regional governments and multilateral agencies include the USVI, Jamaica, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, the OECS, Haiti, CARICOM, the World Bank, the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank. U.S. government agencies he has worked with include U.S. Departments of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Energy. In June 2014, Ambassador Edmunds was counsel/advisor for the successful U.S.-Africa Energy Ministerial in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, led by Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz. He led the team responsible for securing the participation of U.S. and international energy companies with interests in Africa.

From 1998 – 2009, Ambassador Edmunds worked with Caribbean Central American Action (C-CAA) an independent corporation that promotes private sector-led economic development in the Caribbean & Central America. While at CCAA, he was Chief of Party for a successful public/private sector program to protect over US \$1billion in trade with Haiti. Before joining

CCAA Ambassador Edmunds was a consultant for business clients with interests in the Caribbean and from 1995-1997, he was based in New York as a senior manager of business development for St. Lucia. Earlier in his career, he developed and managed global marketing and investment campaigns for Eastern Caribbean governments and private sector clients with interests in this region.

Ambassador Edmunds has been an active member of a variety of organizations including the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA), the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), the Latin American Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy (LAC-CORE), and the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF). A blogger and sought-after commentator on Caribbean issues, Ambassador Edmunds has been featured in the Miami Herald, the Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal, Payment Compliance Magazine, Near Shore Americas, and a host of regional news publications.

He was a Senior Associate with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a contributor to the Inter-American Dialogue's Latin American Advisor publication, and the Chair of the Caribbean Program at the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service Institute. He has a Bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America and a Masters Degree from the American University.

Ambassador Edmunds is married and is a father of one.