



Mia Amor Mottley, QC, MP

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Barbados

*"The current circumstances require advocacy for a multilateral system which contributes to economic growth and sustainable development for **all** of us. Now is the moment for coordinated global leadership, rooted in moral leadership, that brings together not just governments, but other people of influence. Indeed, it is clear that a reinvigoration of global leadership is critical, since the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions reflected a world that is far different today from what existed at the time when those arrangements were settled." (Excerpt from address to the OACPS, June 2020)*

Biographical Summary

The Honourable Mia Mottley is the 8th Prime Minister of Barbados. She became the first woman to occupy this high office with an emphatic victory on May 24th 2018, winning all 30 seats in the House of Assembly by the largest margin ever seen in the electoral history of the country (nearly 75% of the popular vote).

An attorney-at-law and Queen's Counsel (denotes an attorney-at-law of high and distinguished standing in the British Commonwealth), Prime Minister Mottley has been active in the political life of Barbados for three decades. First elected in 1994, she is presently serving her sixth term as a Member of Parliament. As one of the most experienced political minds in the Caribbean, Prime Minister Mottley currently also holds the portfolios of Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development along with National Security and the Public Service.

At the regional level, Prime Minister Mottley recently concluded her Chairmanship of CARICOM and has lead responsibility for the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) under the CARICOM quasi-cabinet.

She is the Governor for Barbados at the World Bank Group, International Monetary Fund, Inter-American Development Bank and Caribbean Development Bank.

Career Summary

May 2018 – Present (Term constitutionally ends in 2023) Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Public Service of Barbados. (First female Prime Minister of Barbados, leading the only political party in Barbados' history to achieve a full sweep of the polls (all 30 seats won) with nearly 75% of the popular vote, which is the highest share ever achieved by a party in a general election.)

Architect of the home-grown Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation Programme (BERT) approved by the IMF in 2018. **Under her leadership Barbados' debt moved from 176% of GDP in May 2018 to 119.5% by December 2019.**

Education



Degree in Law (LLB)
London School of Economics
(U.K.)

Select Recent Speaking Engagements



Address to the ILO Global Summit on COVID-19 and the World of Work (July 2020)

Address to Forum "Together for a Response to COVID-19 for Latin America and the Caribbean" Sponsored by the President of Spain (June 2020)

Address to the Inter-Sessional Summit of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) (June 2020)

High Level Welcome Address to the 73rd World Health Assembly (May 2020)

Address to the General Debate of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly (September 2019)

16th Raúl Prebisch Lecture at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (September 2019)

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Address to the High level Sitting of the ILO Centenary Celebration (June 2019)

Address to the ILO & Ford Foundation Event – Mobilizing Efforts to Shape the Future of Work (September 2019)

Select Keynote Addresses



Keynote Speaker for Inter-American Development Bank Forum with President Moreno on Climate Change and Resilience (July 2020)

Keynote Remarks at the 5th Annual Leadership for the Americas Awards Gala (November 2019)

Keynote Speaker at the Mary Robinson Foundation: Changing the Climate Conversation: Enabling Women's Participation to Enhance Climate Justice (September 2018)

Keynote Address at the Opening Plenary of the Global Climate Action Summit (September 2018)

CARICOM Head of Government with lead responsibility for Single Market and Economy (including Monetary Union)

Co-Chair of the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Americas Cruise Task Force

Jan - Jun 2020

Chairman, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and lead advocate for Member States which had previously been graduated by the IFIs to access concessionary financing as a result of the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region.

2008 & 2013

First female Leader of the Opposition

2008

First female leader of a political party in Barbados – Barbados Labor Party

2006

Co-Agent for Barbados before the Arbitral Tribunal under Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in the arbitration between Barbados and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago relating to the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf between them:

United Nations Reports of International Arbitral Awards, Volume XXVII, pp. 147 – 251

Appointed as Minister of Economic Affairs and Development and was responsible for expanding the Government's relationship with International Financial Institutions and seeking access to concessionary funding given the country's status as an upper middle-income country.

2003

Second female Deputy Prime Minister

Chairman of the Social Council of Barbados

2001-2008

Attorney General and Deputy Prime Minister

2002

Member of the Privy Council of the United Kingdom

Leader of the House

Member of the National Security Council

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Recent Media Appearances



Sky News (UK)
(July 2020)

BBC World News
(May 2020)

UN Rise for All Initiative
(April 2020)

CNN's Amanpour
(April 2020)

Notable Memberships



Privy Council (UK)

The Inter-American Dialogue
(also the Dialogue or IAD)

2002	Member of the Barbados Defense Board
2001	Youngest ever Queen's Counsel in Barbados, at age 36
	First female Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs of Barbados. Youngest Attorney General of Barbados.
1996 and 1997	Chairman of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Ministers of Education
1994-2001	Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Culture in September 1994, becoming one of the youngest Barbadians ever to be assigned a ministerial portfolio. During her tenure she co-authored the White Paper on Education entitled "Each Child Matters", which draws the link between better education and job fulfilment.
1991-1994	Opposition Senator

Leadership

- Held a succession of ministerial portfolios, including as Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney General, Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Education, and Minister of Economic Affairs and Development.
- Served as Leader of the House, a member of the National Security Council and of the Barbados Defense Board.
- As Chair of CARICOM, coordinated and led the Caribbean region's COVID-19 response at the political level. Her leadership in Barbados and the broader region on the containment of the pandemic has received wide praise and recognition including publicly from the Director General of the World Health Organization.
- Represented the region at various high level fora including at the UN where she been a signature voice on Multilateralism, Climate Change, and Debt Sustainability in MICs and Small States.
- As Chair of CARICOM, renewed relations within the 79-member Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) including hosting and chairing the first-ever Inter-Sessional Summit of the OACPS and spearheading the establishment of the first joint mission for CARICOM in Africa.
- A champion for gender equality, and for the rights of the vulnerable and marginalized, as Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Culture, led a high level delegation to the UN World Conference against racism.