

PRESS STATEMENT



MRS. KABATHA SMITH



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MRS. KABATHA SMITH APPOINTED AS NEW HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Statement from the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of the TCI Human Rights Commission on the Appointment of Mrs. Kabatha Smith as Director

The Board of Commissioners of the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Kabatha Smith as the new Director of the Commission, effective June 13, 2024.

With 11 years of dedicated experience in human rights work and a Bachelor's Degree in Management, Mrs. Smith has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights. Her leadership, expertise, and unwavering dedication to justice and equality have earned her the respect and support of both the Commission staff and the wider community.

The Board has full confidence in Mrs. Smith's abilities to lead the Commission into its next chapter. Her proactive approach to addressing human rights issues, coupled with her strong management skills, positions her perfectly to take the Commission's work to new heights.

Mrs. Smith has been instrumental in developing the Commission's new Strategic Plans, which are designed to enhance our outreach and ensure that human rights remain at the forefront of national policymaking. As Director, she will now take the lead in implementing these plans, and we are confident that her vision and leadership will drive the Commission's mission forward.

Commenting on this new milestone, Mrs. Smith stated, "I am deeply honored to step into this role as Director of the Human Rights Commission. This is more than just a professional achievement—it's a profound opportunity to serve the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands. I am committed to advancing the cause of human rights, ensuring that every person in our community is treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. Together, we will work tirelessly to uphold the values that are the foundation of a just society."

We are deeply honored to support Mrs. Smith in her new role," said the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission. "Her passion for human rights and her commitment to the well-being of every individual in the Turks and Caicos Islands is commendable. We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly have as she guides the Commission in its crucial work."

The Board of Commissioners remains committed to providing Mrs. Smith with the full support she needs as she steps into this important position. We are excited to work alongside her to strengthen our efforts in promoting justice, dignity, and equality for all.

For further updates on the initiatives led by Mrs. Smith and the ongoing work of the Human Rights Commission, please visit the Human Rights Commission website and social media platforms

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