

Billie Miller
Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Billie Miller was born in Barbados in 1944. She attended King's College, Durham University, and the Council of Legal Education in England. Called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1968 and to the Bar of Barbados one year later, Ms. Miller was a practising barrister and attorney-at-law from 1969 to 1976.

A member of the Barbados Labour Party, Ms. Miller was first elected to Parliament in 1976. During the next 10 years she served as Minister of Health and National Insurance, Education, and Education and Culture.

In 1986, Ms. Miller was appointed to the Senate, where she served first as Leader of the Opposition for Business and later as Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade since 1994, Ms. Miller has also carried international business and international transport portfolios. She is Leader of the House of Assembly.

Ms. Miller has worked closely with Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister in the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group. Both participated in the group's October 1999 mission to Pakistan.

Ms. Miller is director of the International Institute for Women's Political Leadership, and she focuses on women-in-development issues with the Inter-American Development Bank.

Roosevelt Douglas
Prime Minister of Dominica

Roosevelt Douglas was born in Portsmouth, Dominica, on Oct. 15, 1941. He earned a diploma in agriculture from the Ontario Agricultural College and a bachelor's degree in political science and economy from Sir George Williams University. He also pursued postgraduate studies at McGill University.

Mr. Douglas was first elected to Parliament in 1985, and he served as international secretary of the Dominica Labour Party. He became Leader of the party in 1994 and, from 1996 to 1999, was Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Douglas was elected Prime Minister of Dominica on Jan. 31, 2000.