

Speaker Profile:

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Workshop Topic

'AI in Higher Education: Promise and Perils'

Panel Discussion Topic

'Workforce Development in a Changing Employment Landscape'

Plenary Topic

'Leveraging AI and Digital Technology to improve Accreditation and QA Processes'

Dr Curtis Charles is the Director of Academic Affairs at The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, Antigua and Barbuda. He is a former University President with extensive experience in accreditation, higher education administration, data science, corporate business strategy change management and education technology. Dr. Charles' career spans across state systems of higher education and private universities in North America.

For over 25 years, Dr Charles has also served as the Vice President for Research, Development and Innovation at RLM Communications, a major US Department of Defense contractor. In that role, he oversaw design, development and innovation of new products and services for Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Biometrics and Cybersecurity.

In addition, Dr Charles has served as a Senior Business Strategy and Change Engagement lead at IBM Global Services, conducting Strategy Customer Engagements in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the United Kingdom. Most recently, Dr Charles served as a Solution Architect and Predictive Insights Lead for Key Education Objectives at Microsoft Services, where he worked with university leadership teams on the application of Cloud Computing, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things (IoT) as a force-multiplier to strengthen operations and financial performance.