



Speaker Profile:

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Panel Discussion Topic

‘Delivering Quality, Relevant and Cost-Effective Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities for Small Island Developing States’

Professor Prakash Persad serves as the President of the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT). He is a distinguished engineer and academic leader. Professor Persad’s career has included various educational leadership roles at UTT and The University of the West Indies, including Vice President, Associate Provost, Programme Leader and Head of Department. As a Professor of Mechatronics, his research areas include robotics, artificial intelligence, and renewable energy. He is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Invention and Innovation.

A prolific researcher and writer, Professor Persad has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, technical papers, newspaper columns and other written works. He is a Fellow of the Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT) and a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). His professional portfolio includes appointments as Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST); Commissioner of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago; and member of the Cabinet-appointed Committee on the Evaluation of Textbooks.