

Norman Girvan, Jamaica:

Girvan became one of the three LAC Board Members of the South Centre (2002-2005) Girvan was elected as the second Secretary- General of the Association of Caribbean States, taking up office in February 2001 for a four-year term.

Received his BSc degree in economics from the University College of the West Indies (London University) and PhD in economics from the London School of Economics.



He is well known in the Caribbean region for his scholarship and public advocacy in a wide range of issues of Caribbean development and integration. Mr. Girvan combines an academic background with experience in government and international organizations.

From 1966 to 1973 he was Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He then spent two years in Senegal as Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations African Institute for Development and Planning in Dakar. On his return to Jamaica he was named Regional Coordinator of the Caribbean Technology Policy Studies Project of the University of the West Indies/University of Guyana. In 1977 he was appointed Chief Technical Director of the National Planning Agency of the Government of Jamaica and served in this capacity until 1980.

From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Girvan worked as Senior Officer and Consultant at the United Nations Center on Transnational Corporations in New York.

Returning to academic life he joined the Faculty of the Consortium Graduate School of Social Sciences at the University of the West Indies in 1985 and was appointed Director of the Consortium 1987, a position which he held until 1999.

In 1989 he was appointed Professor and in 1997, Professor of Development Studies. In 1999 he was appointed University Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies. University of West Indies.

Girvan has also held Visiting Fellowships at the Universities of Chile, McGill, Northwestern, Sussex and Yale. He was a visiting consultant to the South Center, when he prepared a study on South-South cooperation in science and technology. His research and publications range over the subject areas of foreign capital and transnational corporations, technology transfer and development, debt, relations with the IMF, and Caribbean development and integration.

He is the author of ten books and monographs, and editor of another seven, and of over 70 journal articles. He was the founding President of the Association of Caribbean Economists and has served as Chairman or Board Member of a number of Jamaican and regional organizations, institutions, and companies, and on editorial committees of academic journals.

He has been adviser to regional governments and consultant to several regional and international organizations. He holds a number of awards and distinctions.