



Hon. Ms. LAURA HALL

Cultural Manager | Project Evaluator | International Human & Rights Advocate | Strategic Leadership in Social Economy Institutional Strengthening

Accomplished Cultural Manager, Educator and Custodian of Caribbean Afro-Costa Rican Descendant Heritage, Social Economist & former candidate to the Vice-presidency of Costa Rica. Dedicated to human rights advocacy and community leadership I served as Vice-president at the Central American Black Organization, Lady President at the Universal Negro Improvement Association, President and Youth and Leadership Coordinator at Asociacion Proyecto Caribe, Program coordinator at African Descent Development Foundation, Pro Secretary at the Afro Costa Rican Civic Parliament & National Afro Costa Rican Women Forum Press Secretary, with a proven track record of navigating complex international frameworks. Expert in leveraging bilingual communication and pedagogical innovation to drive institutional growth and preserve community heritage. I am committed to the principles of Pan Africanism, ensuring organizational success is rooted in collective progress.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- ***Institutional Governance:*** Board-level experience, international advocacy and political strategy.
- ***Strategic Compliance:*** : Expertise in international sanctions, interdiction, and human rights standards.
- ***Global Communication:*** Radio Broadcasting expertise, Native-level fluency in English, Kroyol and Spanish with a focus on cross-cultural diplomacy.
- ***Project Evaluation:*** Proficiency in the formulation and financial oversight of investment projects.
- ***Conflict Resolution:*** Master of de-escalation and mediation in high-stakes environments.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & IMPACT EXPERIENCE

- ***Program Coordinator & Board Member Agricultural Cooperative Management***
 - Directing regional advocacy efforts and governing cooperative structures to ensure economic sustainability.
 - Designing logistical and economic proposals for international assemblies involving global delegates.
 - Leading initiatives in Social Economy to empower local producers and secure regional food sovereignty.
- ***Senior Fellow Trainer & Human Rights Consultant | OHCHR Geneva***
 - Coordinated high-level training for international fellows, focusing on people of African descent human rights frameworks and policy advocacy.

- Served as a bridge between grassroots leadership and global institutional bodies, ensuring field-level realities inform international policy as an advisor at the National UN Resident Coordinator Office.

□ **Investment Project Formulator & Strategist | Independent Projects**

- Applied analytical rigor to evaluate investment potential, ensuring projects are financially viable and socially impactful.
- Developed educational material for **Costa Rica's Judiciary** to bridge the cultural gap between Afro-descendant populations and law enforcement through heritage education.

□ **Operations & Compliance Lead | Corporate Sector**

- **Conflict Resolution:** Oversaw high-priority escalations as a Supervisor, mentoring teams to resolve complex logistical bottlenecks while maintaining client rapport.
- **Compliance & Interdiction:** Managed sanctions protocols, ensuring 100% adherence to global legal standards.
- **Logistics Coordination:** Optimized scheduling & delivery through data-driven organizational strategies.

Education & Professional Recognition

- **International Diploma in Social Economy and Business Management – Escuela de Economía Social University of Andalucía**
- **National Diploma in Education – Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica**
- **Certified Project Investment Evaluator Diploma – Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje**
- **Strategic Communication & Broadcasting Diploma- Radio Centro.**
- **Recipient of:** International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), US State Department.
- **Recipient of:** Fellowship for People of African Descent, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- **Author at Harvard University (ReVista):** Article "Challenges and Achievements in the Afro Context." A strategic analysis of the socio-economic landscape and human rights advancements for the African Diaspora in Costa Rica,
- **Contributor** to UC Berkeley publication: Review of Latin American Studies, RACE & IDENTITY, Legacies of Struggle: Reflecting on the AfroLatinx Voices Roundtable Series
- **Languages:** Native Proficiency (English, Kryol & Spanish).
Beginner level in Portuguese and French
- **Digital Innovation:** Media Management, CRM, Database Research, Data Analysis.
- **Methodology:** Panafrican Ubuntu-centered leadership.
- **Conflict Resolution:** De-escalation techniques.