

## Energy transition specialist tipped to head NGC

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ENERGY transition specialist Randy Ramadhar Singh is said to be tipped for the role of chairman at the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (NGC).

According to his LinkedIn profile, Ramadhar Singh is an: 'Expert advisor and international consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the renewables, energy sector, energy transition and just transitions. Skilled in risk management, physics, lecturing, environmental governance and strategic communications. Strong programme and project management professional with a Doctor of Philosophy-PhD focused in Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources, Renewables and Efficiency, Sustainable Development from University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus.'

Ramadhar Singh, a full-time lecturer, has been at The UWI, St Augustine for nearly a decade, according to his LinkedIn profile. If appointed, he would replace Dr Joseph Ishmael Khan, who stepped down last month as chairman of the NGC and its subsidiaries following the United National Congress' victory in the general election.

NGC's subsidiaries include National Energy, NGC Green Co Ltd, La Brea Industrial Development Co Ltd, T& T NGL Ltd, and Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd.

In December, then-energy minister Stuart Young defended Khan following the \$1.3 billion loss recorded by NGC for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Young attributed the 'hurtful' loss primarily to a \$1.5 billion goodwill impairment related to NGC's stake in Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd (PPGPL), as well as a \$329 million loss tied to its investment in Caribbean Gas Chemical Ltd (CGCL).

Young said the predicament stemmed from transactions brokered under the former People's Partnership administration.

In a brief phone interview with the *Express* yesterday, Khan complimented the board he worked with during his tenure as 'one of the best boards ever'.

Reflecting on his broader role at NGC, he said: 'If you know anything about me, I put my country first. I have been serving at NGC for the last three years and we were able to navigate a lot of challenges in the energy sector. We have-and we still have-a very strong leadership and management team in the NGC group and we continue to navigate those challenges.'

Looking ahead, Khan said he will remain active in the energy industry while continuing his consulting work.

Attempts to contact Energy Minister Dr Roodal Moonilal to confirm Ramadhar Singh's appointment were unsuccessful up to press time.