

## **Short Bio**

Shadell Stafford is one of the Youth representatives for the beautiful Spice Island of Grenada and was previously appointed as the OECS Youth Advisory Network secretary and with the recent elections was appointed secretary for another term.

She is currently the Project Officer under the Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Project which is geared at enhancing country ownership of projects and programmes through a dedicated access window for GCF's Direct Access Entities (DAEs) within the Ministry w.r.f. the Environment.

She is currently a fellow attached to the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) on the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) for Grenada giving assistance to the Coordinating Lead Authors / Lead Authors in gathering information on the value of the genetic resources across the different ecosystem types of Grenada.

She was attached to the Environment Division in the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate resilience and the Environment working alongside the H.O.D. In her time there she managed to get certification in a course for Marine Protected Areas and has been a part of the Plastic Waste Free Island Project for Grenada.

Despite her science background she believes that there is great importance in being an all-rounded individual. As such she believes in broadening her scope and understanding in different fields as it will make her become a more holistic individual. These new skills she aspires to attain will not only serve to benefit her personal growth but also help her be better equipped to help people that she meets, her community, her country, and the wider Caribbean.