

TCD Special Talk

“Ain't nobody got time for that” **Conservation in a small developing country— the Guyana story**

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Originally from the remote highland savannahs of Guyana's Parakaraima Mountains, Damian moved to the capital city Georgetown at an early age to attend school, eventually graduating from the University of Guyana with a BSc in Biology, and going on to earn a MSc in Natural Resources Management from the University of Manitoba, Canada. Damian's experience in community-based conservation and development work includes positions in the NGO sector as a conservation practitioner with the Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation, and the private sector as a consultant with the environmental consultancy firm GFA Hamburg. Damian currently holds the position of Guyana's first Commissioner of Protected Areas, the national governmental agency responsible for establishing and managing a network of protected areas to conserve Guyana's Biodiversity in accordance with a national initiative to transition to a green economy.