



**Name:** Basil Fernandez

**Organization:** WaterWeb Consortium (WWCo)

**Title:** President

### **Short Biography:**

Basil Fernandez has over 50 years of experience in the water sector in Jamaica. He is a trained Hydrogeologist with a first degree in geology from the University of the West Indies (UWI) and graduate studies (certificate) in Water Resources management and Engineering at the Israeli Institute of Technology (Technion), Haifa, Israel. He was also the beneficiary of a Fellowship from the US State Department for training with the USGS Water Resources Division in Lakewood, Colorado in surface water, groundwater and water quality techniques.

Mr. Fernandez was the Managing Director of the Water Resources Authority in Jamaica for the period 1995 to 2016 during which time he had the new water resources law promulgated in Parliament. He has held appointments as President Geological Society of Jamaica, Co-Chair Inter-American Water Resources Network (IWRN), Chairman National Committee International Hydrologic Programme (IHP) and Member of the Board of the WaterWeb Consortium (elected President Effective 01 October 2021). He has held advisory positions on several local water resources projects funded by UNESCO, UNDP, IADB and The World Bank.

He has authored over 20 technical papers on the water resources of Jamaica most of which have been presented at local and international Fora. He has received the following awards for his work in Jamaica and the Caribbean; the Bronze Medal from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), The Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) Distinguished Service Gold Award, the Order of Distinction Commander Class (CD) from the Government of Jamaica for his work in water resources plus awards from the University of the West Indies and the Geological Society of Jamaica for his work in hydrogeology.

Mr. Fernandez is a Justice of the Peace (JP) in good standing.