

## **ST. EUSTATIUS HAS NEW TOURISM COMMISSIONER**

**St. Eustatius** - Effective July 02, 2007 St. Eustatius (Statia) has a new Commissioner of Tourism and Chairman of the Board of the St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation in the person of Hon. Senator Julian Woodley. Senator Woodley brings almost 30 years of government and political experience to the tourism portfolio. He has served in the capacity of Commissioner of Finance for 14 years until 1999. In 2002 he was elected to the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles where he has served as St. Eustatius' Senate representative until recently.



Commissioner of Tourism Hon. Julian Woodley

This is the first time Senator Woodley will head the Tourism portfolio. The new Commissioner has pledged his full support to further strengthening the tourism and hospitality sector in St. Eustatius as a means of diversifying the economics sector and creating career/ employment opportunities for young Stadians. "I am a firm believer that Government should facilitate the process whereby the private sector becomes the engine of the

economy. I will work with key stakeholders to attract new investments to the tourism and hospitality sector in St. Eustatius. I also look forward to meeting and exchanging views and ideas with colleague Commissioners/Ministers of Tourism within the region."

During the governing period 2007 – 2011, Commissioner Woodley will further be responsible for the portfolios of Traffic & Communication, Harbor & Pilotage, Social & Economic Affairs, Constitutional Affairs, Personnel Affairs, Public Health, Women/Gender Affairs and General Affairs/Planning Bureau.

Outgoing Commissioner of Tourism, Hon. Adelka Spanner, maintains seating in the island's Legislative Council, where she was elected as Chairman of the Domestic Committee during the inaugural ceremonies of the new Legislative and Executive Councils on July 02, 2007.

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