

## **First Female Executive Director of Chamber assumed duties for New Year**

The Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry is pleased to announce that Mrs. Lisa Gale accepts the responsibilities of Executive Director from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Mrs. Gale is the first female Director in the history of the Chamber.

Having a wealth of experience in Economics and International Trade, Mrs. Gale's prior immediate post was Senior Economist in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, where she advised Government on International Trade Policy for 8 years. This involved among other duties, interacting with CARICOM and other regional organisations, as well as preparing trade reports, briefs, Cabinet Papers and statistics. She also liaised with the public as it relates to International Trade matters – all of which suit the challenges of leading Barbados' oldest Non-Governmental Organisation.

The Combermerian also received training at both the Cave Hill and Mona campuses of UWI, as well as graduating with Distinction from the College of International Broadcasting (Barbados). For three years she also tutored Micro-Economics at the University of the West Indies.

The Executive Director says she looks forward to '*hit the ground running*' and implementing her mandate to carry the Chamber forward into the next decade. Mrs. Gale holds a bachelors degree in Economics and a Masters in International Trade Policy and has benefitted from a plethora of training courses organized by the World Trade Organization.