The World Bank Group has appointed Ms. Rolande Pryce (pictured) as the Country Manager for Rwanda with effect from August 2020 replacing Mr. Yasser El Gammal who has been at the helm since February 2016.

A Jamaican national, Ms. Pryce joined the World Bank Group in 2006 as Counsel in the Legal Vice Presidency, representing the Bank in operations in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific Islands, and providing legal advisory support in finance, infrastructure and private sectors.

She has since worked in three regions, East Asia and Pacific, South Asia and Africa and has overseen the World Bank Group programs in the Caribbean; Sri Lanka and Maldives; Burundi, Uganda and Tanzania. In 2012, Ms.

Pryce was assigned to the Africa Energy Practice Group where she was responsible for quality and portfolio management of what was at that time a $10 billion portfolio.

Prior to her current assignment, she oversaw the World Bank's Indonesia and Timor-Leste programs and was based in the Jakarta office.

Ms Pryce comes to Rwanda at a time when the World Bank Group has just approved a new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for Rwanda. The CPF will guide the Bank's work for the next 6 years in support of the Government of Rwanda's strategic priorities as laid down in the National Strategy for Transformation.

Currently the Bank Group's portfolio in Rwanda includes 16 national projects with a net commitment of more than $1,630 million. Rwanda also participates in four regional projects worth a national commitment of $240.30 million.

Project objectives have included providing access to basic infrastructure and electricity to rural households; enhancing urban management in selected urban centers; supporting the strengthening of the social protection system and supporting the government's COVI19 emergency response program.

Before joining the World Bank, Ms. Pryce served as legal adviser to the Jamaican Government on Public International Law and International Trade issues for over ten years; and as an Assistant Lecturer in Public International Law at the University of the West Indies.

She holds a master's degree in Public International Law from the University College

of London; a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami and a Bachelor of Science in International Business and Mathematics from the City University of New York.