



### Andy Armstrong

Andy Armstrong is managing director of the Armstrong group which includes distribution and manufacturing companies. The manufacturing companies export throughout the Caribbean region and into North America and the U.K. More information on the group can be found on the website:

<https://www.armstrong.com.bb/>

Andy was president of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) from 2010 to 2012 and used his office to champion the green economy, the revitalization of Bridgetown and public and private sector reform. During his term the Social Partnership adopted the national goal of making Barbados the most environmentally advanced country in Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2018 he returned to the BCCI council to head up the Green Committee, which has a seat on the Steering Committee guiding Barbados towards 100% renewable energy by 2030. In addition to the work on RE, the Green Committee seeks to ensure that other aspects of greening such as conservation and rehabilitation are also given attention. The Green Committee has been active in the discussions on setting up the Barbados Environmental Sustainability Fund and has been chosen to be a member of the board.

He is a founder member of and current chair of the Integrity Group Barbados Inc. (IGB), an apolitical grouping of citizens that seeks to promote greater integrity and transparency in both the public and private sectors. IGB is currently focusing its efforts on lobbying to have integrity legislation passed and in pushing the authorities to give more power to the Auditor General's office.

Andy grew up in the sea. He is a certified scuba diver but now prefers snorkelling. Given that he is now 62 years old and has been in the sea since he was very young, he is personally aware of and concerned at the huge change in the quality and health of the reefs and the fish life in the last 50 years.

He believes that we Barbados needs to formalize protection for many of the green areas that Barbadians take for granted as many of these could be lost if private developers exercise their rights.