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Sir Hilary was elected an independent director of SFCL in 2005. He is Vice Chancellor of The University of the West Indies. He is Chairman of the Caribbean Examinations Council, Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Commission on Reparation and Social Justice, an editor of the UNESCO General History of Africa series, and a director of the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre. He serves on the Council of the United Nations University and the Association of Commonwealth Universities. Sir Hilary is Professor of Economic History and he has received numerous awards, including the Degrees of Honorary Doctor of Letters from Brock University, the University of Glasgow, University of Hull, University of the Virgin Islands, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana and the University of Johannesburg for his major contribution to academic research on transatlantic slavery, popular culture, and sport. He received the Sisserou Award of Honour from the Government of Dominica for his contribution to education in the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Governor General Award for Excellence in Antigua and the prestigious Martin Luther King Award for global advocacy, academic scholarship and intellectual leadership in support of social justice, institutional equity, and economic development for marginalized and oppressed ethnicities and nations. The American Historical Association named him 2022 Honorary Foreign Member of the Association.