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Sir Hilary was elected an independent director of SFCL in 2005. He is the Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies. He is currently President of Universities Caribbean, Vice-President of the International Task Force for the UNESCO Slave Route Project, a consultant for the UNESCO Cities for Peace Global Programme, 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 was selected by the United Nations to a five-panel committee to plan for Higher Education to 2030. Sir Hilary earned his PhD from the University of Hull in the United Kingdom, from which he received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in 2003.

He also received Honorary Doctorates of Letters from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, Brock University in Canada, Kwame Nkrumah Science and Technology University in Ghana, and the University of the Virgin Islands. In 2007, he received a knighthood, Commander Knight of St. Andrew, the highest national honour recognized in Barbados, in recognition of his distinguished service in the fields of Education, Sports and the Arts. In 2021, he received the Martin Luther King Award for Global Peace, as well as the Governor General Award for Excellence, in Antigua.