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Dr. Kevin Greenidge is the Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, a position he took up from March 1, 2023.

Before assuming the role of Governor, Dr. Greenidge was a Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), a position he held from 2011. However, between 2018 and 2022, he took a leave of absence to act as Senior Economic Advisor to the Government of Barbados, where he was instrumental in the design and implementation of the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) programme.

He also previously spent 17 years at the Central Bank of Barbados,

where he rose through the ranks to become the Bank's Director of Research and Economic Analysis Department (READ) from 2009 until 2011. As the Director of READ, Dr. Greenidge developed and managed the framework for providing sound economic intelligence and policy advice to senior management and the Bank's publics to enhance people's understanding of the workings of the Barbados economy.

His more than 25-year career spans economics, finance and public policy. He co-edited two books, Aspects of Financial Liberalisation and Capital Market Development in the Caribbean (2008) and Proceedings of the Conference on "Corporate Governance in the Financial Sector" (2003), and he has published over 200 papers in regional and international journals on a range of topics, including the measurement of financial liberalisation and the challenges of policy makers in small developing countries, issues of exchange rate misalignment in the Caribbean, cross country monetary effects, and growth and convergence in the Caribbean.

His current research focus is on growth and debt dynamics in small island economies, the macroeconomic effects of governance and corruption, and on fiscal multipliers and growth. Dr. Greenidge is also a member of the International Atlantic Economic Society, the Western Economic Association, and a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society. He is also a referee for a number of journals.

Dr. Greenidge holds a B.Sc. in Economics with first class honours from the University of the West Indies, a Masters in Economics from the University of Cambridge in the UK, and a Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham, also in the UK. He also holds an associate degree in Business Management from Columbia University.