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Celene is a Managing Partner of Launchpad Consulting, a professional advisory and project management firm established in 2000, and a development professional with experience leading initiatives that drive institutional innovation, productivity, and competitiveness. She specializes in building competitiveness *for small and medium sized enterprises and clusters, and identifying value within complex, diverse, chaotic environments. She is an experienced project manager with practical work experience in Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, St Lucia, St. Kitts, Suriname), Africa (Botswana) and the Pacific (Papua New Guinea). Her most recent long-term experience was with the regional programme Compete Caribbean where she was instrumental in developing an innovation based grant scheme for firms and clusters of firms. She worked to identify and develop the competitiveness of enthusiastic clusters and to build the institutional and policy framework that would encourage sustained cluster activity within and across a diversity of sectors. She has also served as the Chief Executive for the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry and as a Permanent Secretary with the Government of Belize.*

Her training and work experience make her uniquely qualified to advise on policy and administrative arrangements for sector development in developing contexts, and innovation and competitiveness strategies for small and medium sized enterprises. She has formal training in Law, Business and International Development, holding a graduate diploma in Law and a Master of Laws in International Economic Law, a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management and a first degree in Business Management. She completed a graduate diploma in International Development with University College London in 2019 and is in the process of qualifying as a Barrister in the United Kingdom.

She is a wife and mum, an avid reader and runner.

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