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Dr David E Lewis was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and raised/grew up in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico. He is a 1st generation Puerto Rican, son of immigrant academics Gordon K. Lewis and Sybil Farrell Lewis, both deceased. As an immigrant professional he has lived and worked throughout the Caribbean, Central-South America, and the U.S.

Dr Lewis is an International Trade Consultant with more than 20 years experience in economic policy and business development in the Caribbean and Latin American public and private sectors. His areas of expertise cover trade and investment promotion and development, free trade zone development, textile/apparel exports, services and manufacturing sectors, preferential trade regimes, and renewable fuels/ethanol development and promotion. At Manchester Trade he leads the firms' client business in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on trade and investment initiatives and represents government and business client interests in free-trade negotiations in the Caribbean and Latin America, WTO and multilateral trade and export initiatives.

His academic research interests include international relations and foreign policy, regional integration, identity-race-ethnicity, and Caribbean Studies in general. He 'dabbles' in academic research on Caribbean Studies and is currently involved in establishing the Gordon K. & Sybil Lewis Caribbean Collection at the University of Puerto Rico.

His previous experience includes posts as Deputy Executive Director of Caribbean/Latin American Action (C/LAA, www.c-caa.org) in Washington; Director of the USAID-OECS Caribbean Policy Project, based in Antigua; and Assistant Secretary of State for Caribbean Development of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Dr Lewis is a regular commentator for CNNEspañol's "Economía y Finanzas" daily program, and e-publishes the periodical "Manchester Trade Updates", covering trade, investment, agribusiness, tourism, IT/telecoms and political development issues in Africa and the Americas. Dr Lewis has degrees from the University of Pennsylvania/Wharton School of Business, Brandeis University and the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. He is married to Maritza Garcia of Nicaragua and they have two (2) children, Linda and Danilo.