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Vijay Abiraj is an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Manager at the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. He graduated with his Masters of Science Degree in Information Systems Management, from the University of Greenwich in 2007. He graduated top of his class with Honours and was valedictorian for the class year. He also holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Computing and Information Systems from the University of London. Over the years, he successfully handled the ICT operations for many regional and international conferences such as the CARICOM Heads of Government Conference and Association of Caribbean States Conferences. He is also an entrepreneur and business owner.

In addition to his illustrious accolades, Vijay has lived a life dedicated to humanitarian service, volunteering and developing several initiatives to assist those most in need, within his community, country and internationally. Notably, is the COVID-19 humanitarian aid initiative, he spearheaded with his wife to assist vulnerable and marginalized families.

Internationally, Vijay also joined Sahiyo USA's male allyship initiative, Bhaiyo, to build awareness and advocate for the prevention of female genital mutilation and cutting, (FGM/C). FGM/C is a harmful practice and an internationally recognized human rights violation which negatively impacts the rights of women and girls. The Climate Crisis is exacerbating rates of FGM, especially in countries where FGM coexists with child marriage.

Coming from a Small Island Developing State and as a father, Vijay is an ardent advocate for environmental protection and for preventing human rights violations brought on by the climate crisis. He joined Climate Rights & Justice International, to advocate and support efforts to create a far better world, which not only his children will one day inherit, but also for present and future generations to come.