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The Centre for Gender and Development Studies, (CGDS), UWI, St. Augustine joins the Mona Campus in mourning the recent passing of our dear friend and co-worker Mrs. Louraine Emmanuel. Louraine was a warm, bubbly and caring colleague, with a *joie de vivre* that was infectious to those around her. As the Administrative Officer of the Regional Co-ordinating Unit at Mona, she interacted with all the campus CGDS Units on an ongoing basis. As the first Administrative officer who joined Lucille Mathurin Mair in the Regional Co-ordinating Unit in of the CGDS 1986, Louraine has played a vital role in the development of Centres and of Gender studies on the three campuses for over two decades. Although Jamaican born, she lived in Trinidad and Barbados for long periods with her then husband UWI lecturer Patrick Emmanuel. She was always committed to the regional potential of gender studies and to colleagues and friends in all the islands who constituted part of this network of scholarship and activism. We will miss her laughter, her love for the good things in life, and her presence.

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