

Change of Development Attaché of Montserrat: Alba Smerglia-Heimpold

Press release

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Alba has a background in Development Economics and International Development and is accredited to the FCD0 cadre of specialists in political economy and politics. Prior to joining the Governor's Office in Montserrat, Alba was First Secretary Development in the British High Commission in Islamabad, where she has led high profile work on open and inclusive societies and development work to strengthen local resilience to climate change. She has been involved in the UK Government response to the Afghanistan crisis and led reporting on the global impacts of Covid-19 on democratic governance.

Alba held various other positions in the FCD0, including Deputy Team Leader (Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption Department), Senior Research and Evidence Manager in the Research and Evidence Directorate and Internal Audit.

Prior to joining the Civil Service, Alba was a university researcher in Glasgow, specialising in public sector reform, public financial management, and inclusive economic growth. Alba is fluent in Italian and Spanish and in her free time loves hiking, cooking and reading.

She is married to Konrad Heimpold (former Senior Auditor at PwC) who will be accompanying her to Montserrat. She is looking forward to starting her role in Montserrat, learning from local people about Montserrat's culture,

heritage and traditions.

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