

Conference on the Caribbean – A 20/20 Vision
Washington, D.C., USA, June 19-21, 2007

DAY 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: CARICOM Development in the 21st Century: Economic Growth with Social Equity

A Joint Opening Ceremony with participation from CARICOM policy-makers, the CARICOM Secretariat and regional institutions, the US Administration, leaders from the International Financial Institutions (IFIs), the Organization of American States (OAS), and participants registered for the Experts Forum, the Diaspora Forum and the Private Sector Forum. This is framed within the context of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). The discussions will examine the development of a common agenda for economic growth and development while preserving democratic traditions and enhancing human rights, justice and social equity.

Chair: H. E. Mr. Edwin W. Carrington, Secretary-General, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Chairman of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM)
H. E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Secretary-General of the Organisation of American States (OAS)
Mr. Luis A. Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Mr. Graeme Wheeler, Managing Director, World Bank (WB)

Keynote Speakers: Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur, Prime Minister of Barbados
Hon. Carlos Gutierrez, US Secretary of Commerce

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Plenary Session

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: The External Environment

A joint plenary addressing CARICOM's economic growth and development in the current and future global system. Among the issues to be examined are the following:

- What role might greater integration play in promoting growth and competitiveness in the Region?
- How might free trade arrangements, Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA's), the outcomes of the Doha round of negotiations, the role of preferences, and new trading arrangements with the United States (US), impact on CARICOM's integration into the global economy?
- Which sectors provide the best opportunity for economic growth and regional/national prosperity? What is the role of public-private partnerships in encouraging investments in these sectors?
- What are the challenges for policy making in this area?

Chair/Moderator: Dame Billie Miller, Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados

Keynote Speakers: Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica
Congressman Charles Rangel, Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means (invited)

Mr. Gary Hufbauer, Senior Fellow, Peter G. Peterson Institute of International Economics

Panelists:

Dr. the Hon. Henry Jeffrey, Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, Guyana
Mr. Tom Dorsey, Division Chief, Trade Policy Division, IMF
Ms. Eleanor Brown, Reginald F. Lewis Fellow, Harvard Law School

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Hosted by the World Bank (Ms. Pamela Cox, Vice President of Latin America and Caribbean Region) – By Invitation only

Venue: World Bank, East Dining Room

Address: Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Chairman of CARICOM

Remarks: Mr. Takatoshi Kato, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Joint Session of Experts Forum and Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: *International Competitiveness of Caribbean Countries*

§ Measuring Competitiveness in the Caribbean

§ Enhancing the Business Friendly Climate in the Caribbean

Moderator: Mr. Fidel Jaramillo, Regional Economic Adviser, the Caribbean and Andean Region, IDB

Speakers (A): Mr. Robert Mosbacher, CEO, US Overseas Private Investment Corporation, OPIC
Hon. Said Musa, Prime Minister, Belize

Speakers (B): Ms. Irene Mia, Senior Economist, LAC, World Economic Forum
Ms. Caralee McLiesh, Program Manager, Doing Business, World Bank Group
Dr. Maurice Odle, Economic Adviser to the Secretary-General, CARICOM Secretariat

Panelists: Mr. Paul Holden, Director, Enterprise Research Institute
Mr. George DePeana, General Secretary, CCL
Hon. Guy Mayers, Minister for Trade, Commerce and Industry, Saint Lucia

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Opening

Theme: *The Caribbean Diaspora in Perspective*

Introduction of the Chair: H.E. Michael King, Amb. of Barbados to the US

Chair: Prof. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor (VC), Univ. of the West Indies (UWI)

Welcome: Amb. Albert R. Ramdin, Asst. Secretary-General, OAS

Remarks: Hon. Roosevelt Skerit, Prime Minister, Dominica (invited)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Theme: *Challenges and Opportunities for the Caribbean-US Diaspora*

Moderator: Dr. Claire Nelson, President, ICS

Speakers: Prof. Ransford Palmer, Chairman, NCOCA
Dr. Michelle Reis, Inst. of Int'l Relations
Prof. Diana Cassells, the Graduate Centre, CUNY

Panelists: Mr. Christopher Charles, Int'l Consortium of Caribbean Professionals
Ms. Elga Sharpe, Chief of Protocol to the Mayor of Los

Angeles
Dr. Grace Virtue, Sr. Writer and Executive
Communications
Manager, OUC, Howard Univ.

RAPORTEUR: Mr. Kirk Francois, Dep. Consul General, Trinidad
and Tobago Consulate-General, Miami

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Joint Session of Experts Forum and Private Sector Dialogue**
Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: *Energy for Competitiveness*

Moderator: Mr. Rashad-Rudolf Kaldany, Director, IFC

Speakers: Sen. the Hon. Anthony Hylton, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign
Trade, Jamaica
Hon. Samuel Bodman , US Secretary of Energy (invited)

Panelists: Mr. Andrew Jupiter, Chair, CARICOM Task Force on Energy
Mr. Mark Lambrides, Chief Climate Change and Energy Division, Dept. of Sustainable
Development, OAS
Prof. Juan Benavides, University of the Andes

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Up Close with CARICOM Heads of Government

Chair: Prof. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor (VC), Univ. of the
West Indies (UWI)

RAPORTEUR: Mr. Phillip St. Hill, Deputy Consul General,
Barbados Consulate, Miami

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Official Opening of Art Exhibition by President of Haiti, H. E. René Préval (invited)**
Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of Heroes

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20TH

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8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Addressing Quality and Equity in Social Development (2 sequential sessions)

Theme 1: Education

- § **How to better integrate Education with Labour Market Demands**
- § **Development of Congruent Teacher Certification Standards**
- § **How to expand Cooperation in Education and Training, Develop Tertiary Education Institutions and Promote Networking within the Region and Externally**
- § **Accountability for Learning Outcomes**
- § **Capacity Building for the use of ICTs to Improve Learning Outcomes/Development of Information Society Skills and Attitudes;**

Moderator: Prof. Errol Miller, Professor Emeritus, University of the West Indies

Speakers: Hon. Hazel Manning, Min. of Education, Trinidad & Tobago
Prof. Eric Hanushek, Hoover Inst. Stanford

Panelists: Prof. Elsa Leo Rhynie, Principal, University of the West Indies (Mona)
Prof. Andrew Downes, Professor of Economics, University of the West Indies
Dr. John Grasso, Director for Strategic Development and Distance Learning, Carnegie Mellon University

Theme 2: Health & Gender

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: International Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre, IDB

Theme: US-Caribbean Trade: Opportunities for Growth

- § **What are the Main Trends in Bilateral Trade Flows?**
- § **How do CARICOM Exporters Perform in the US Market?**
- § **How Important are the Current US Trade Preferences for CARICOM Exporters of Goods?**
- § **What Market Access Conditions do Services Exporters Face?**
- § **How is the US Positioned in the CARICOM Market, Relative to EU and Other Trading Powers?**
- § **How protected is CARICOM's Intra-Regional Trade from US Competition?**
- § **How protected is CARICOM's Services Market from US Competition?**
- § **Where are the Opportunities for Export Growth?**
- § **How can Bilateral Trade Links be Expanded?**

Moderator: **Mr. Randy Cato, Director of Economic Affairs, US Government Representative, OECS Secretariat**

Speakers (A): Amb. Richard Bernal, Director General, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM)

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

Theme: Economic and Financial Empowerment of the Caribbean-US Diaspora

Moderator: Dr. Wendell Samuel, Snr. Economist, IMF

Speakers: Dr. Roy Hastick, Sr. President/CEO/Founder, Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Ind. (CACCI)

Panelists: Mr. Gary Officer, NGO Specialist
Dr. Marlene Attz, Lecturer in Economics, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine)

RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Sha-Shana Crichton Esq., Pres. UWI Alumni Association

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Theme: Mobilizing Caribbean –US Diaspora Skills, Knowledge and Professional Networks

Moderator: Dr. Thomson Fontaine, President, Caribbean Association of the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Speakers: Prof. Kenrick Hunte, President, National Coalition on Caribbean Affairs
Dr. Tatiana Wah PhD, Asst. Prof., RJ Milano Graduate School of Urban Management & Policy (NOAH)

Panelists: Mr. Ray Gongora, President, Belize Association of

§ **How to Address Challenges in Health and Development (HIV/AIDS, Non Communicable Diseases)**

§ **Health and Trade Issues, Health Systems Development**

§ **Mainstreaming Gender and Culture in Human and Social Development**

Moderator: Dr. Clarissa Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)

Speakers: Sir. George Alleyne, Chancellor, University of the West Indies
Dr. Jacqui Quinn-Leandro, Minister of Labour, Admin. & Empowerment, Antigua

Panelists: Dr. Wendy Grenade, Lecturer, University of the West Indies
Ms. Logan Brenzel, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank

Speakers(B): Ms. Anneke Jessen, Senior Operational Specialist, IDB
Mr. Robert Gregory, President, JAMPRO
Ms. Francisco Santeiro, Managing Director, Global Trade Services, FEDEX

Panelists: Ms. Marcela Escobari, Director on the Frontier
Amb. Irwin Larocque, Assistant Secretary-General Regional Trade & Economic Integration, CARICOM Secretariat.
Mr. James Moss-Solomon, President, CAIC
Mr. Anton Edmunds, Executive Director, Caribbean Central America Action

South Florida
Ms. Nelia Robinson, Coordinator, Caribbean Association for Feminist Research & Action
Mr. Robert Antoine, Educator, New York City Dept. of Education
Mr. Norris Prevost, MP, Dominica & MPA and MC Candidate, Harvard Univ.

RAPPOREUR: Mr. Kirk Francois, Dep. Consul General, Trinidad & Tobago Consulate, Miami

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Theme: *Banking on the Future: Engaging the Youth*

Moderator: Ms. Faith Bynoe, Program Associate, Bush Clinton Katrina Fund

Speakers: Mr. Ryan Stewart-Federick, Caribbean People Int'l Collective
Mr. John Darville, Dean, CARICOM Youth Ambassador Corps
Mr. Marlon A. Hill Esq., Advisory Board Member, Jamaica Diaspora, Southern United States, Florida & Advisor, Florida Caribbean Students Association

Panelist: Mr. Roy Thomasson, Organisation of American States Youth Entrepreneurship Programme
Ms. Ydiz Beighle, Youth Co-Chair, CARICOM Commission for Youth Development
Dr. Indira Rampersad, Univ. of Florida

RAPPOREUR: Mr. Phillip St. Hill, Deputy Consul General, Barbados Consulate, Miami

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

WORKING LUNCH

(Hosted by Caroline D. Anstey, Director, Caribbean Country Management Unit) – by invitation only

Theme: *Environmental Security*

Addresses:

§ **Dr. the Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada;**

§ **Dr. Kenrick Leslie, Executive Director, Caribbean**

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH

(Hosted by the IDB) – By Invitation

Address: H. E. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of Guyana

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: Security and Development – Security and Competitiveness in a Global Environment

- § **Crime & Violence as Development Impediments**
- § **Policy Options for the Caribbean**
- § **Hemispheric Initiatives**
- § **US/CARICOM Security Cooperation initiatives**

Moderator: Prof. Ivelaw Griffith, Former Provost, Radford University

Speakers: Hon. Patrick Manning, Prime Minister, Trinidad & Tobago
Mr. Andrew Morrison, Lead Economist, World Bank

Panelists: Amb. Curtis Ward, former Amb. of Jamaica
Dr. Ramesh Deosaran, Prof. Emeritus, Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice, UWI, St. Augustine

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

Theme: Physical Infrastructure for CARICOM's Growth and Global Competitiveness

- § **Overcoming the Scale Effect in the Provision of Infrastructure, the Role of Finance, Technology and Competition**
- § **The Regulatory Framework for Financing Infrastructure**

Moderator: Mr. Alan Slusher, Director of Economics, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: International Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre, IDB

Theme: Financing Options for Development

- § **Innovative Financing Structures**
- § **Products Targeted for the Caribbean Market**
- § **Removal of Barriers for Financing**
- § **Facilitating Trade Finance and Capital Markets**

Moderator: Mr. Earl Jarrett, President, Jamaica National Group of Companies

Speakers: Ms. Shirley Sowma-Sumter, CEO, Kersten & Co. NV
Mr. Nathaniel Jackson, Snr. Private Sector Specialist, Private Sector Department, IDB
Mr. Peter Ballinger, Director Business Development SME Finance Department, OPIC

Panelists: Mr. Wayne Wray, Pres., First Global Bank and Vice Chair, CAIB
Mr. Luiz Ros, Principal Business Development Specialist, Opportunities for the Majority Initiative, IDB

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre, IDB

Development Opportunities in Selected High Potential Sectors (4 concurrent sessions)

1. Trade and Development for Cultural Industries

Moderator: Dr. Hilary Brown, Head of Culture, CARICOM Secretariat

Speaker: Prof. Keith Nurse, University of the West Indies
Senior Lecturer, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

Panelists: Mr. Anthony "The Mighty Gabby" Carter

2:30 p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Edward Greene, Assistant SG, Human and Social Development, CARICOM Secretariat

Speakers: **Mr. E. Leopold Edwards, NCOCA:** Proposal for the establishment of a Centre (a Think-Tank) for research and policy recommendations on issues affecting Caribbean-US relations and the Caribbean Diaspora.

Mr. Chris Gardiner, CPAC: Proposal for conversion of the existing regional Caribbean-American Political Action Committee into a National Political Action Committee.

Mr. Glenn Joseph, Institute of Caribbean Studies: Presentation of statement with recommendations from 28th April 2007 visioning conference.

Dr. Cardinal Warde, MIT: Presentation – The Role and Challenge of developing a Foundation for Science and Technology.

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RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Kirk Francois, Dep. Consul General,

Speakers: Prof. Ken Julian, President, University of Trinidad and Tobago
Mr. Bernard Sheahan, Director, IFC

Panelists: Sir Dwight Venner, Governor, ECCB
Mr. Ivan Laughlin, Human Settlement Consultant, Agency for Reconstruction and Development (ARD)
Mr. Robert Vellutini, Senior Advisor, Private Sector Department, IDB

Mr. Dwight Peters, Saint Intl Modeling Agency

Trinidad & Tobago Consulate, Miami

2. Health and Wellness – New Directions in Tourism

Moderator: Mr. Vincent Vanderpool Wallace, SG, CTO

Speaker: Ms. Sharon Parris-Chambers, President, Positive Tourism Ltd.

Panelists : Mr. Eric Light, International Medical Spa Assn, USA
Ms. Kathryn Hewlett-Jobes, Senior Regional Adviser, Multilateral Investment Fund
Dr. James Hospedales, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) (invited)

3. Financial Services

Moderator: Mr. Jerry Butler, Executive Director, IDB

Speaker: Mr. Wendell Mottley, Senior Advisor, Credit Suisse
Ms. Wendy Warren, The Bahamas

Panelist: Ms. Catherine Kumar, Royal Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (invited) (designation)
Mr. Courtney Lodge, CEO Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions

4. Agriculture and Manufacturing

Moderator: Mr. Caesar Falconi, Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development Unit, IDB

Speakers: Dr. John McIntyre, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Dominica
Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, Director-General, IICA

Panelists: Mr. Colin Bully, Director, OECS Export Dev. Unit
Mr. Karl James, Chairman, Sugar Association of the Caribbean
Dr. Patsy Ann Francis, Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Guyana

DAY 3: THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST

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8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Joint Wrap up Session

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

Theme: CARICOM Development in the 21st Century : The Way Forward

Presentation by Rapporteurs of Experts Forum, Private Sector Dialogue and Diaspora Forum

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

C O F F E E B R E A K

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Official Closing Session

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

Chairperson: H. E. Mr. Ellsworth John, Ambassador of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the USA and Chair of the CARICOM Caucus of Ambassadors

Presentation of major recommendations to Heads of Govt/Ministers by Chairpersons or identified representatives of each Forum

Discussions including Perspectives of:

- ✓ the Caucus of Caribbean Ambassadors in Washington; and
- ✓ Representatives of the Donor Community

Closing Remarks: Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis

Votes of Thanks, Appreciation by Chairperson

Close of Conference

1.00 p.m.

COUPE DE CHAMPAGNE

Venue: Organisation of American States, Indoor Terrace

