

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ENCOUNTERS
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

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, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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

Speakers (B): Mr. Vidhi Tambiah, Associate Director, Content Development, World Economic Forum
Ms. Caralee McLieish, 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, Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)
Sen. The 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), University of the West Indies (UWI)

Welcome: Amb. Albert R. Ramdin, Asst. Secretary-General, Organisation of American States (OAS)

Remarks: Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, 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, Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS)

Speakers: Prof. Ransford Palmer, Chairman, National Coalition on Caribbean Affairs (NCOCA)
Dr. Michelle Reis, Inst. of Int'l Relations, University of the West Indies (UWI)
Ms. Elsada Diana Cassells, Professor (Adjunct) at CUNY, Lehman College and Doctoral Candidate at the CUNY Graduate Center

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 University

RAPPORTEUR: Mr. Kirk Francois, Dep. Consul General, Trinidad and Tobago Consulate, 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, International Financial Corporation (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, Organisation of American States (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), University of the West Indies (UWI)

RAPPORTEUR: 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 (UWI)

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

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

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

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?**

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, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Speakers: Dr. Roy Hastick, Sr. President/CEO/Founder, Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CACCI)
Mr. Dumas Siméus, Founder and Chairman of Siméus Foods, International Inc.

Panelists: Mr. Gary Officer, NGO Specialist and CEO Rebuilding Together
Dr. Marlene Attzs, Lecturer in Economics, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine)

RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Sha-Shana Crichton Esq., President, University of the West Indies 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 (NCOCA)
Dr. Tatiana Wah PhD, Asst. Prof., RJ Milano

Theme 2: Health & Gender

- **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. Carissa Etienne, Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)

Speakers: Sir. George Alleyne, Chancellor, University of the West Indies (UWI)
Dr. Jacqui Quinn-Leandro, Minister of Labour, Administration and Empowerment, Antigua and Barbuda

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

Moderator: Mr. Randy Cato, Director of Economic Affairs, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat

Speakers (A): US Gov't Representative
Amb. Richard Bernal, Director General, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM)

Speakers(B): Ms. Anneke Jessen, Senior Operational Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Mr. Robert Gregory, President, Jamaica Trade and Invest (JAMPRO)
Ms. Francisco Santeiro, Managing Director, Global Trade Services, FEDEX

Panelists: Ms. Anne Morriss, On the Frontier
Amb. Irwin Larocque, Assistant Secretary-General Regional Trade & Economic Integration, CARICOM Secretariat.
Mr. James Moss-Solomon, President, Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)
Mr. Anton Edmunds, Executive Director, Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA)

Panelists: Mr. Ray Gongora, President, Belize Association of South Florida
Ms. Nelia Robinson, Coordinator, Caribbean Association for Feminist Research & Action (CAFRA)
Mr. Robert Antoine, Educator, New York City Department of Education
University of New York (CUNY)
Mr. Norris Prevost, MP, Dominica & MPA and MC Candidate, Harvard University

RAPPORTEUR: 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 International Collective (CPIC)
Mr. John Darville, Interim Dean, CARICOM Youth Ambassador Programme
Mr. Marlon A. Hill Esq., Advisory Board Member, Jamaica Diaspora, Southern United States, & Advisor, Florida Caribbean Students Association

Panelist: Mr. Roy Thomasson, Young Americas Business Trust Programme, Organisation of American States (OAS)
Ms. Yldiz Beighle, Youth Co-Chair, CARICOM Commission for Youth Development
Dr. Indira Rampersad, University of Florida

RAPPORTEUR: 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, World Bank)

Theme: Environmental Security

Addresses:

- Dr. the Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada;
- Dr. Kenrick Leslie, Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH

(Hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank) – By Invitation

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

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

(Hosted by the National Organisation for the Advancement of Haitians, the Institute of Caribbean Studies, OrgDevelopment Investment, LLC and the St Lucia Association)

Haitian Cuisine and Caribbean Jazz

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 of 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, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine)

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Inter-American Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

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. Peter Bunting, President, JAMPRO (invited)

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

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, National Coalition on Caribbean Affairs (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, Caribbean American Political Action Committee (CAPAC): 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 (ICS): Presentation of statement with Recommendations from 28th April 2007 Visioning Conference.

Dr. Cardinal Warde, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT): *Pesentation – The Role and Challenge of developing a Foundation for Science and Technology.*

RAPPORTEUR: Ms. Sha-shana Crichton Esq., President, UWI Alumni Assn.

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)

Speakers: Prof. Ken Julian, President, University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)
Mr. Bernard Sheahan, Director, International Financial Corporation (IFC)

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

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

Private Sector Dialogue
Venue: Inter-American Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

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

Speaker: Prof. Keith Nurse, Snr. Lecturer, Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies (St. Augustine)

Panelists: Dr. Kerwin Best, Expert in Culture, University of the West Indies (Cave Hill)
Mr. Dwight Peters, Saint Intl Modeling Agency

2. Health and Wellness – New Directions in Tourism

Moderator: Mr. Vincent Vanderpool Wallace, Secretary-General, Caribbean Tourism Organisation (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 Advisor, Multilateral Investment Fund
Mr. Aubyn Hill, Chairman, National Investment Bank of Jamaica
Dr. James Hospedales, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) (invited)

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Up Close with CARICOM Heads of Government

Chairperson: Prof. Nigel Harris, VC, University of the West Indies

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

3. Financial Services

Moderator: Mr. Jerry Butler, Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

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

Panelist: Dr. Ronald Ramkissoon, Snr. Economist, Republic Bank Limited, Trinidad and Tobago (invited)
Mr. Courtney Lodge, Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions (CCCU)

4. Agriculture and Manufacturing

Moderator: Mr. Caesar Falconi, Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development Unit, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Speakers: Dr. John McIntyre, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Dominica
Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, Director-General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (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 (UG)
Mr. Derrick Rekord, General Manager, Grace Foods International Limited

DAY 3: THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST

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8:30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Plenary Session (Joint Wrap Up)

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

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

Chairperson: To be confirmed

Presentations of Outcomes of the Conference by:

- ❖ Prof. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies, **Chairperson, Diaspora Forum**;
- ❖ Ms. Angela Cropper, President, The Cropper Foundation, **Chief Rapporteur, Experts Forum**;
- ❖ Amb. Byron Blake, Former Assistant Secretary-General, Regional Trade and Economic Integration, CARICOM Secretariat and former Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations (on Group of 77 matters), **Chief Rapporteur, Private Sector Dialogue**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Final Plenary Session (Official Closing)

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 of the Conference by:

- ❖ Prof. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies, **Chairperson, Diaspora Forum**;
- ❖ Ms. Angela Cropper, President, The Cropper Foundation, **Chief Rapporteur, Experts Forum**;
- ❖ Amb. Byron Blake, Former Assistant Secretary-General, Regional Trade and Economic Integration, CARICOM Secretariat and former Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations (on Group of 77 matters), **Chief Rapporteur, Private Sector Dialogue**

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

