



Programme

Caribbean 2030: new thinking for a new generation

Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 June 2015 | WP1404

How do the new and next generation of leaders in the Caribbean see the future? What is their vision for 2030 and beyond? How can they work better together to face the economic, political and security challenges and opportunities they face? How do they envisage the Caribbean countries can best work together in the future? What relationships do they want with the wider region and traditional and new partners?

This event provides a forum to address these questions by:

- Providing a neutral and residential setting for the new and next generation of leaders in the Caribbean from different sectors to come together to have an in-depth discussion about their aspirations for the future of the region;
- Creating a network of younger leaders in the Caribbean from different sectors encouraged to stay connected; and linked to the UK and other key external stakeholders who they might not otherwise have access to.
- Developing an outline vision for the Caribbean for 2030 during the meeting, with the objective that this can be shared more widely, and built upon by participants afterwards; identifying potential paths forward for politicians, policymakers and others on specific areas;
- Sharing cross-region expertise on the drivers and the opportunities for the Caribbean domestically and internationally.

The programme will feature a mix of highly participatory, roundtable plenary sessions, with speakers invited to provide introductory remarks to initiate debate, and smaller working groups. Discussions will be held off the record under the Wilton Park Protocol to ensure a free and frank exchange.

In association with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for International Development (DFID), JN Foundation, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI), the Caribbean Council and the Continental Baking Company Limited, Jamaica

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Monday 1 June

1300-1430 Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1530 **Welcome and introductions**

Robin Hart

Director of Programmes, Wilton Park

1530-1630 **1. Towards Caribbean 2030: setting the scene**

Introductory discussion

Chair:

Robin Hart

Director of Programmes, Wilton Park

James Duddridge

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, United Kingdom

Oliver Clarke

Chairman, The Gleaner Company Limited, Kingston, Jamaica

David Jessop

Consultant on Caribbean Affairs, London, United Kingdom

1630-1715 Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1715-1815 **2. Caribbean 2030: drivers for change and new thinking**

What are the economic, political and social drivers shaping the Caribbean's prospects for growth and development? How is economic globalisation changing regional thinking about its place in the world?

How will the Caribbean flourish? What new economic and political models will deliver a prosperous and secure 2030? How can the Caribbean be a coherent region?

Chair:

Kate Smith

Director, Americas, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, United Kingdom

Camillo M Gonsalves

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Kingstown, St Vincent and the Grenadines

Jean Alain Rodriguez

Secretary of State; Executive Director, Centre for Exports and Investment Dominican Republic (CEI-RD), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Baroness Scotland of Asthal

House of Lords, London, United Kingdom

Ryan Pinder

Head, Wealth Management and Chief Legal Officer, Deltec Bank & Trust Limited; former Minister of Financial Services, Nassau, Bahamas

1815-1900 **3. Caribbean 2030: challenges and opportunities for the region**

Discussion in break out groups

What are the key challenges and opportunities for the Caribbean? In four groups, identify and prioritise the top five key challenges and top five opportunities for the region.

Discussion group chairs:

Paulette Simpson

Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs and Public Policy, Jamaica National Building Society, London, United Kingdom

Leonard (Ryan) Hoppie

Founder and Executive Director, Come Alive Network and the Value Academy, Georgetown, Guyana

Teresena Fergus

Director, Social Services, Government of Montserrat, Brades, Montserrat

Gabriel Abed

Chief Executive Officer, Bitt Inc, Bridgetown, Barbados

1900

Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 2 June

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-0915

4. Reports from break out groups

0915-1000

5. Economic sustainability for the Caribbean

Brief introductions to plenary (10 minutes per theme)

a. Debt and development challenges

How to reduce debt and achieve and maintain economic sustainability in the Caribbean?

Damien King

Co-Executive Director, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI); Head, Economics Department, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

b. Improving educational performance in the region

How to ensure education meets the needs of the next generation?

Chris Tufton

Co-Executive Director, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI); former Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, , Kingston, Jamaica

c. Tourism and its role in the broader economy

How to integrate tourism into the broader economy? What opportunities does tourism provide for economic diversification?

Nadine Rankin

Managing Director, AMG Ltd, London, United Kingdom

1000-1100

6. Economic sustainability for the Caribbean

Discussion in smaller groups.

a. Debt and development challenges: how to reduce debt and increase growth?

Chair:

Nirad Tewarie

Chief Executive Officer, American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago (AmCham T&T), Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Discussion group speaker:

Kevin Hope

Economist, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis

b. Improving educational performance in the region

Chair:

Carolyn Trench-Sandiford

Principal, C Trench-Sandiford & Associates and Development Solutions Group, Belize City, Belize

Discussion group speaker:

Akierra Missick

Deputy Premier; Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Library Services, Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Library Services, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands

c. Tourism and its role in the broader economy

Chair:

Chris Bennett

Managing Director, Caribbean Council, London, United Kingdom

Discussion group speakers:

Frank Elias Rainieri

Vice President, Business Development, Puntacana Group, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Dominic Fedee

Regional Public Relations Manager, Sandals Resorts International - Eastern Caribbean, Sandals Group, Castries, Saint Lucia

1100-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1215

7. Managing the risks: increasing resilience

Brief introductions to plenary (10 minutes per theme)

a. Managing risks of climate change and extreme weather: how to increase resilience?

Richard Jones

Science Fellow, Climate Information, Met Office, Exeter, United Kingdom

b. Energy security and the meeting the future energy needs for the region

Julian Robinson

Minister of State, Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, Kingston, Jamaica

c. Governance, crime and regional security

Trevor Munroe

Executive Director, National Integrity Action, Kingston, Jamaica

1215-1315

8. Managing the risks

Discussion in smaller groups.

a. Managing risks of climate change and extreme weather: how to increase resilience?

Chair:

Hector John

Member of Parliament, Government of Dominica; former Leader of the Opposition, Salisbury, Dominica

b. Energy security and the meeting the future energy needs for the region

Chair:

Sally Yearwood

Executive Director, Caribbean Central American Action (CAA), Washington DC, United States of America

Discussion group speakers:

Joanna Edghill

Founder and Director, Megapower Limited, St Michael, Barbados

Suzanne Shaw

Renewable Energy Programme Manager, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI), Kingston, Jamaica

c. Governance, crime and regional security

Chair:

Josh Drayton

Director, Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute, Laventille, Trinidad and Tobago

Discussion group speakers:

LaTeisha Sandy

Legal Officer, Financial Intelligence Unit, Kingstown, St Vincent and the Grenadines

Ben Bowling

Deputy Dean and Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, United Kingdom

1315-1400

Lunch

1400-1445

Garden tour

1500-1530

9. Feedback from discussion groups

Feedback from session 6 and 8. Each group to present back three key headlines from their discussions.

1530-1645

10. Generating economic growth and jobs

How to build a new Caribbean economy? How to foster entrepreneurship within the Caribbean? What investments are needed? How to ensure access to venture capital? How to incentivise growth?

Derek Browne

Chief Executive Officer, Entrepreneurs in Action, South Croydon, United Kingdom

Gary Hendrickson

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Continental Baking Company Limited, Kingston, Jamaica

Nigel Clarke

Deputy Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, Musson Group, Kingston, Jamaica

1645-1715

Tea/coffee

1715-1830

11. Networked nations: what models for collaboration within and beyond the region?

How can the Caribbean countries be better connected through transport and communications to benefit nationals and visitors? To what extent can the countries in the region still work together? Has CARICOM become an irrelevance? Are there different models of cooperation? Do newer groupings offer an alternative way forward? Does the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (and the East Caribbean Central Bank) offer a positive model for regional collaboration? How does this relate to the role that the Caribbean wants external partners to play, UK/EU/US/Canada/China/Brazil?

Cesar Dargam Espailat

Deputy Minister, Economic Affairs and Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Nestor Mendez

Ambassador of Belize to the United States, Embassy of Belize, Washington DC, United

1900 States of America
Reception followed by dinner

Wednesday 3 June

0800-0845 Breakfast and checkout

0900-0930 **12. Towards Caribbean 2030: developing a vision for the region: reflections**

Introduction to discussion groups:

Earl Jarrett

General Manager, Jamaica National Building Society, Kingston, Jamaica

0930-1045 **13. Towards Caribbean 2030: developing a vision for the region**

This session will divide participants into four groups, led by the Caribbean younger leaders.

All groups will start to draw up their view of: What vision for the region for 2030?

The groups will include at least one external participant prepared to ask difficult 'what if?' challenging questions. What will enable the Caribbean to achieve its potential and the vision they seek? What will get in the way and how can the barriers/hurdles be overcome?

Discussion group chairs:

Andrew Holness

Leader of the Opposition and Leader, Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), Kingston, Jamaica

Shenella Govia

Senator, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Antigua and Barbuda, St John's, Antigua and Barbuda

LaKesha Hewlett

Managing Editor, The St Kitts Nevis Observer Newspaper, Charlestown, St Kitts and Nevis

Benito Wheatley

Director and UK/EU Representative, Government of the British Virgin Islands London Office, London, United Kingdom

1045-1100 Tea/coffee

1100-1145 **14. Taking forward the vision: identifying next steps.**

Working in the same groups: building on the vision and turning it into some practical action.

1200-1250 **15. Feedback, conclusions and next steps**

Feedback from the working groups followed by plenary discussion. To include major outcomes and recommendations.

1250-1300 eQuestionnaire completion
<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WP1404/>

1300 Lunch

1400 Participants depart

Discussion will be in English.

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

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