



## Provisional programme

### **Caribbean 2030 II - new thinking for a new generation: innovation and entrepreneurship**

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 February 2016 | WP1462

To be held in Kingston, Jamaica

The first Wilton Park Caribbean 2030 meeting of almost 40 younger leaders from across the Caribbean took place in the UK in June 2015. The young leaders identified their visions for the future direction for the region. The outcomes of their discussions are provided in the report: <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/WP1404-Report.pdf>

The key issues outlined in that report will form the basis of this second follow-up meeting which will take place in the Caribbean. Bringing together many of the original group from the region, with a few additional experts, the group will focus on the next steps for the region, specifically focusing on one overarching theme identified in June: Innovation and entrepreneurship and how to achieve this for the region.

In June 2015 the group concluded that the challenges facing the Caribbean region – growth, security, fiscal management, amongst others – are stronger than ever, even while new ones, like climate change, emerge. At the same time, weaknesses in the governance in the region and the limited effectiveness of both public and private leadership have become increasingly exposed.

This follow-up meeting will focus on specific questions and identify the next steps that are needed and how the next generation of leadership can lead the necessary follow-up actions to embrace and affect a new vision of the Caribbean.

#### **Objectives**

This Forum builds on the first meeting of this group and aims to:

- Enable this group of new and next generation Caribbean leaders to turn their aspirations into actions;
- Focus on specific issues, primarily economic-related, that will enable the region to prosper;
- Bring people together from different countries and sectors, sharing cross-region expertise and ideas in shaping their future;
- Provide a neutral and residential setting for them to meet together and support their network;
- Provide an opportunity to link the group to the UK and other key external stakeholders who they might not otherwise have access to.

#### **Outcomes**

- Agreed next steps for action on the pre-identified themes, owner-led;
- Strengthened network of this group of younger leaders in the Caribbean who will be encouraged to stay connected and work together in the coming decade linked to UK and other key external stakeholders;

- A short report summarising key conclusions from the discussions on a non-attributable basis. Wilton Park will also work with partners to transmit lessons more widely.

**In association with Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI); JN Foundation; the Continental Baking Company Limited and the Caribbean Council.**

**(Speakers confirmed and themes proposed: \*denotes to be confirmed; ^ expected to participate but not confirmed in this role)**

## Wednesday 24 February

	Participants arrive
1800	Reception drinks
1900	Informal dinner and welcome

## Thursday 25 February

0830	Coffee available
0900-0930	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p><b>Robin Hart</b> Director of Programmes, Wilton Park</p> <p><b>Damien King</b> Co-Executive Director, CaPRI</p>
0930-1015	<p><b>1. Caribbean 2030 – new thinking for a new generation</b></p> <p>Recap from the first meeting in June 2015 – what were the visions and aspirations articulated? What progress so far? So what next?</p> <p>Introduction by a keynote speaker:</p> <p><b>Jeffrey Hall</b> Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Producers Group, Jamaica</p>
1015-1100	<p><b>2. The regional and global context: update</b></p> <p>Short introductory discussion on the broader context in which the future of the Caribbean in 2030 is being discussed, especially focusing on the current and future economic realities.</p>
1100-1130	Tea/coffee
1130-1300	<p><b>3. Caribbean 2030 – focus on innovation and entrepreneurship</b></p> <p>Question time type panel discussion: 5 minute introduction by each speaker, followed by discussion on issues posed by the panel and the group to include: what are the lessons for innovation and entrepreneurship? What is the business environment which enables this? Where are the regional opportunities? What is getting in the way?</p> <p><b>^Gabriel Abed</b> CEO, Bitt Inc, Barbados</p> <p><b>Jennifer Raffoul</b> Founder, MadeintheCaribbean.co, Trinidad</p>

**Michelle Smith**  
Founder, Chocolate Dreams, Jamaica

**Connie Smith**  
Managing Director, Tricor Caribbean, Barbados

**Chris Dehring**  
Former Chairman, Cable & Wireless Jamaica, Jamaica

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1530

#### **4. Cross-cutting themes I**

**Financing for the future: balancing risks with enterprise**

**Damien King**  
Co-Executive Director, CaPRI, Jamaica

**Open data**  
**Speaker to be announced**

1530

Tea/coffee break

1550-1700

#### **5. Cross-cutting themes II**

Focus on a couple of cross-cutting themes which are key to innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

##### **i) Education and skills training**

**Akierra Missick**  
Deputy Premier; Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Library Services, Minister of Education, Turks and Caicos

##### **ii) Infrastructure and the business environment**

**Nirad Tewarie**  
Chief Executive Officer, American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago (AmChamT&T), Port of Spain, Trinidad

1700-1705

#### **6. Innovation and entrepreneurship: getting down to business**

Introduction to working groups.

1705-1830

#### **7. Working groups I**

Afternoon spent in working groups. Participants will work on one theme each. Groups will agree the scope of their theme at the outset, and start identifying some ideas to pursue as detailed recommendations. Prepare to present their findings to the group in session 8.

Proposed themes: (4 groups)

- i. Trade within and beyond the region**
- ii. Finance, credit and business growth**
- iii. IT infrastructure/technology & open/big data**
- iv. Green growth and sustainability**

##### **Facilitators:**

**Shelly Mohammed**  
President, Association of Caribbean Corporate Counsel, Trinidad

**Sally Yearwood**  
Executive Director, Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA), United States of America

**Jo Edghill**  
Founder and Director, Megapower Ltd, Barbados

1930

Dinner

## Friday 26 February

0800-0900

Breakfast and checkout

0900-0945

### 8. Feedback from group work so far and reflections in plenary

Feedback from groups plus discussion/critique of proposals made so far.

0945-1115

### 9. Working groups II

Second session in working groups to adapt approach based on feedback, identify next steps, who leads/takes what actions, group communication to keep actions moving, means of measuring progress.

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1115-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1245

### 10. Feedback and next steps

Presentation of proposals and discussion to agree next steps.

Including completion of eQuestionnaire and identifying personal and group actions.

1315

Lunch at the British High Commission hosted by:

#### David Fitton

British High Commissioner to Jamaica and the Bahamas

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Optional excursion departing from the British High Commission

Time tbc

Informal dinner at hotel

## Saturday 27 February

Morning

Participants depart

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

**Participation is by invitation-only.**

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