



THE GLOBAL GOALS

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Learning Conference

Implementing the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean Region

15 - 16 MAY 2019

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

AGENDA



DAY 1 15 May 2019

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 8:15 - 8:30 | Meet-up |
| Opening Plenary | |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | <p>Inaugural Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago • Hon. Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, Minister with responsibility for Foreign Affairs, Saint Lucia, and Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) • Mr. Nikhil Seth, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNITAR • Ms. Maria Francesca Spadolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN DESA • Ms. Diane Quarless, Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | Introduction of participants and group photo |
| Session 1: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean | |
| 9:45 - 10:00 | <p>Status of the 2030 Agenda implementation in the Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Diane Quarless, Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | <p>Key messages from UN DESA's Symposium on "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SAMOA Pathway in Small Island Developing States: Equipping Public Institutions and Mobilizing Partnerships", Bahamas, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | <p>Regional approaches to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SAMOA Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amrikha Singh, Programme Manager, Sustainable Development, CARICOM Secretariat |
| 10:30 - 11:45 | <p>National perspectives and experiences in localizing the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alex Mejia, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rochelle Whyte, Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica • Ms. Darlene Padron, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, The Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration, Belize • Ms. Jocelyne Croes, Special Advisor on Multilateral Affairs, Chair National Aruba SDG Commission, Aruba <p>Interactive Dialogue</p> |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Coffee break ☕ |



Session 2: Mobilizing public institutions for holistic implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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| 12:00 - 13:00 | <p>Institutional arrangements for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, PMCDU-DPIDG-UN DESA <p>Interactive Learning session: “From single interest to shared purpose: The Whole-of-government Approach” (1st part)</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veronique Verbruggen, Senior Inter-regional Adviser on Governance and Public Administration Institutional Development, DPIDG-UN DESA Mr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | <p>Lunch break</p>  |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | <p>Interactive Learning session: “From single interest to shared purpose: The Whole-of-Government Approach” (2nd part)</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veronique Verbruggen, Senior Inter-regional Adviser on Governance and Public Administration Institutional Development, DPIDG-UN DESA Ms. Dana Abu-Nasrah, IBM |

Session 3: Policy coherence in Caribbean countries for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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| 15:00 - 15:30 | <p>The 2019 Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. María Ortiz Pérez, Programme Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | <p>Achieving policy coherence in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda: What does it take?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Veronique Verbruggen, Senior Inter-regional Adviser on Governance and Public Administration Institutional Development, DPIDG-UN DESA |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | <p>Interactive Learning session: knowledge-sharing to promote policy coherence</p> <p>National perspectives and experiences on policy coherence in development planning Moderator: Mr. Alex Mejia, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Kyra Paul, Social Development Planner, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Dominica <p>Financing for Development and Public Expenditure Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean |
| 16:30 - 16:45 | <p>Coffee break</p>  |



16:45 - 17:45

Interactive Learning session: National perspectives and experiences on development planning

Panel discussion among Voluntary National Review (VNR) Caribbean country representatives

Moderator: Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Discussants:

- Ms. Sarah Leon, Economist II, Department of Economic Development, Transport and Civil Aviation, Saint Lucia
- Ms. Dominique Ambrose-Charles, Economic and Financial Analyst II, Ministry of Finance, Guyana
- Ms. Janelle Horne, Economist II, Economic Planning and Sustainable Development Division, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Ms. Kennethia Douglas, Monitoring and Reporting Officer, Technical Co-operation Unit, Ministry of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago

Interactive Dialogue



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| 8:15 - 8:30 | Meet-up |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | <p>Session 4: Strategic positioning of the sustainable development agendas in the Caribbean</p> <p>Advancing Caribbean Sustainable Development. Towards the High-level SAMOA Pathway Mid-Term Review: opportunities and challenges</p> <p>Chairperson: Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN DESA</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anya Thomas, Economic Affairs Officer, SIDS Unit, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UN DESA • Ms. Artie Dubrie, Sustainable Development Officer, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean <p>Moderator: Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean</p> |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | <p>Supporting policy coherence across Caribbean SIDS Sustainable Development agendas: The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee- Regional Coordinating Mechanism (CDCC-RCM) Revisited and Repositioned</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amrikha Singh, Programme Manager, Sustainable Development, CARICOM Secretariat • Mr. Travis Sinckler, Senior Environment Officer, Ministry of the Environment and National Beautification, Barbados • Mr. Peter Mitchell, Director, Project Planning and Reconstruction, Ministry of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago <p>Interactive Dialogue</p> |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | <p>Coffee break</p>  |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | <p>Session 5: Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Institutionalizing stakeholder engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Keping Yao, Governance and Public Administration Expert, DPIDG-UNPOG, UN DESA |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | <p>Interactive learning session: Strengthening institutions and creating an enabling environment for effective stakeholder engagement and people centered development</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alex Mejia, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ainka Granderson, Senior Technical Officer, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute • Ms. Curnira Gulston, National Coordinator, Caribbean Youth Environment Network, Trinidad and Tobago • Mrs. Catalina Garcia, Global Director Corporate Affairs, AB InBev <p>Interactive Dialogue</p> |



Session 6: Effective monitoring and evaluation of SDG progress

11:30 - 12:45

Gaps, issues and challenges in the Caribbean for monitoring progress on the SDGs

Monitoring progress on the SDGs at the national level: the perspective of the National Statistical Offices

National perspectives on monitoring progress on the SDGs and the SAMOA pathway in the Caribbean

Moderator: Mr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Discussants:

- Ms. Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician, Statistics Department, Anguilla
- Ms. Najan Christopher, Director (Ag.), Office of the Premier, The British Virgin Islands
- Mr. Josefo Seniwaitui Navuku, Commissioner Central Division, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development, Fiji
- Ms. Hope Perkins, Research Officer, Statistical Institute of Jamaica
- Ms. Lucill Starke Esajas, Senior Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Suriname
- Ms. Sabrina Williams, Deputy Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Turks and Caicos Islands

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Interactive Dialogue

Moderator: Mr. Alex Mejia, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR

Discussants:

- Dr. Kyra Paul, Social Development Planner, Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and Investment, Dominica
- Ms. Marie Hinds, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago

13:30 - 14:30

Lunch break



Session 7: Capacity-building for sustainable development

14:30 - 15:10

Towards a global learning platform for SDG capacity-building

- Mr. Alex Mejia, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR

Global initiative on “Transformational Leadership and Equipping Public Servants with the capacities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals”: working together with schools of public administration

- Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG, UN DESA

Transformational Leadership and Transforming Public Servants’ Mindsets for the Sustainable Development Goals – Asia-Pacific Task Force

- Mr. Chae Gun Chung, Head, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPIDG, UN DESA

Improving Data Literacy to advance Sustainable Development Implementation

- Mr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean



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| 15:10 - 15:30 | <p>Partnership Corner</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Adriana Alberti, Chief, Programme Management and Capacity Development Unit, DPIDG, UN DESA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gabrielle Hosein, Head, Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus • Ms. Kurba-Marie Questelles, Regional Training and Development Coordinator, Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network • Mrs. Stacy Richards- Kennedy, Director of Development, University of the West Indies |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | <p>Coffee break</p>  |
| 15:45 - 17:00 | <p>Accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rochelle Whyte, Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica • H.E. Colin Murdoch, Senior Adviser, Office of the Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda • Ms. Lucrecia Morales, Programme Manager, Ministry of General Affairs, Sint Maarten <p>Lessons learned from three years of VNRs: Benefits, Main Building Blocks and maximizing the Impact of the VNRs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anya Thomas, Economic Affairs Officer, SIDS Unit, DSDG, UN DESA • Ms. Rochelle Whyte, Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica <p>Identifying capacity development needs for conducting a reviews and accelerating implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. María Ortiz Pérez, Programme Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC • Ms. Sarah Leon, Economist II, Department of Economic Development, Transport and Civil Aviation, Saint Lucia • Ms. Dominique Ambrose-Charles, Economic and Financial Analyst II, Ministry of Finance, Guyana |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | <p>Round-table: forward-looking discussion on strengthening institutional frameworks to advance the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean</p> |
| Closing Plenary | |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | <p>Conclusions and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECLAC, UNITAR and UN DESA <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Raul Garcia Buchaca, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECLAC • Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UNITAR • Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA |





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