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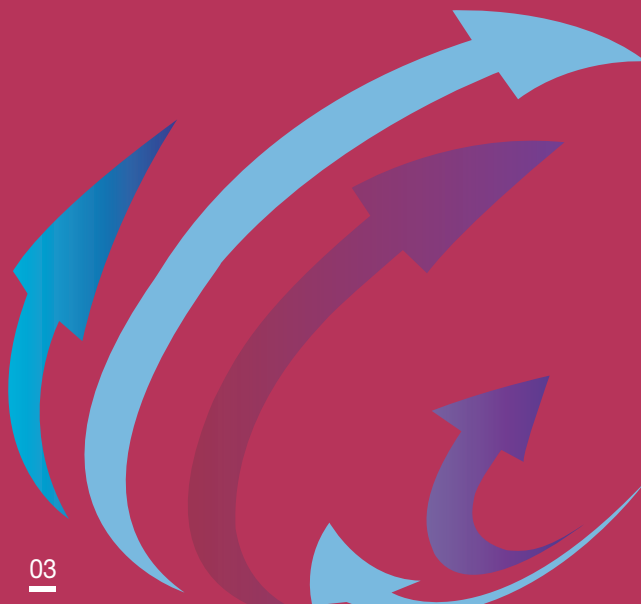
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Welcome to what we believe will be a mould-breaking gathering of progressive Caribbean policy-makers, thinkers, business and civil society leaders. We have ensured that this will be a Forum that amplifies the voices of dynamic young leaders willing to challenge the status quo and champion new solutions. We have worked hard to develop an innovative and ambitious forum designed specifically to catalyse disruptive thought, research and action needed to build a transformed and sustainable future for the Caribbean.

**OUR KEY THEMES WILL BE:**

- Capturing the ambitions of the region
- Embracing Caribbean convergence
- Tackling poverty and inequality
- Advocating innovative financing solutions
- Shaping a new Global Compact through diplomacy



5 **Day 01**  
Tuesday

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**Stimulating Radical Ideas**

On the first day academics from across the world, regional thought leaders and policy-makers will present radical ideas and an in-depth outline of practical outlines around our key themes, including Caribbean convergence, the resilience of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the quality of data for decision making and pathways to a more sustainable future.

**Venue: The Teaching and Learning Centre, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus**

6 **Day 02**  
Wednesday

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**Rethinking the Caribbean Future**

On day 2, we will begin to build a vision of how the Caribbean can be transformed by 2050. Comprising a series of keynote speeches by internationally renowned experts, followed by moderated roundtable discussions, delegates will discuss themes related to global and regional convergence including CARICOM integration and opportunities for convergence from the private sector. We will also address the critical role that the political economy and governance plays in delivering sustainable development.

**Venue: Hyatt Regency, Trinidad and Tobago**

7 **Day 03**  
Thursday

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**Taking Action for Sustainable Outcomes**

The final day of the Forum will focus on creating the momentum to take bold action for the future. Prompted by thought-provoking keynote speeches and roundtable discussions, delegates will be invited to debate innovative, yet practical, ways of tackling poverty and inequality, reducing debt levels, delivering green and blue growth strategies and human capital development, and the role of Caribbean diplomacy in the global world of politics.

**Venue: Hyatt Regency, Trinidad and Tobago**

*In short, our objective for the Forum is to generate disruptive thinking, stimulate bold action and deliver practical outcomes.*

We invite you to enjoy what promises to be the start of an exciting new chapter in Caribbean development.

# Stimulating Radical Ideas

Day 01

Tuesday

8:30 am

## Opening Remarks

**Professor Clement Sankat** – Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

## Opening Address

**Professor Patrick Watson** – Director, The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, St Augustine Campus

## Welcome Remarks

**Dr Antonio Prado** – Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

## Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between The University of the West Indies and UNDP

9:15 am

## Convergence of Ideas and Ideals

Moderator: **Dr David Anyanwu** – Academic Consultant

### 1. Macroeconomic Instability in Small Island States

**Dr Anthony Birchwood** – Lecturer, Department of Economics, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

### 2. Implementation Deficit: Why Member States Do Not Comply With CARICOM Directives

**Professor Paul C. Clement** – Chair, Department of Social Sciences, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York

### 3. Bank Spreads in the Caribbean

*Presented by* **Dr Dorian Noel** – Lecturer, Department of Management Studies, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus  
*Written with*

**Professor Michael Brei** – Assistant Professor, Economix, Paris  
**Dr Anthony Birchwood** – Lecturer, Department of Economics, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

10:30 am

## Coffee Break

10:45 am

## Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Moderator: **Ms Toni Thorne** – World Economic Forum Global Shaper Bridgetown hub and CEO of Thorne Publishing Productions

### 1. Vulnerability in Small Island Economies

*Presented by* **Dr Sebastian Auguste** – Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

*Written with* **Ms Magdalena Cornejo** – Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

## 10:45 am Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

### 2. Situating the Caribbean Within the New Global Political Economy of Development

**Dr Matthew Bishop** – Lecturer, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

### 3. Case Study for Building Resilience: A New Path to Sustainable Industry Development

**Mrs Indera Sagewan-Alli** – Executive Director, Caribbean Centre for Competitiveness, The University of the West Indies

## 12:00 pm Lunch

## 1:00 pm Better Data = Better Measurement = Better Decision Making

Moderator: **Ms Jennifer Raffoul** – World Economic Forum Global Shaper Port of Spain hub and Founder and CEO of Made in the Caribbean

### 1. Governance in the Caribbean SIDS – Evidence From Governance Global Indicators

**Professor Lino Briguglio** – Director, Islands and Small States Institute, University of Malta

### 2. Appropriate Multidimensional Indicators and Measurements of Poverty and Vulnerability for the Caribbean

*Presented by*

**Dr Valérie Angeon** – University of the French West Indies, Guadeloupe

*Written with*

**Dr Samuel Bates** – PSL Research University, Paris

### 3. An Empirical Analysis of Poverty and its Determinants in Trinidad and Tobago

*Presented by*

**Ms Raynata Wiggins** – PhD candidate, The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, St. Augustine Campus

*Written with*

**Dr Sandra Sookram** – Research Fellow, The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, St. Augustine Campus

## 2:15 pm From Resilience to Sustainability

Moderator: **Mr Kirk-Anthony Hamilton** – World Economic Forum Global Shaper Kingston Hub and Founder and CEO of The Ininiti Partnership

### 1. Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Coastal Zone Management

*Presented by*

**Dr Rahanna Juman** – Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

*Written with*

**Mr Kahlil Hassanali** – Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

### 2. The Inflationary Costs of the Extreme Weather: Evidence from the Caribbean

*Presented by*

**Professor Eric Strobl** – Ecole Polytechnique, Paris

*Written with*

**Dr Andreas Heinen** – Universite Cergy-Pontoise, Paris

**Dr Jeetendra Kadran** – Inter-American Development Bank

### 3. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as Indicators of Resilience to Climate Change in the Caribbean

*Presented by*

**Dr Perry Polar** – Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

*Written with*

**Dr Asad Mohammed** – Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

## 3:30 pm Coffee Break

## 3:45 pm Metrics for Sustainability

Moderator: **Ms Kaierouann Imarah Radix** – World Economic Forum Global Shaper Georgetown Hub and Executive director S4 Foundation

### 1. Measuring the Effectiveness of Models of Cooperation: Regional Integration and Cooperation as One of the Crucial Elements of Caribbean Development

**Mr Viktor Sukup** – Member, Board of Directors, Club of Rome/Brussels Guest Professor, University of Buenos Aires

3:45 pm **Metrics for Sustainability (cont'd)**

**2. Participatory Mapping: Caribbean Small Island Developing States**

*Presented by*

**Ms Alison K. DeGraff** – Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

*Written with*

**Dr Bheshem Ramlal** – Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

**3. New Pathways to Sustainable Development in the Caribbean**

**Dr Shariann Henry** – The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

5:00 pm **Reception**

hosted by Professor Clement Sankat – Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

# Rethinking the Caribbean Future

Day 02

# Wednesday

8:00 am **National Anthem of Trinidad and Tobago****Introduction**

**Ms Frances Seignoret** – Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

**Welcome**

**H.E. Irwin LaRocque** – Secretary General, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

**H.E. Alfonso Múnera Cavadía** – Secretary General, Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

**Opening Statement**

**Sir Hilary Beckles** – Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies

8:45 am **Session 1 – Global Convergence:  
A Place for the Caribbean**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

To disrupt the current paradigm of Caribbean integration and place the region in the global convergence process.

How does the Caribbean optimally position itself to benefit from a rapidly progressing global convergence agenda? What are the limits to Caribbean convergence: economics, politics or both? How can the Caribbean generate the political will to drive convergence? How can the region deepen integration with Latin America? How does the renewed US-Cuba relationship impact the Caribbean? What lessons can be learnt from highly successful integration models? Where does the Caribbean stand in the global convergence process?

**Opening Remarks and Introduction**

Moderator: **Mr Mark Wilson** – Economist Intelligence Unit

**A Convergence of Caribbean Economies: Will the Opportunity be Missed Again?****Introductory Keynote**

**The Honourable Winston Dookeran** – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

**The Pacific Alliance: Lessons for Caribbean Integration  
Keynote Address**

**H.E. Vanessa Rubio Márquez** – Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

8:45 am **Session 1 – Global Convergence:  
A Place for the Caribbean(cont'd)**

Round Table

**Convergence: The Caribbean and International partners**

**H.E. Henri-Paul Normandin** – Director General of the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada

**Improving Cooperation among Caribbean States**

**H.E. Alfonso Múnera Cavadía** – Secretary General, Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

**CARICOM as an Integration Model**

**H.E. Irwin LaRocque** – Secretary General, Caribbean Community

**Convergence of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras**

**H.E. Sergio de la Torre** – Minister of Economy, Guatemala

**Perspectives on Caribbean Convergence**

**Dr. Antonio F. Romero Gómez** – Chair of Caribbean Studies, Norman Girvan-University of Havana

**Discussants****Caribbean Convergence**

**Dr Matthew Bishop** – Lecturer, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

**US-Cuba Relations**

**Dr Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez** – Lecturer, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

**Dominican Republic's Role in Caribbean Convergence**

**Dr Iván E. Ogando Lora** – Director, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-RD) Dominican Republic Program

**Questions and Answers**10:45 am **Coffee Break**11:00 am **Session 2 – Location Strategies for  
the Caribbean: Convergence of  
Ideas and Ideals**

Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business

**Disruptive Action in the Private Sector: Lessons for Caribbean Convergence**

The Private Sector is a leading driver, beneficiary and blocker of regional integration. Caribbean convergence is moving apace among Private Sector players. What incentives would encourage the Private Sector to play an active role in regional policy debates and push convergence? What are the best opportunities and examples of Caribbean convergence from the Private Sector including Small and Medium Enterprises?

11:00 am

## Session 2 – Location Strategies for the Caribbean: Convergence of Ideas and Ideals (cont'd)

Presenter and Moderator

**Professor Miguel Carrillo** – Executive Director, The University of the West Indies Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business

Presenters

**Is there a Caribbean Sclerosis: A Critical assessment of the Private Sector**

**Dr Inder Ruprah** – Regional Economic Advisor, Inter-American Development Bank

**Building Private Sector Partnerships beyond the Caribbean: Is this Real or Illusionary?**

**H.E. Albert Ramdin** – Assistant Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS)

Round Table

**Mr Valmiki Kempadoo** – Social Entrepreneur and Founder of Kittitian Hill, St. Kitts and Nevis

**Dr Didacus Jules**, Director General – Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

**Mr Richard Lewis** – Chairman, Council for Competitiveness and Innovation Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

**Mr. Ian Chinapoo** – Executive Director, The Unit Trust Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago

**Questions and Answers**

1:00 pm

## Lunch

2:00 pm

## Session 3 – Building the Resilience of the Small States: A Strategic Vision for the Caribbean 2050

The Commonwealth Secretariat

To capture the burning aspirations of the Caribbean, outline concrete proposals for their achievement and to highlight the consequences of inaction.

Concrete steps to improve Caribbean development require visioning techniques and a careful assessment of the current development challenges, in particular citizen security, youth development, energy, Private Sector development and innovation. What will the ideal Caribbean look like in 2050? Where will the current growth and development strategies in the Caribbean lead? How can the Caribbean improve development prospects and build resilience to external shocks and new vulnerabilities? What are the practical outcomes for achieving an ideal Caribbean in 2050?

2:00 pm

## Session 3 – Building the Resilience of the Small States: A Strategic Vision for the Caribbean 2050 (cont'd)

Moderator and Keynote Presenter

**Context and Motivations for Caribbean Vision 2050**

**Mr Deodat Maharaj** – Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Social Development, Commonwealth Secretariat

Presenters

**Summary of the Key Findings**

**Dr Sylvia Charles** – Consultant and President of the Organization of Women of the Americas

**Dr Winston Moore** – Senior Lecturer, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

Round Table

**Youth**

**Ms Eleanor Joseph** – Caribbean Regional Youth Council Consultant

**Energy**

**Dr Marsha Atherley-Ikechi** – Utility Analyst, Fair Trading Commission

**Citizen Security**

**Professor Anthony Clayton** – Alcan Professor of Caribbean Sustainable Development, Institute for Sustainable Development, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

**Private Sector and Innovation**

**Professor Ryan Peterson** – Lecturer, University of Aruba

**Development Strategies**

**Dr Christine Clarke** – Lecturer, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

3:45 pm

## Coffee Break

4:00 pm

## Session 4 – New Thinking for New Times

To ascertain the reaction of political leaders on adopting disruptive and innovative ideas and ways to avoiding implementation deficit.

Political leaders play a crucial role in shaping the development path of nations. Top leaders with proper vision and who are willing to take decisive action are crucial for development. How can leaders in the region build the political will to take hard decisions?



4:00 pm

## Session 4 – New Thinking for New Times (cont'd)

### Opening Remarks

**The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar**

Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Moderator: **Professor Sir Hilary Beckles** – Vice-Chancellor,  
The University of the West Indies

### Keynote Address

**International Economic and Trade issues**

**H.E. Dr Mukhisa Kituyi** – Secretary General, United Nations Conference  
on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

### Keynote Address

**Reinventing Caribbean Regionalism in an Emerging Multiplex World**

**Professor Amitav Acharya** – Professor, School of International Service,  
American University, Washington, DC

### High Level Round Table

**The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar**

Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

**The Honourable Frederick Audley Mitchell Jr**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Bahamas

**Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves**

Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

**Dr. the Honourable Kenny Anthony**

Prime Minister of St. Lucia

**The Honourable Michiel Godfried Eman**

Prime Minister of Aruba

7:30 pm

Reception

# Taking Action for Sustainable Outcomes

Day 03

Thursday

8:00 am

**Welcome Message and Introduction**  
**Mr. Richard Blewitt** – United Nations Resident Coordinator

**Introductory Keynote Address**

**A New Approach to Sustainable Development Governance in the Caribbean: Is it Happening?**

**Senator Dr The Honourable Bhoendradatt Tewarie**  
 Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development, Trinidad and Tobago

**Keynote Address**

**The Caribbean in Post-2015 Development Planning**  
**Ms Amina Mohammed** – Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General

9:00 am

## Session 5 – Pillars for Sustainability

Moderator: **Dr Giovanni Di Cola** – Special Advisor of the Multilateral Cooperation, Department (Multilaterals), International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva

**Education: The Anchor for Caribbean Sustainability**

**Dr. Didacus Jules** – Director General of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

**Gender Deficit: The Challenge for Social Sustainability**

**Professor Patricia Mohammed** – Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The University of the West Indies

**H.E. Bernardo Alvarez** – Secretary General of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America and President of PETROCARIBE

10:45 am

**Coffee Break**

(parallel session)

11:00 am

## Session 6A – Poverty and Inequality: Can it End?

United Nations Development Programme

Finding innovative solutions and measurements of multidimensional poverty, well-being and inequality to improve resource allocation and decision making.

In the fight against poverty innovative approaches to resource mobilization and decision making is critical. Moreover, poverty is multidimensional and should be measured beyond income to include wider human deprivations. What are appropriate multidimensional poverty and well-being indicators? How can they be used to improve resource allocation, decision making and monitor policy interventions? How to improve data dissemination, quantity and quality to better inform the public? What best practices can be adopted to improve data quantity and quality? What are innovative solutions to poverty and inequality reduction?

**Opening Remarks and Introduction**

Moderator: **Professor Patrick Watson** – Director, The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus

**Presentations**

**Are Measurement Indicators for Poverty and Inequality the Problem?**

**Introductory keynote**

**Dr George Gray Molina** – Chief Economist, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP New York

**Is Mexico's Experience on Data Transparency Transferrable to the Caribbean?**

**Ms Martha Moreno Perez** – The National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy (Coneval)

**Are there Really Data Solutions for the Caribbean?**

**Dr Philomen Harrison** – Project Director, Regional Statistics, CARICOM

**Discussants**

**Education**

**Professor Clement Sankat** – Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

**Child Poverty and Gender**

**Mr Joaquín Guzmán Alemán** – Regional Adviser, Social Policy, UNICEF

**Health**

**Dr James Hospedales** – Executive Director, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

**Questions and Answers**

(parallel session)

## 11:00 am Session 6B – Bold Action and Outcomes: Governance Challenges

United Nations Development Programme

To advocate bold action and solutions to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development

What is the role of good governance in localizing the post-2015 sustainable development agenda? What is the role of political will and leadership required to overcome challenges to sustainable development challenges? How can the citizenry be adequately involved in the localization of the development agenda through inclusive and participatory decision-making and increase accountability and transparency? What are the new growth strategies for sustainable development? How can the rule of law be promoted at the national and regional level to foster a legal and political framework for sustainable development?

### Opening Remarks and Introduction

Moderator: **Ms Susan McDade** – Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

### Presentations

#### Governance Challenges in Development Planning

**Ms Amina Mohammed** – Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General

#### The Role of Multilaterals in strengthening good governance

**Mr. Gerard Johnson** – General Manager of the Caribbean Country Department, Inter-American Development Bank

#### Caribbean Governance: Are we missing Forecasting Skills?

**Anthony Clayton** – Alcan Professor, Caribbean Sustainable Development, Institute for Sustainable Development, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

### Discussants

#### Caribbean Governance and Multidimensional Security Threats

**Dr Wendy Grenade** – Lecturer, Department of Government, Sociology & Social Work, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus

#### New Governance Scenarios for Small States

**Professor Lino Briguglio** – Director, Islands and Small States Institute, University of Malta

#### Have Caribbean Growth Strategies Failed?

**Dr Justin Ram** – Director of Economics, Caribbean Development Bank

### Questions and Answers

## 1:00 pm Lunch

*Luncheon Presentations*

### Caribbean Youth and Regional Sustainability: Ensuring a Future for the Region

**Professor Rhoda Reddock** – Deputy Principal, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

**Mr Hamilton Moss** – Vice President of Energy of the Latin American Development Bank (CAF)

## 2:00 pm Session 7 – Advocating Innovative Financing Solutions

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

To advocate innovative financing solutions for the Caribbean amid high debt, reduced aid and stricter loan concessionality.

What can the Caribbean expect from the ongoing discussion on financing for development and what are the new opportunities for access to finance? What are the new and emerging opportunities for development financing domestically, regionally and internationally? How can the region identify strategies, partnerships and arrangements to create a new compact which seeks to establish a multi-stakeholder platform with governments, international development organizations, Private Sector and academics to arrive at practical solutions?

### Opening Remarks and Introduction

Moderator: **Dr Dillon Alleyne** – Deputy Director, ECLAC, Sub-regional Headquarters for the Caribbean

### Presentations

#### Addressing financing for development issues in the Caribbean

**Ms Gail Hurley** – Policy Specialist, Development Finance, UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support

#### New thinking on Bond Financing (diaspora and “blue” bonds)

**Mr Jwala Rambarran** – Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

### Discussants

**Mr Ransford Smith** – Former Deputy Secretary-General for Economic Affairs and Development of the Commonwealth of Nations

**Professor Emeritus Compton Bourne** – The University of the West Indies

### Questions and Answers

## 3:45 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm

## Session 8 – Global Diplomacy in the Caribbean

Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

To take bold action through diplomacy and advocacy in creating a new Global Compact that supports development in the Caribbean.

Diplomatic activity has to contend with a more plural and complex world that is experiencing tension resulting from concurrent processes of fragmentation and integration. In such a context, is there a role for Small States? What are the economics of new space diplomacy?

### Opening Remarks and Introduction

Moderator: **Professor Andy Knight** – Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies | Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, Canada

### Presentations

#### **The Future of Small States' Diplomacy: Matching Disruptive Thinking with Constructive Forms of Activity**

**Professor Andrew Cooper** – Professor of Political Science, University of Waterloo, Canada

#### **Asymmetrical Diplomacy or Diplomatic Asymmetries?**

##### **The Caribbean and Global Health Governance**

**Dr Obijiofor Aginam** – Head of Governance for Global Health, UNU International Institute for Global Health, Kuala Lumpur

#### **Strategic Diplomacy in the 21st Century: Survival Skill yet to be Learned**

**Professor Jochen Prantl** – Associate Professor, Australia National University

#### **Space Exploration and Developing Countries: A Tool for Diplomacy and Sustainability**

**Dr Camille Wardrop Alleyne** – Aerospace Engineer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

### Discussants

**Dr Alissa Trotz** – Caribbean Studies at New College and Women and Gender Studies University of Toronto, Canada

**Mr Rajiv Ramlal** – Senior Officer, Office of the Chef de Cabinet, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General

### Questions and Answers

6:00 pm

## Forum Closure

**Professor Clement Sankat** – Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus

**The Honourable Winston Dookeran** – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago





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