



## **Virtual meeting of Caribbean countries presenting their Voluntary National Reviews to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2020**

Objective: In 2020, eleven countries from the Latin America and the Caribbean region will present their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) expected to be held in July: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. In this context, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is holding two virtual meetings (one in Spanish for Latin American countries and one in English for English-speaking Caribbean countries) with national authorities in charge of follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, technical government representatives and experts from ECLAC and the United Nations System. The objective of this virtual meeting is to provide member States with a space for peer learning and sharing of experience in the preparation process towards the presentation of their VNRs at the HLPF.

### **PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 12 May 2020, 3.00 pm –Trinidad and Tobago time, GMT-4**

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|                       | Welcome and moderation by Diane Quarless, Director of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean  |
| 3.00 – 3.05 pm        | Opening remarks by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC   |
| 3.05 – 3.20 pm        | Presentation “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in times of COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean” by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC    |
| <b>3.20 – 3.50 pm</b> | <b>Presentation of Barbados</b>   |
|                       | Presentation: The Honourable Marsha Caddle, Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment of Barbados (15 minutes) |

Comments: Didier Trebucq, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Comments and final statement by Barbados

**3.50 – 4.20 pm**

**Presentation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

Presentation: Giselle Myers, Senior Economist, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (15 minutes)

Comments:

Diane Quarless, Director of ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Comments and final statement by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

**4.20 – 4.50 pm**

**Presentation of Trinidad and Tobago**

Presentation: Joanne Deoraj, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago

Comments: Marina Walter, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten

Comments and final statement by Trinidad and Tobago

**4.50 – 5.00 pm**

Closing remarks by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC