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Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee  
of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Port of Spain, 3 November 2023

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

(Trinidad and Tobago time, GMT-4)

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| 8.30–9 a.m.     | Registration   |
| 9–9.30 a.m.     | Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (pre-recorded video)</li><li>• Statement by Penelope Beckles, Minister of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago</li><li>• Statement by Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname, in his capacity as Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)</li></ul>                                    |
| 9.30–9.35 a.m.  | Adoption of the agenda<br>Procedural matters and organization of work  |
| 9.35–11.00 a.m. | High-level round-table discussion – Repositioning the Caribbean in a dynamic and competitive global environment<br><u>Moderator</u> : Penelope Beckles, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname</li><li>• Rodolfo Sabonge, Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)</li><li>• Alva Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia</li></ul> |
| 11–11.15 a.m.   | Coffee Break   |

- 11.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. High-level round-table discussion – Strategies to advance recovery and economic transformation
- Moderator: Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname
- E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda
  - Penelope Beckles, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago
  - Joseph E. Farrell, Premier of Montserrat
  - Manuel Rodriguez, Managing Director, Head of Latin America Investment Banking, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.
- 12.30–1.30 p.m. Lunch break
- 1.30–2.30pm Round-table discussion – Furthering the SIDS agenda in the Caribbean
- Moderator: Angella Comfort, Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica
- E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda
  - Cletus Springer, consultant, Saint Lucia
  - Amrikha Singh, Programme Manager for Sustainable Development, Directorate of Economic Integration, Innovation and Development of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
  - Kennethia Douglas, Project Manager, Sustainable Development Goals, Technical Co-operation Unit, Ministry of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago
- 2.30–4 p.m. Round-table discussion – Confronting the implementation deficit through strengthened institutional capacity
- Moderator: Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname
- Carina Cockburn, Country Representative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for Trinidad and Tobago
  - Joanna Kazana-Wisniowiecki, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Trinidad and Tobago
  - Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of Environment of Antigua and Barbuda (virtual)
  - Wilberne Persaud, Economist, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados (virtual)
- 4–4.30 p.m. Implementation of the 2022 programme of work for the Caribbean

- 4.30–4.45 p.m. Other matters  
Date and venue of the thirtieth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee
- 4.45–5 p.m. Conclusions and recommendations
- 5–5.30 p.m. Closing remarks:
- Diane Quarless, Chief, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean
  - Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname, in his capacity as Chair of CDCC