

Workshop "Contributions of international migration to sustainable development"

This workshop is part of the activities of the United Nations Development Account project "Harnessing the contribution of intra-regional migration to socio-economic development in Latin American and Caribbean countries" (12th tranche), which focuses on five countries (Costa Rica, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru).

Organized by: Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE), Population Division of the ECLAC and ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean with the collaboration of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Date: June 1st and 2nd, 2023

Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (local time)

Place: Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica. Port Antonio Conference room,

Objective: To reflect and discuss on the migration reality of both Jamaica and the wider Caribbean, promoting a multi-stakeholder dialogue among public and private sectors, in order to inform decision-makers and contribute to public policymaking. Presentations and round-table discussions will contribute to characterizing contemporary migration in Jamaica and the Caribbean subregion. There will be opportunities for participants to share their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities arising from migration and the importance of building well-informed discourses on this issue to inform public policy.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Day 1 – Contributions of international migration to sustainable development in Jamaica

08:00 – 09:00 am **Registration of participants**

09:00 – 09:30 am **Opening Session**

Chair: Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Opening remarks

- Wayne Henry, Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Simone Cecchini, Director of CELADE – Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Dr. Richard Amenyah, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, The Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands
- Stacey Clarke, Head of Office, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Jamaica

09:30 – 09:45 am **Presentation of the project** "Harnessing the contribution of intra-regional migration to socio-economic development in Latin American and Caribbean countries"

Pamela Villalobos

CELADE – Population Division of the ECLAC

With the collaboration of:



- 09:45 – 09:55 am **Video presentation of the study on the contribution of international migration to sustainable development in selected countries**
María Verónica Cano, Senior Research Assistant, CELADE – Population Division of the ECLAC
- 09:55 – 10:10 am **The contemporary migration scenario in the Caribbean with emphasis on the contributions of international migration in Jamaica**
Francis Jones, Population Affairs Officer, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- 10:10 – 10:25 am **Perspectives and strategies for enhancing social and labour integration of Caribbean migrants**
Francesco Carella, ILO
- 10:25 – 10:45 am **Progress in the implementation of the National Policy on International Migration and Development in Jamaica and challenges in harnessing the contributions of migration**
Antonette Richards, Programme Director for the Civil Registration and Migration Policy Project Unit, PIOJ
- 10:45 – 11:15 am **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 12:30 pm **Participation and group discussion**
Space for reflection and group discussion based on the methodology of the World Café. Participants group together to discuss outcomes, challenges and recommendations for harnessing the contributions of migration.

Moderators: CELADE representatives.
- 12:30 – 12:50 pm **Plenary**
Participants will return from group work to present the conclusions of the discussion. One representative per group will present in the plenary. Questions will be answered by the organizers and the participants.
- 12:50 – 1:00 pm **Closing remarks**
Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Day 2 – Contributions of international migration to sustainable development in the Caribbean

09:00 – 09:15 am

Opening session

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

Opening Remarks

Diane Quarless

Recap of Day 1

A brief overview of the discussions of Day 1 of the workshop and main conclusions reached in the Plenary session.

Pamela Villalobos, CELADE – Population Division of the ECLAC

09:15 – 09:55 am

Presentation of Study: Trends in international migration in the Caribbean and the status of statistical capacity in the collection, dissemination, and use of international migration data in the Caribbean
Daniel Leon, Associate Social Affairs Officer, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

09:55 – 10:30 am

Discussion of Study

All participants

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:45 am

Panel Discussion: International Migration in the Caribbean: Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainable Development

- Katrina Yearwood, Chief Immigration Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade & Immigration, Antigua and Barbuda
- Dylan Williams, Director, Policy and Planning Unit, Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, Belize
- Rochelle Nakhid, Coordinator, Living Water Community, Trinidad and Tobago

Questions and Answers

12:45 – 1:00 pm

Closing of workshop

Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean