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Learning Conference

Implementing the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean Region

15 - 16 MAY 2019

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AGENDA



DAY 1 15 May 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:15 - 8:30	Meet-up
Opening Plenary	
9:00 - 9:30	Inaugural Ceremony
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	Status of the 2030 Agenda implementation in the Caribbean
10:00 - 10:15	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
10:15 - 10:30	Regional approaches to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SAMOA Pathway
10:30 - 11:45	National perspectives and experiences in localizing the 2030 Agenda Interactive Dialogue
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break 
Session 2: Mobilizing public institutions for a holistic implementation of the 2030 Agenda	
12:00 - 13:00	Institutional arrangements for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda Interactive Learning session: "From single interest to shared purpose: The Whole-of-government Approach" (1st part)
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break 
14:00 - 15:00	Interactive Learning session: "From single interest to shared purpose: The Whole-of-Government Approach" (2nd part)
Session 3: Policy coherence in Caribbean countries for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda	
15:00 - 15:30	The 2019 Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and its Sub-regional Consultations in support of policy coherence
15:30 - 15:45	Achieving policy coherence in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda: What does it take?



<p>15:45 - 16:30</p>	<p>Interactive Learning session: knowledge-sharing of innovative practices on ensuring policy coherence</p> <p>National perspectives and experiences on development planning and policy coherence Presentations from Caribbean country representatives</p> <p>Financing for Development and Public Expenditure Review</p>
<p>16:30 - 16:45</p>	<p>Coffee break </p>
<p>16:45 - 17:45</p>	<p>Interactive Learning session: National perspectives and experiences on development planning and policy coherence</p> <p>Panel discussion among VNR Caribbean country representatives</p> <p>Interactive Dialogue</p>



DAY 2 16 May 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:15 - 8:30	Meet-up
Session 4: Strategic positioning of the sustainable development agendas in the Caribbean	
9:00 - 9:30	<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	Coffee break
Session 5: Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships for Sustainable Development	
10:45 - 11:00	<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. Curmira 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. Joycelyne Croes, Special Advisor on Multilateral Affairs and Chair, National Aruba SDG Commission, Aruba
- 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

12:45 - 13:30

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



15:10 - 15:30	<p>Partnership Corner 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 • Dr. 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 <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. Dominique Ambrose-Charles, Economic and Financial Analyst II, Ministry of Finance, Guyana • Mrs. Adriana Sharpe, Assistant Director, Technical Cooperation Unit, Ministry of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago
17:00 - 17:30	<p>Round-table: forward-looking discussion on strengthening institutional frameworks to advance the 2030 Agenda in the Caribbean 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

