



Caribbean Forum on Population, Youth and Development
 Marriott Hotel, Georgetown, Guyana, 24-26 July, 2018

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 24 July

0830 – 0900
 0900 – 1000

Registration

Opening of the Meeting

Chairperson: Vishal H. Joseph, CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Guyana

Opening statements by:

- Dr. Douglas Slater, Assistant Secretary-General, Human and Social Development, CARICOM Secretariat
- Hon. Dr. George Norton, Minister of Social Cohesion, Guyana
- Hon. Lalini Gopal, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Suriname - delivering message from H.E. Desiré Delano Bouterse, President of Suriname, CARICOM Lead Head of Government for Community Development

Interlude - Parkside Steel Orchestra

- Monica La Bennett, Vice-President (Operations), Caribbean Development Bank
- Alison Drayton, Director, Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean, UNFPA
- Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Interlude - Spoken word - Melessa Vassell, President, Jamaica Youth Theatre

- Shaquille Knowles, Chairperson, Caribbean Regional Youth Council - Joint statement from Youth Organisations

1000 – 1030

Coffee Break and official group photo

1030 – 1130
Session 1 A

**The Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes + 20:
A Progress Report on the Caribbean**

Presentation of the *Caribbean Synthesis Report on the Implementation of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes*, preliminary recommendations and priority areas for action.

Facilitator: Ferranto Dongor, Youth Development Specialist, Suriname

Moderator: Hilary Brown, Programme Manager, Culture and Community Development, CARICOM Secretariat

- Catarina Camarinhas, Social Affairs Officer, UN ECLAC
- André Browne, Dean, CARICOM Youth Ambassador Corps
- Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts, Research Fellow, SALISES, University of the West Indies

1130 – 1230
Session 1 B

Implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Presentation and discussion of the *Implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean: A Review of the Period 2013-2018*.

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

- Francis Jones, Population Affairs Officer, UN ECLAC
- Alison Drayton, Director, Subregional Office for the Caribbean, UNFPA
- Andre Richards, Senior Demographer, Planning Institute of Jamaica
- Michele Jules, Policy Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Suriname

1230 – 1330

Lunch / Introduction of youth groups

1330 – 1500
Session 1 C

Frameworks to Support the Implementation of Youth Policies and Programmes in the Caribbean

Presentation and discussion of the main policy frameworks for youth development in the Caribbean: opportunities for synergies and improved coordination.

Moderator: Bren Romney, Director, Department of Youth and Culture, Anguilla

- Ram Sushil, Programme Manager, The Commonwealth Secretariat
- Nicola Shepherd, Focal Point on Youth, UN/DESA (Virtual presentation)
- Hilary Brown, Programme Manager, Culture and Community Development, CARICOM Secretariat
- Kemberley Gittens, Social Analyst, Caribbean Development Bank

1500 – 1515

Coffee Break

1515 – 1700

**SPECIAL
SESSION**

Mobilizing Youth to Advance the 2030 Agenda

A session about the efforts of young people to advance implementation of the SDGs – with youth participants from the region and contributions from the online, preparatory Youth Dialogue Sessions.

Facilitator: Richard Berwick, Youth Development Specialist, Jamaica

Moderator: Kylah Ciego, CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Belize

- Beryl Manhoef, SDG Youth Ambassador, Suriname
- Michael McGarrell, Youth Advocate, Guyana and Amazon Basin
- Chetwynd Osborne, Policy Analyst at the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, Guyana
- Kurba-Marie Questelles, Commonwealth Youth Council, Trinidad and Tobago
- Melessa Vassell, President, Jamaica Youth Theatre

1700 – 1730

Day 1 Wrap-up Session

- Ferranto Dongor, Youth Development Specialist, Suriname
- Richard Berwick, Youth Development Specialist, Jamaica
- Sherwin Bridgewater, Youth Development Specialist, Trinidad and Tobago

1800 – 1930

**SIDE EVENT FOR
YOUTH
PARTICIPANTS**

CARICOM Side Event: Training/Networking Session

- Sherwin Bridgewater, Youth Development Specialist, Trinidad and Tobago
- Andreas Karsten, Executive Director, Youth Policy Labs

Wednesday, 25 July

0900 – 1000
Session 2 A

Youth Policy Interventions and Programmes: A Best Practice Exchange

A session presenting case studies to address the challenges of youth at risk, providing success stories in the coordination of multidimensional interventions.

Moderator: John Roach, Chief Youth Development Officer, Dominica

- Alicia Glasgow Gentles, Executive Director, The MultiCare Youth Foundation (YUTE Programme)
- Courtney Brown, Country Manager, Community, Family and Youth Resilience Program (USAID), Guyana
- Andreas Karsten, Executive Director, Youth Policy Labs
- Teocah Dove, Social Development and Communications for Development Consultant

1000 – 1015

Coffee Break

1015 – 1120
Session 2 B

New and Emerging Youth Employment Opportunities

A thematic session highlighting opportunities for youth employment in new and emerging sectors, including the blue, green and creative economies. The session will also discuss policy-level interventions to address the disproportionately high levels of youth unemployment in the Caribbean, including entrepreneurship development.

Moderator: Resel Melville, National Project Coordinator, Child Labour, International Labour Organization

- Raquel Frederick, Research Analyst and Wayne Elliot, Research Analyst, CDB (Virtual presentation)
- Ram Sushil, Programme Manager, The Commonwealth Secretariat
- Richard Berwick, Lead Facilitator, Creativity for Employment and Business Opportunity (CEBO)
- Riane de Haas Bledoeg, Deputy Programme Manager, Culture, CARICOM Secretariat

1130 – 1230
Session 2 C

Access to Appropriate Education and Training

The panel will discuss challenges and obstacles hindering access to quality, relevant and appropriate education and training, and will underscore linkages with youth employment through skills development, technology, vocational education and training opportunities.

Moderator: Sophia Zachariah, Senior Programme Officer, Department of Youth Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda

- Maria Claudia Camacho, Chief, Labour and Employment Section, OAS
- Franz George, Caribbean and Americas Representative, Commonwealth Youth Council
- Paolo Marchi, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Guyana and Suriname
- Patricia McPherson, Deputy Programme Manager, Education, CARICOM Secretariat

1230 – 1330

Lunch / Introduction of youth groups

1330 – 1500
Session 2 D

Youth Political and Civic Participation

The panel will discuss strategies and approaches to ensure active youth participation in political and socio-economic development processes at community, national and regional levels.

Moderator: Gregory Willock, Parliamentary Secretary, Montserrat

- Tijani Christian, Chairperson, Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC)
- Zaviska Lamsberg, UNFPA Youth Advisory Group, Suriname
- Latoya Charles, Interim PRO Saint Lucia National Youth Council
- Vishal H. Joseph, CARICOM Youth Ambassador, Guyana
- Andrea Gisselle Burbano Fuertes, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean

1500 – 1515

Coffee Break

1515 – 1730
Session 2 E

Recommendations for Increased Youth Engagement in Development Frameworks – A Proposal for Action

The Forum will discuss and agree on priority actions to advance the regional youth development agenda and formulate a proposal to create a regional mechanism to facilitate youth participation, engagement and collaboration.

Moderators: Hilary Brown, Programme Manager, Culture and Community Development, CARICOM Secretariat and Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts, Research Fellow, SALISES, University of the West Indies

- Asha-Gaye Cowell, President 2017-2018, UWI STAT Vice Chancellor's Ambassador Corps, Mona Chapter
- Cleviston Hunte, Director of Youth Affairs, Barbados
- Kevin Andall, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth Development, Sport, Culture and the Arts, Grenada

1800 – 1930
SIDE EVENT

Game-networking

- Teocah Dove, Social Development and Communications for Development Consultant

Thursday, 26 July

0900 – 1030
3 A

An Intergenerational Dialogue: What role for older persons in the changing structure of the family, community and workplace in the Caribbean?

Perspectives on work, life, care and intergenerational relations.

Facilitators: Ferranto Dongor, Youth Development Specialist, Suriname and Richard Berwick, Youth Development Specialist, Jamaica

- Jennifer Rouse, Director of Ageing, Trinidad and Tobago
- Sean Davis, Deputy Chairperson, Youth Advisory Council of Jamaica
- Carole Bishop, Member, Guyana Commission for the Family
- Shakira Lowe, 'I am a Girl Barbados'

1030 – 1045

Coffee Break

1045 – 1230
3 B

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender Equality

Policy initiatives to better serve the needs of Caribbean youth, women and marginalized groups

Moderator: Jicinta Alexis, Ministry of Social Development and Housing, Grenada

- Dona da Costa Martinez, Executive Director, Family Planning Association of Trinidad and Tobago

- Dennis Glasgow, SRH Advocate and Member of the PANCAP Steering Committee on Youth Advocacy
- Alison McLean, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office, Caribbean
- Akola Thompson, Social Activist, Guyana

1230 – 1330

Lunch / Introduction of youth groups

1330 – 1500
3 C

Migration, Diaspora and Development

Managing skilled migration and engaging the diaspora in national development.

Moderator: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC

- Eraina Yaw, International Organization for Migration
- Indianna Minto-Coy, Senior Research Fellow, Mona School of Business and Management, University of the West Indies
- Michael Brotherson, Head of the Diaspora Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guyana

1530 – 1630

Coffee Break

1630 – 1730

Closure of the Meeting

- Hon. Lalini Gopal, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs
- Agreement on key actions for the implementation and follow-up on the Montevideo Consensus
- Consideration of the recommendations of the meeting
- Closing remarks