Fifth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable
Promoting climate resilience and sustainable economic growth in the Caribbean.

Gros Islet, 26 April 2018

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

0815 hrs – 0855 hrs  Registration

0855 hrs – 0900 hrs  Security briefing

0900 hrs – 0920 hrs  Opening of the meeting

Statement by Raúl Garcia Buchaca, Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Statement by The Honourable Allen Michael Chastanet, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service

0920 hrs – 1030 hrs  Implementing the ECLAC debt swap initiative

Presentation by Daniel Titleman, Director, Economic Development Division, ECLAC

Plenary discussion

1030 hrs – 1100 hrs  Official group photo and coffee break

1100 hrs – 1230 hrs  Financing green investment for resilience building and structural transformation in the Caribbean

Moderator: The Honourable Oliver Joseph, Minister for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and CARICOM Affairs, Grenada

Patrick McCaskie, Director, Research and Planning Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Barbados

Nirad Tewarie, Chief Executive Officer, American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago

Diann Black-Layne, Chief Environment Officer, Antigua and Barbuda
1230 hrs – 1400 hrs  Lunch

Promoting fiscal responsibility and financial management within the context of the region’s high debt burden

Moderator: Stephen O’Malley, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Barbados and the OECS

Bert van Selm, Deputy Division Chief Caribbean II, International Monetary Fund

Michael Baptiste, Independent Public Policy Consultant

Michele Robinson, Consultant, Debt Management

Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean – Launch of ECLAC PER Manual

1400 hrs – 1530 hrs

1530 hrs – 1545 hrs  Coffee break

1545 hrs – 1715 hrs  Addressing the vulnerability of Caribbean economies caused by de-risking and challenges to the offshore financial sector

Moderator: Ivan Ogando Lora, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic

Presentation by Sheldon McLean, Coordinator, Economic Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean

The Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

The Honourable Mark Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis and Premier of Nevis

Filippo Alario, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Belize Bank Ltd

1715 hrs – 1745 hrs  Closing of the meeting

1800 hrs – 2000 hrs  Cocktail Reception