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Sixth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable:
Securing Debt Sustainability and Resilience in the time of COVID-19

Virtual meeting, 10 September 2020

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

0900 hrs – 10.00 hrs **Online Registration**

Opening of the meeting

Statements by:

1000 hrs – 1015 hrs

- Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Financing for Development in the era of COVID-19 and beyond

1015 hrs – 1200 hrs

Report on the Global Finance Ministers Meeting
Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Keynote Address by the Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados

Ministerial dialogue

Panel Discussion

1200 hrs – 1315 hrs

Short-term solutions to the liquidity and debt challenges in the Caribbean, and strategies for resilience building and economic restructuring post-COVID-19

Panellists:

- *Practical and actionable approaches to managing debt and liquidity challenges in the Caribbean* - Stephanie Blankenburg, Head, Debt and Development Finance Branch Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- *What role for the private sector in economic restructuring and resilience building in the Caribbean?* - Ian De Souza, Principal Adviser of Advice Financial.com and Former Executive Director of Republic Bank Ltd
- *Facilitating economic restructuring in the Caribbean* - Vanus James, Economist, Trinidad and Tobago
- *Exploring the scope for GCF participation in debt for climate adaptation swaps* - Babita Bisht, Deputy Director, Division of External Affairs, Green Climate Fund
- *Progress on the ECLAC debt for climate adaptation swap initiative* - Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda
- *Establishing a Resilience Fund for the Caribbean: Key elements of its structure and functioning* - Justin Ram, Economist, Barbados

Discussion

Closing remarks

1315 hrs – 1330 hrs

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines