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High-level meeting to advance consideration of the ECLAC Caribbean Resilience Fund
Antigua and Barbuda
July 26 – 29, 2022

Day 1: Tuesday, 26 July	
8.30 – 8.30 a.m.	Registration
9.00 – 9.45 a.m.	Opening of the Meeting Welcome by the Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration, Antigua and Barbuda Welcome by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean
9.45 – 10.45 a.m.	The ECLAC Debt for Climate Adaptation Swap Initiative and the CRF Presentation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheldon Mclean, Coordinator, Economic Development Unit, ECLAC Caribbean
	Discussion led by Respondents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change• Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Belize
10.45 – 11.00 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 12.00 p.m.	Consideration of Liability Management Operations for Debt Restructuring and Liquidity Enhancement Moderator: Sheldon McLean Presentation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert Weary, Chief Executive Officer, Aqua Blue Investments
12.00 p.m. – 1.00 pm	Discussion led by Respondents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manuel Rodriguez, Credit Suisse Global Sovereign Structuring Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Bindley-Taylor, Former IMF Economist, Expert on Climate Finance • Anthony Murphy, Founder/Managing Director, Prime Advocates • David Scatterday, Analyst, Reparations Finance Lab (<i>Virtual</i>)
1.00 – 2.30 pm	LUNCH
2.30 – 4.00 pm	<p>Consideration of the proposed CRF Window 3: Debt and Liquidity Moderator: Sheldon McLean Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enith Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations Finance Lab • Robert Weary, Chief Executive Officer, Aqua Blue Investments
4.00 – 4.15 pm	COFFEE BREAK
4.15 – 5.30 pm	<p>Discussion led by Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harold Lewis, Debt Manager, Ministry of Finance, St. Vincent and the Grenadines • Francis Fontenelle, Director of Finance, St. Lucia • Nadia Spencer-Henry, Debt Manager, Antigua and Barbuda • Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Belize
Day 2: Wednesday, 27 July	
9.00 – 10.45 am	<p>Capitalization of the CRF: Engaging with donors/investors</p> Moderator: Michael Hendrickson Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enith Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations Finance Lab • Esteban Perez, Chief, FFD Unit, ECLAC SGO (<i>Virtual</i>)
10.45 a.m. – 11.00 am	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 1.00 pm	<p>Discussion led by Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly Wade, Director, Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Belize • Wilberne Persaud, Independent Consultant, Finance and Sustainable Development
1.00 – 2.30 p.m.	LUNCH

<p>2.30 p.m. – 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Structure and functioning of the CRF Window 2: Growth and Competitiveness</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Hendrickson</p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund • Vanus James, Regional Economic Consultant (<i>Virtual</i>)
<p>4.00 – 4.15 pm</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>4.15 – 5.30 pm</p>	<p>Discussion led by Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angus Friday, Former Ambassador of Grenada to the United States and the Organization of American States (<i>Virtual</i>) • Wilberne Persaud, Independent Consultant, Finance and Sustainable Development • Esteban Perez, Chief, FFD Unit, ECLAC SGO (<i>Virtual</i>)
<p>Day 3: Thursday, 28 July</p>	
<p>9.00 – 10.45 am</p>	<p>Structure and functioning of the CRF Window 1: Resilience Building</p> <p>Moderator: Dillon Alleyne</p> <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change
<p>10.45 a.m. – 11.00 am</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11.00 a.m. – 1.00 pm</p>	<p>Discussion led by Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Bynoe, Assistant Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre • UnaMay Gordon, Principal Director, Climate Change Division, Jamaica • Beverly Wade, Director, Blue Bonds and Finance, Permanence Unit, Office of the Prime Minister of Belize
<p>1.00 – 2.30 p.m.</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>

<p>2.30 – 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Housing the CRF</p> <p>Moderator: Dillon Alleyne</p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund • Ian Durant, Director, Economics Department, Caribbean Development Bank <i>(Virtual)</i> • Justin Ram, Chief Executive Officer, Justin Ram Advisory Services Ltd. <i>(Virtual)</i>
<p>4.00 - 4.15 pm</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>4.15 - 5.30 pm</p>	<p>Discussion led by Respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilberne Persaud, Independent Consultant, Finance and Sustainable Development • Esteban Perez, Chief, FFD Unit, ECLAC SGO <i>(Virtual)</i> • Angus Friday, Former Ambassador of Grenada to the United States and the Organization of American States <i>(Virtual)</i> • Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change • Colin Young, Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
<p>Day 4: Friday, 29 July</p>	
<p>9.00 – 10.45 am</p>	<p>Consideration of meeting outcomes</p> <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC Caribbean
<p>10.45 a.m. – 11.00 am</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11.00 a.m. – 12.30 pm</p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion on Next Steps:</p> <p>Moderator: Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change • Vanus James, Regional Economic Consultant <i>(Virtual)</i> • Angus Friday, Former Ambassador <i>(Virtual)</i> • Enith Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations Finance Lab • Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund
<p>12.30 –1.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing of the Meeting</p> <p>Statement by the Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration, Antigua and Barbuda</p> <p>Statement by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean</p>