# High-level meeting to advance consideration of the ECLAC Caribbean Resilience Fund

Antigua and Barbuda

July 26 – 29, 2022

## Day 1: Tuesday, 26 July

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<td>8.30 – 8.30 a.m.</td>
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<td>9.00 – 9.45 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Opening of the Meeting</strong>&lt;br&gt;Welcome by the Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration, Antigua and Barbuda&lt;br&gt;Welcome by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean</td>
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<td>9.45 – 10.45 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>The ECLAC Debt for Climate Adaptation Swap Initiative and the CRF</strong>&lt;br&gt;Presentation by:&lt;br&gt;  • Sheldon Mclean, Coordinator, Economic Development Unit, ECLAC Caribbean&lt;br&gt;Discussion led by Respondents:&lt;br&gt;  • Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change&lt;br&gt;  • Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Belize</td>
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<td>10.45 – 11.00 a.m.</td>
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<td>11.00 – 12.00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Consideration of Liability Management Operations for Debt Restructuring and Liquidity Enhancement</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Sheldon McLean&lt;br&gt;Presentation by:&lt;br&gt;  • Robert Weary, Chief Executive Officer, Aqua Blue Investments&lt;br&gt;Discussion led by Respondents:&lt;br&gt;  • Manuel Rodriguez, Credit Suisse Global Sovereign Structuring Team</td>
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<td>12.00 p.m. – 1.00 pm</td>
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| 2.30 – 4.00 pm| **Consideration of the proposed CRF Window 3: Debt and Liquidity**
Moderator: Sheldon McLean
Presentations by:
- 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| **Discussion led by Respondents:**
- 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

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| 9.00 – 10.45 am| **Capitalization of the CRF: Engaging with donors/investors**
Moderator: Michael Hendrickson
Presentations by:
- Enith Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations Finance Lab
- Esteban Perez, Chief, FFD Unit, ECLAC SGO (Virtual) |
| 10.45 a.m. – 11.00 am | COFFEE BREAK                                               |
| 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 pm | **Discussion led by Respondents:**
- Beverly Wade, Director, Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Belize
- Wilberne Persaud, Independent Consultant, Finance and Sustainable Development |
<p>| 1.00 – 2.30 p.m. | LUNCH                                                      |</p>
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| 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 pm | **Structure and functioning of the CRF Window 2: Growth and Competitiveness**  
Moderator: Michael Hendrickson  
Presentations by:  
  - Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund  
  - Vanus James, Regional Economic Consultant *(Virtual)* |
| 4.00 – 4.15 pm   | **COFFEE BREAK**                                                       |
| 4.15 – 5.30 pm   | **Discussion led by Respondents:**  
  - Angus Friday, Former Ambassador of Grenada to the United States and the Organization of American States *(Virtual)*  
  - Wilberne Persaud, Independent Consultant, Finance and Sustainable Development  
  - Esteban Perez, Chief, FFD Unit, ECLAC SGO *(Virtual)* |

**Day 3: Thursday, 28 July**

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| 9.00 – 10.45 am | **Structure and functioning of the CRF Window 1: Resilience Building**  
Moderator: Dillon Alleyne  
Presentation by:  
  - Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change |
| 10.45 a.m. – 11.00 am | **COFFEE BREAK**                                                       |
| 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 pm | **Discussion led by Respondents:**  
  - 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. | <strong>LUNCH</strong>                                                             |</p>
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<td>2.30 – 4.00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Housing the CRF</strong></td>
<td>Moderator: Dillon Alleyne&lt;br&gt;Presentations by:&lt;br&gt;• Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund&lt;br&gt;• Ian Durant, Director, Economics Department, Caribbean Development Bank (<em>Virtual</em>)&lt;br&gt;• Justin Ram, Chief Executive Officer, Justin Ram Advisory Services Ltd. (<em>Virtual</em>)</td>
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<td>9.00 – 10.45 am</td>
<td><strong>Consideration of meeting outcomes</strong></td>
<td>Presentation by:&lt;br&gt;• Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC Caribbean</td>
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<td>11.00 a.m. – 12.30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Roundtable Discussion on Next Steps:</strong></td>
<td>Moderator: Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean&lt;br&gt;• Diann Black-Layne, Director, Department of the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador for Climate Change&lt;br&gt;• Vanus James, Regional Economic Consultant (<em>Virtual</em>)&lt;br&gt;• Angus Friday, Former Ambassador (<em>Virtual</em>)&lt;br&gt;• Enith Williams, Founder/Executive Director, Reparations Finance Lab&lt;br&gt;• Rodinald Soomer, Chief Executive Officer, CARICOM Development Fund</td>
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<td>12.30 –1.00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Closing of the Meeting</strong></td>
<td>Statement by the Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration, Antigua and Barbuda&lt;br&gt;Statement by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Caribbean</td>
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