Caribbean symposium on mainstreaming The Sustainable Development Goals in national development planning

Kingston, 14-16 February 2017

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Tuesday 14 February

08:00 – 08:30 Registration

08:30 – 09:00 Opening of the symposium
- Welcome remarks by Ambassador Sheila Sealey Monteith, Under Secretary, Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica
- Statement by H.E. Joachim Schmillen, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Jamaica and the Bahamas
- Opening Address by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

09:00 – 10:00 Understanding the global and regional frameworks for SDG follow-up and review
Moderator: H.E. Pennelope Beckles, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations

- An overview of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development
  Romain Zivy, Deputy Chief of Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Positioning to implement the Sustainable Development Goal indicators framework
  Carol Coy, Director-General, Statistical Institute of Jamaica

10:00 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break
10:50 – 11:50  National institutional frameworks for planning and implementing the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway
Moderator: Ambassador Dessima Williams, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development Goals, Office of the President of UN General Assembly

- Finding a home for the SDGs in national implementation strategies
  Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- Ensuring national ownership of the SDGs
  Elsie Laurence-Chounoune, PhD, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Jamaica

11:50 – 12:30  Discussion

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch

13:30 – 14:30  The Caribbean experience in mainstreaming the SDGs in existing national development plans
Moderator: Ambassador Colin Murdoch, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda

- Barbados: Medium-Term Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) 2013-2020
  Patrick McCaskie, Director, Research and Planning Unit, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
- Belize: Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) 2016-2019
  Carlos Pol, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Development and Petroleum
- Jamaica: Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan
  Elizabeth Emmanuel, Programme Director, Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica

14:30 – 15:00  Discussion

15:00 – 15:15  Coffee break
15:15 – 16:00 The Caribbean experience in integrating from inception the SDGs in new national development plans

Moderator: Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

- **Curacao: National Development Plan Curacao 2015-2030**
  Luelo Girigorie, Policy Director, Ministry of Economic Development
- **Guyana: National Development Strategy**
  Sonya Roopnauth, Director of Budget, Ministry of Finance
- **Saint Lucia: National Vision Plan**
  Cecil Charles, Economist, Department of Finance
- **Suriname: National Development Plan 2017-2021**
  Reynold Simons, Director, National Planning Office

16:00 – 16:30 Discussion

16:30 – 16:45 Conclusions

Day 2 - Wednesday 15 February

09:00 – 10:15 Examining tools for integrated national development planning

Moderator: Wayne Henry, Director-General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

- Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- Hugh Morris, Manager, Modelling Unit, Economic Planning and Research Division, Planning Institute of Jamaica

10:15 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
11:00–12:00  
**Tools and initiatives for statistical capacity building**

Moderator: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

- **Project for the Regional Advancement of Statistics in the Caribbean (PRASC)**
  Tracey Leesti, Director, Income Statistics Division, Statistics Canada
- **CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators**
  Isiuwa Iyahen, Programme Specialist, Economic Empowerment and Statistics, UN-Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean
- **Data Roadmaps and Toolbox**
  Aditya Agrawal, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

12:00–12:30  
**Discussion**

12:30–13:30  
**Lunch**

13:30–14:30  
**Meeting the data demands for SDG monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean**

Moderator: Michael Witter, Senior Fellow, SALISES, UWI Mona

- **An assessment of the capacity of Caribbean countries to produce SDG indicators**
  Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- **Transforming the NSOs to respond to the 2030 Agenda in the framework of the SCA**
  Giovanni Savio, Chief, Economic and Environmental Statistics Unit, ECLAC
- **Administrative data sources: untapped repositories of data for generating SDG indicators**
  Leesha Delatiele-Budair, Director, Research, Design and Evaluation, Statistical Institute of Jamaica
- **The role of development banks in building statistical capacity in the Caribbean**
  Monica La Bennett, Deputy Director, Corporate Planning, Caribbean Development Bank

14:30–15:00  
**Discussion**

15:00–15:15  
**Coffee break**
15:15 – 15:45  
Framework for coordination of inter-agency support for SDG implementation in the Caribbean  
Moderator: Romain Zivy, Deputy Chief of Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC  
- Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean ECLAC  
- Alison Drayton, Representative, UNFPA

15:45 – 16:15  
Discussion

16:15 – 16:30  
Conclusions

Day 3 - Thursday 16 February

08:30 – 09:15  
Exchange of views towards core indicators for monitoring implementation of the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway in the Caribbean  
Moderator: Gloria Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and Investment, Dominica  
- The need for a core set of SDG indicators for the Caribbean  
  Gatlin Roberts, Chief Statistician, Statistical Office, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
- The development of a core set of SDG indicators for the Caribbean  
  Lori-Rae Alleyne, Chief Statistician, Anguilla Statistics Department

09:15– 10:45  
Open session 1: Towards a core set of indicators for SDG 1- 8

10:45 – 11:00  
Coffee break

11:00– 12:30  
Open session 2: Towards a core set of indicators for SDG 9- 16

12:30 – 13:00  
Closure of symposium  
- Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean