PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Tuesday 14 February

08:00 – 08:30 Registration

08:30 – 09:00 Opening of the symposium

- Welcome remarks by Ambassador Marcia Gilbert-Roberts, Permanent Secretary, 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. Penelope Beckles, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations

- Agenda 2030 follow-up and review mechanisms: what is involved? Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- 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 Developing 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

- **Synergizing the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs**
  Anya Thomas, Economic Affairs Officer, DSD/UNDESA (tbc)

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
- Saint Lucia: National Vision Plan
  Cecil Charles, Economist, Department of Finance
- Suriname: Development Plan (tbc)
  Reynold Simons, Director, National Planning Office
- Trinidad and Tobago: Vision 2030 (tbc)

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**

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**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