Seminar on Noncommunicable Diseases and their Impact on Sustainable Development in the Caribbean

Virtual, 4 November 2021

DRAFT PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(Trinidad and Tobago time)

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Online registration

9:00 – 9.20 a.m. Opening of the seminar

- Welcome remarks by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Statement by the Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

9.20 – 10.30 a.m. NCDs and Sustainable Development: The COVID-19 Factor

Moderator: Dr. Simon Anderson, Professor and Director, George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Center, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

- The challenge posed by NCDs to Sustainable Development
  Dr Kenneth George, Chief Medical Officer, Barbados

- Impact of COVID-19 on Household Nutrition and Hunger in the Caribbean
  Fitzroy Henry, Professor, College of Health Sciences, University of Technology, Jamaica

- The psychosocial dimensions of dealing with NCDs during COVID-19
  Kavita Singh, Senior Research Scientist, Public Health Foundation of India

10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Discussion

- Remarks
  Dr. Joy St. John, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency
11.00 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.  **Economics of NCD Prevention and Control**

**Moderator:** Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean

- *Economic Dimensions of NCDs in Latin America and the Caribbean*
  Dr. Anselm Hennis, Director, Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, PAHO

- *Investing in NCD prevention and control*
  Rachel Nugent, Vice President, Global Noncommunicable Diseases, RTI International

- *Public-Private Partnership to manage NCDs: strengthening chronic disease prescription drug plans in the Caribbean*
  Stanley Lalta, HEU, Centre for Health Economics, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

- *Using fiscal policies to address NCD risk factors*
  Rosa Sandoval, Coordinator, Economics of NCDs Team, PAHO

12.15 – 12.45 p.m.  Discussion

12.45 –1.00 p.m.  Closing of the seminar

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