



2nd Wider Caribbean Regional Risk CONFERENCE

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Perspectives on Country Risk Management to
Advance the Sustainable Development of the WCR

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2025

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Hybrid Event: _____



In-Person Venue:

Wyndham Grand Barbados Sam Lords Castle Resort



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Conference Moderator
Mrs. Diane Quarless

Former Director
United Nations ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for Latin America and the Caribbean

DAY 1

SEPTEMBER 3rd

9:30 am – 5:45 pm ET/AST

8:30 am – 4:45 pm (Jamaica/Cayman Time)

1:30 pm – 9:45 pm (GMT)

Panel times are ET/AST

9:30 am – 11:00 am | Opening Ceremony

“Building a Resilient Wider Caribbean Region: A Collective Vision
for Integrated Risk Management in a Changing World”

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Welcome – Conference Moderator
- Introduction to the Conference
 - ▶ Ms. Elizabeth Emanuel, Head, Technical Assistance Manager Team and Development & Corporate Communications Manager Team, CCRIF SPC
 - ▶ Mr. Stefano Capodagli, Chief Risk Officer, Caribbean Development Bank
- Remarks – Dr. Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Regional Manager for the Caribbean CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Remarks – Mr. Isaac Anthony, Chief Executive Officer, CCRIF SPC

Keynote Address:

- Mr. Daniel Best, President, Caribbean Development Bank
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11:00 am – 11:15 am

Interlude/Entertainment

- My Name is Risk – Ms. Cyndi Celeste

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COFFEE BREAK Available

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

PANEL 1

Economic Tensions, Uncertainty and Geoeconomic Confrontations: Navigating these new Global Economic Relations

Moderator: Ms. Marla Dukharan, Caribbean Economist and Advisor

Speakers:

- Ms. Lilia Burunciuc, Director for Caribbean Countries, World Bank
- Mr. Timothy Antoine, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
- Dr. Marlene Attzs, Development Economist & Lecturer, Department of Economics The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus
- Ms. Dilka Escobar, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Investments Concessions and State Risk, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Panama
- Ms. Monique French, Chief Risk Officer, CIBC Caribbean
- Mr. Ian Durant, Vice President Corporate Services, Caribbean Development Bank



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Strategic Directions for Caribbean and Central America Governments

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12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

PANEL 2

Sovereign Risk and Financial Sustainability in the Caribbean: Strategic Financing and MDB Interventions

Moderator: Mr. Stefano Capodagli, Chief Risk Officer, Caribbean Development Bank

Speakers:

- Dr. Kevin Greenidge, Governor, Central Bank Barbados
- Mr. David Rogovic, Vice President and Senior Credit Officer Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
- Mr. Joshua Grundleger, Director, Sovereign - Americas, Fitch
- Ms. Barbara Marchitto, Head, Country and Financial Sector Analysis Division European Investment Bank
- Mr. Joydeep Mukherji, Managing Director, Sector Lead Americas Sovereign Ratings, S&P Global



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3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

CAFÉ CORNER #1

Blended Finance for Caribbean Resilience: Mobilizing Public & Private Capital, Concessional and Non-Concessional Funding

Moderator: Mr. Stephen Lander, Coordinator Development Financing
Private Sector Division, Caribbean Development Bank

Speakers:

- Mr. Joan Miquel Carrillo Cortada, Blended Finance Principal Officer, IDB Invest
- Mr. Shimon McIntosh, Vice President-Commercial Banking
and Managing Director RBC Royal Bank (Barbados) Limited
- Mr. Simon Springett, United Nations Resident Coordinator
Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean
- Mr. Stefano Capodagli, Chief Risk Officer, Caribbean Development Bank



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COFFEE BREAK Available

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4:15 pm – 5:45 pm

PANEL 3

Demystifying Misinformation, Disinformation and Fake News: How Risky are these to our Region's Development?

Presentation on Impacts of Misinformation and Disinformation

Mrs. Laleta Davis-Mattis, Former General Counsel, The University of the West Indies

Moderator: Mr. Peter Richards, Senior Editor, Caribbean Media Corporation

Speakers:

- Ms. Charlotte Scaddan, Senior Advisor on Information Integrity
Office of the Under-Secretary-General, UN Global Communications
- Mr. Al Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, Our Today
- Dr. Craig Ramlal, Executive Director, Artificial Intelligence Innovation Centre
The University of the West Indies



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Closing Day 1

**COCKTAIL
RECEPTION**
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm







DAY 2 **SEPTEMBER 4th**
9:00 am – 5:30 pm ET/AST

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome and View of Visual Summaries Day 1 – Conference Moderator

9:15 am – 10:00 am

CAFÉ CORNER #2

**Exploring Detection and Attribution Science and
the Implications for Climate Justice**

Led by UWI Climate Studies Group Mona, featuring UNDRR, CCRIF

Speakers:

- Prof. Michael Taylor, Faculty of Science and Technology; Co-Director
Climate Studies Group Mona, The University of the West Indies
- Dr. Jhordanne Jones, CCRIF-UWI Postdoctoral Fellow
UWI Climate Studies Group Mona, The University of the West Indies
- Dr. Gabriele Coccia, Senior Risk Management Specialist, CCRIF SPC
- Dr. Mario Salgado, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office
for Disaster Risk Reduction, Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean



COFFEE BREAK Available

DAY 2

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10:00 am – 11:30 am

PANEL 4

Loss and Damage and Climate Finance: Emerging Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: Dr. Simon Young, Chief Executive Officer, GeoSy LLC

Speakers:

- Mr. Isaac Anthony, Chief Executive Officer, CCRIF SPC
- Mr. José Ángel Villalobos, Actuary and Senior Underwriter
- Mr. L. O'Reilly Lewis, Director of Projects (Ag), Caribbean Development Bank
- Ms. Sasha Jattansingh, Senior Adaptation and Loss and Damage Expert and Deputy Director, Climate Analytics
- Mr. Crispin D'Auvergne, Executive Director, Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub



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11:30 am – 1:00 pm

PANEL 5

Are Nature-Based Solutions Keys to Building A Resilient Caribbean?

Moderator: Ms. Valerie Isaac, Head, Environmental Sustainability Division
Caribbean Development Bank

Speakers:

- Ms. Karen McDonald Gayle, Executive Director, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund

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11:30 am – 1:00 pm

PANEL 5

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Ms. Virginie Andre, Programme Manager, Disaster Risk Management, Delegation of The European Union to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean States, the OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM
- Mr. Donald Baldeosingh, Executive Director, Carbon Zero Institute of Trinidad and Tobago
- Dr. Evangeline Inniss Springer, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction Centre The University of the West Indies
- Ms. Nicole Leotaud, Executive Director, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute
- Mr. Oscar Guevara, Principal Executive, Climate Action and Positive Biodiversity CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean



A Call-to-Action –

Recommendations to Regional Governments on Scaling up Nature-Based Solutions



1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

PANEL 6

Has the Global Sense of Societal Fragmentation Trickled Down to the Region? The Region's Response....

Presentation on the Regional Human Development Report

Mr. Rodrigo Barraza, SDG Technical Specialist, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Emanuel, Head, Technical Assistance Manager Team and Development & Corporate Communications Manager Team, CCRIF SPC and International Development Specialist

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PANEL 6

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Speakers:

- Mrs. Beverly Harry-Emmanuel, Advisor for Social Development
CARICOM Secretariat
- Mr. Richardo Aiken, Community Development Specialist
Caribbean Development Bank
- Ms. Isiuwa Iyehen, Deputy Representative and Acting Head of Office
with the UN Women Multi-Country Office (MCO) for the Caribbean
- Dr. Diana Thorburn, Director of Research, Caribbean Policy Research Institute
- Mr. Joshua Andall, Prime Minister-elect of the Youth Parliament
Grenada and Grenada's Youth Ambassador
- Ms. Leticia Gontijo Furst Gonçalves, Risk Finance Consultant, World Food
Programme, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Ms. Heather Timothy, Regional Programme Coordinator, Climate Risk
Adaptation and Insurance in the Caribbean Project



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The Future of AI in Advancing Human Development Prospects
in the Wider Caribbean Region

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

PANEL 7

Unlocking Private Sector Potential & Risk-Sharing Solutions for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Ms. Lisa Harding, Division Chief, Private Sector Division
Caribbean Development Bank

Speakers:

- Mr. Berisford Grey, President & Chief Executive Officer, Sygnus Group
- Mr. Daniel Best, President, Caribbean Development Bank
- Mr. Darryl White, Managing Director Caribbean Region, IDB Invest

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- Mr. Victor Boyce, Head, Corporate Banking, CIBC Caribbean
- Mr. Edward Ince, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Guinea Estates



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3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

TOWNHALL (Concurrent Session)

Youth Voices on Caribbean Development... Future Leaders Speak on the Development they Want...

Moderators:

- Ms. Jamala Alexander, Policy/Research Assistant, CCRIF SPC and Environmental and Youth Advocate
- Mr. Zachary Murray, Graduate Student, Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in International Relations, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Syracuse University

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Closing Remarks/ Next Steps

Weaving WCR Risk Solutions: From Panel Insights to a Unified Roadmap for the Future



Presentation of Policy Statements emerging from the 7 panel discussions... From Dialogue to Direction: Policy Statements and Action Roadmap

- Mr. Daniel Best, President, Caribbean Development Bank
- Mr. Isaac Anthony, Chief Executive Officer, CCRIF SPC
- Dr. Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Regional Manager for the Caribbean CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Youth Representative





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