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# SALISES Virtual Forum

## Programme Schedule

### Advancing Institutional and People-Centred National Development Options in Trinidad and Tobago

Responses to the 2023 National  
Budget Statement

#### WELCOME

**Ms. Taresa Best** (Chair)

Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth  
Commission, Archdiocese of Port of Spain

#### OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard**

Acting Director, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social  
and Economic Studies, The University of the West  
Indies, St. Augustine

#### INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTATION SEGMENT & PRESENTERS

**Ms. Taresa Best** (Chair)

Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth  
Commission, Archdiocese of Port of Spain



#### PRESENTATION #1

**Dr. Indira Rampersad**

Senior Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and  
Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies,  
St. Augustine

***Budgeting in the Westminster Political  
System***



#### PRESENTATION #2

**Dr. Robert Stewart**

Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and  
Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies,  
St. Augustine

***Assessing Options for Framing Development  
in Trinidad and Tobago – A Response to the  
2023 Trinidad and Tobago Budget  
Statement***



#### PRESENTATION #3

**Dr. Jennifer Rouse**

Former Director, Division of Aging, Ministry of Social  
Development and Family Services

***Budgeting in Response to an Aging  
Population – The Case of Contemporary  
Trinidad and Tobago***



#### PRESENTATION #4

**Dr. Henry Charles**

Part-Time Lecturer, Department of Behavioural  
Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of  
the West Indies, St. Augustine

***Building Human and social Capital through  
Youth Participation – A Response to the 2023  
Trinidad and Tobago Budget Statement***



#### PRESENTATION #5

**Dr. Daren Conrad**

Lecturer, Department of Economics, The University  
of the West Indies, St. Augustine

***Job Creation Prospects and Economic  
Diversification – A Response to the 2023  
Trinidad and Tobago Budget Statement***



#### PRESENTATION #6

**Dr. Alvin Thompson**

Senior Research and Policy Consultant, Office of the  
Chief Secretary, Tobago House of Assembly

***Meeting the Needs of the THA – A Response  
to the 2023 Budget Statement***



#### PRESENTATION #7

**Dr. Tyehimba Salandy**

Lecturer, Department of Behavioural Sciences,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of the West  
Indies, St. Augustine

***Responding to the National Development  
Philosophy Framing the 2023 Trinidad and  
Tobago Budget Statement***

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderated by: **Ms. Taresa Best** (Chair)

Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth  
Commission, Archdiocese of Port of Spain

#### VOTE OF THANKS

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#### CLOSING REMARKS

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