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DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

9:00 am – 10:30 am***	Opening Ceremony Chair: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, University Director, SALISES, The UWI • Welcome and Opening Remarks: Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor, The UWI • Greetings: Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Board for Graduate Studies and Research, The UWI • Remarks: Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean • Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Professor Don Marshall, Director, SALISES, Cave Hill Campus Keynote Address: Dr Hyginus ‘Gene’ Leon, President, Caribbean Development Bank • Questions and Answers: Chair: Professor Hamid Ghany, Director, SALISES, St Augustine Campus • Vote of Thanks: Professor Hamid Ghany • Closing Remarks: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee
10:35 am – 12:05 pm***	Plenary 1: ECLAC on “Planning for Sustainable Development in Caribbean SIDS” Chair: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, ECLAC • Strengthening institutional frameworks in the Caribbean for an integrative approach to sustainable development: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, ECLAC • Evidence-based national planning for sustainable development: Kari Grenade, GRENADA • Aligning sectoral plans with national development strategy: Gerard Jean-Jacques, DOMINICA • Long-term sustainable development planning during COVID-19: Emery Pemberton, THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

LUNCH (12:05 pm – 1:00 pm)	
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Panel 1: Shutting down Economies: Impact and recovery Chair: Preeya Mohan, SALISES, St. Augustine - How Does Fiscal Rules and Debt Sustainability Impact Public Investments for Small Open Economies?: Keisha Blades and Ankie Scott-Joseph - The Case for the Repositioning of OECS Economics in the Post Covid-19 Environment: Clarence Henry - Early Warning of Financial Statement Fraud & Mismanagement Risk: Alexis Bell Panel 2: Remote teaching and learning: implications for educational outcomes Chair: Latoya Lazarus, SALISES, Cave Hill - Transforming the illiteracy of the imagination: Covid 19 instability and its impact on the plenary traditional face-to-face classroom in the Caribbean region: Shareed Mohammed - Government Spending on Education: What is the Right Mix for Building Creative Thinkers?: Ankie Scott-Joseph - Proper ergonomics when using hand held devices/ laptop/desktop during this new norm of online learning for students and teachers with a special focus on the skeletally immature child: Helen-Ann Wilkinson, Rory Dixon and Nicola Meeks-Aitken - School Climate and its Influence on Youth Resilience in Selected Secondary Schools in Jamaica - Before and During COVID 19: A Mixed-Method Study: Michele Small Bartley
2:35 pm – 4:05 pm***	Plenary 2: China in Latin America and the Caribbean Chair: Richard Bernal Panelists: Enrique Dussel Peters and Evan Ellis

4:10 pm- 5:40 pm	Panel 3: Entrepreneurship, HRM and VUCU: Innovative Strategies for SIDS Chair: Jonathan Lashley, SALISES, Cave Hill • The Impact of Strategic HRM Practices in State Enterprises: Trinidad and Tobago: Cristal Beddeau • An Entrepreneurial Mind Approach for Strategy Development in Caribbean SIDS: Karen Murdock • COVID mash up the round robin': Jamaican Round Robins and Survival in the time of COVID: Nicole Plummer Panel 4: SIDS and sustainable development Chair: Patricia Northover, SALISES, Mona • An Assessment of the CARE Programme in Jamaica as a Social Protection Mechanism for Resilience under the severe shock of COVID-19: Challenges, Opportunities and Recommendations: Keenan Falconer • Impact of Covid-19 on Barbados and SIDS: Re-Shaping Strategic Development Beyond Platitudes and Inequalities: George Brathwaite • COVID-19 pandemic and vulnerability of Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean region: Hezekiah Hall • Social Protection as a Development Strategy: Warren Benfield
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021	
9:00 am – 10:30 am***	Plenary 3: “Promoting sustainable development in the Caribbean through the 2030 Agenda” Chair: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, ECLAC • Overview of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, ECLAC • National experiences in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ○ Joy Marie-King, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA ○ TBA, SAINT LUCIA ○ Giselle Myers, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ○ Apphia Crooks and and Amanda Lall Harry, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

10:35 am – 12:05 pm	Panel 5: Human Development Issues: Pre and Post Pandemics Chair: Heather Ricketts, FSS, Mona • Will Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Initiatives in the Caribbean Foster or Frustrate Better Health for the Poor: Stanley Lalta • Pandemics and gender-based inequalities: Leith Dunn • Abortion as a Policy Matter: Horace Levy • Children at the margins: pre and post pandemics: Aldrie Henry-Lee • COVID-19: Anti-Marital Rape Strategy for Uganda: Asiimire Donath Panel 6: Tourism & Migration Issues during and post-pandemic Chair: Roy McCree, SALISES, St. Augustine • Rethinking Destination Success: Perspectives from SIDS: Acolla Lewis-Cameron and Tenisha Brown- Williams • Digitalization: A post-pandemic strategic approach for the Caribbean hotel sector: Phalesta Toussaint and Cristina Jönsson • Undesirables: COVID-19, human rights and border regimes in the Caribbean: Natalie Dietrich Jones
LUNCH (12:05 pm – 1:00 pm)	
1:00 pm - 2:30pm***	Plenary 4: SIDS, Climate Change, ICTs and Sustainable Development Chair: Godfrey St Bernard, SALISES, St. Augustine • A midterm review of the SAMOA Pathway – Priorities for action: Artie Dubrie, ECLAC • A speculative pathway to zero emissions for the transport sector in Barbados by 2030: Danielle Evanson and Hugh Sealy • ICTs and the COVID-19 Response in the Caribbean: Arlene Bailey • Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Disaster Risk Reduction in Small Island Developing States: A Case study from Dominica: Karl Payne, Kirk Douglas and Sophia Anselm

	Leveraging Geospatial Information for Advancing Social and Economic Well-being in the Caribbean: A need for Coordination and Collaboration: Bheshem Ramlal
2:35 pm - 4:05 pm	Panel 7: Food Security and sustained economic development Chair: Stephen Johnson, SALISES, Mona - Food Fight! The Science Question in the Transformation of Food Systems and why the decolonization of science matters: Patricia Northover - Poverty, Gender and Food Security Among Agricultural Workers in Barbados: Corin Bailey, Latoya Lazarus and Jonathan Lashley - Do remittances condition the relationship between trade and government consumption?: Kevin Williams - Soft law, hard consequences for Caribbean International Financial Centres: Historical Institutionalism and the global Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Regime': Alicia Nicholls Panel 8: Public Health Issues: Pre and Post COVID-19 Chair: Bephyer Parey, SALISES, St. Augustine Campus - Mental Distress and key Coping Strategies used during COVID-19 Lockdown: The Caribbean Experience based on Google Trends Searches: Richard Ramsawak, Preeya Mohan and Gerard Hutchinson - Demographics, Science and Ignorance – Implications for Pro-Choice COVID-19 Vaccination Agendas in the Anglophone Caribbean: Godfrey St. Bernard - The Practice of Global Health Diplomacy during Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC) with an added highlight on Caribbean Diplomacy: Ryan Abraham - Impact of COVID 19 on Jamaica Funerary Activities: Thelma White
4:10 pm -5:35 pm	Panel 9: Entrepreneurship and Innovative Administrative Strategies for SIDS Chair: Kevin Williams, SALISES, Mona - CTRL+ALT+DEL: COVID-19 and Strategic Renewal of Island-Based Firms: Guido Rojer - Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Caribbean: A Firm Level Study: Kevin Hope, Sangeeta Khorana and Allan Webster

	• Administrative Sovereignty and Policy Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic in Ghana and Jamaica: Philip Duku Osei, Anthony Tampaana and Bright Nyarko Panel 10: Building Resilience in Commonwealth Caribbean Small States (Special Session with the Commonwealth Secretariat) Chair: Layne Robinson, Head of Social Policy Development • Sustaining Pre-COVID-19 Progress for Youth: Insights from the Global YDI, Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts • Digital Transformation: A Small-State Appropriate Holistic Policy Response, Kirk Haywood • The Commonwealth Small States Advocacy Strategy: A Call to Action, Motselisi Matsela
<u>THURSDAY, September 30, 2021</u>	
9:00 am - 10:30 am***	Plenary 5: “Institutional mechanisms for sustainable development planning in the Caribbean” Chair: Catarina Camarinhas, ECLAC • Status of institutional frameworks for an integrative approach to sustainable development in the Caribbean: Catarina Camarinhas, ECLAC • Developing and sustaining an independent development planning framework: The experience of the PIOJ: Wayne Henry, PIOJ • Data as an engine for national development planning: Dave Clement, ECLAC Consultant • Supporting partnership effectiveness in the Caribbean: Ola Goransson, UNDESA • Resilient Institutions: TBA, ILPES
10:35 am – 12:05 pm ***	Plenary 6: “Political Turbulence and COVID-19” Chair: Hamid Ghany (Director, SALISES, St. Augustine) • Prorogation, motions of no confidence and political survival in the Commonwealth Caribbean: The Effect of Transplanting Westminster Constitutional Conventions: Hamid Ghany

	• A Pandemic of Epic Proportions: Political Development World Order and Caribbean Implications: Don Marshall • Protest Movements and Covid-19 : Indira Rampersad
LUNCH (12:05pm – 1:00pm)	
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Panel 11: The UN 2030 Agenda and Persons with Disabilities- Acceleration in the Decade of Action Chair: Floyd Morris (Director, Centre for Disability Studies, UWI & Jamaica Representative to UNCRPD) • Creating legislation to build an accessible environment for persons with disabilities in the Caribbean : Gwladys Feler , Guadeloupe • Political participation and public life for persons with disabilities Kerry-Ann Ifill, Barbados • Making education more accessible for persons with disabilities in the Caribbean- A youth’s perspective: Jason Ricketts, Jamaica • A look on how to make the labour market in the Caribbean more inclusive for persons with disabilities- A youth’s perspective: Shavane Daley, Jamaica Panel 12: COVID-19, Crime Prevention and Justice for All Chair: Corin Bailey, SALISES, Cave Hill • A crisis within a crisis: pandemics, violence, and deviant behaviour COVID 19 Violence Slavery Replications decimating “Livity”. Caribbean Education and Employment: Helen-Ann Wilkinson, O’Neil Grant, Christopher Malcolm, Garth Anderson • Towards Reducing Reoffending in Post-Pandemic Jamaica- Reimagining the MNS’ Five-Pillar Strategy: Dacia Leslie • A Situational Analysis of the Participation of Child Witnesses in the Justice Sector – Opportunities Emerging from the Pandemic Response: Tania Chambers • Media Representation of the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Gun Violence in Jamaica: Shermaine Hassock

2:35 pm - 4:05 pm	Panel 13: Social disruptions and transformations Chair: Nadine Newman, SALISES, Mona • Facilitators and Hindrances to the Home Care of Older Persons with Disabilities in Trinidad: Bephyer Parey • Triaging Options and the Administration of Welfare Services: Responding to Non-State Actors' Insights in Trinidad and Tobago: Hafeeza Hosein Shah and Godfrey St. Bernard • Pandemic to Prosperity – Socio-economic Situations, Interventions, and Solutions for Small Island Developing States (SIDs): Leigh-Ann Waldropt-Bonair and Maxine Hunte • Parallel Pandemics: Racial eruptions within the COVID-19 climate and Opportunities for Social Transformations: Vania Patrick-Drakes Panel 14: Targeting the most vulnerable pre and post pandemic Chair: Arlene Bailey, SALISES, Mona • Jamaican Children in Need of Supervision: Human Rights considerations in a pandemic context: Althea McBean • No one gets left behind: Exploring the nexus of youth employment, rural development and national development in the Caribbean in a post-pandemic era: Jeanine Bernard, Stephen Richards and Roy McCree • Gendered Impacts of COVID-19 in Barbados: Daniele Bobb and Leigh-Ann Worrell • Covid-19 effects on the vulnerable population & the strategy employed for Resilience in Trinidad and Tobago: Samantha Armorgan
4:10 pm – 5:35 pm***	Plenary 7: COVID-19, Human Rights and Vaccination Chair: Dacia Leslie, SALISES, Mona • Erica Wheeler, PAHO Trinidad & Tobago • Wayne Chen, Caribbean Employers Federation • Garth Minott, Jamaica Council of Churches • Garth Anderson, Caribbean Union of Teachers

5:40 pm – 6:00 pm***	Closing Ceremony Chair: Professor Don Marshall, Director, SALISES Cave Hill Remarks: Dr. Dillon Alleyne, ECLAC Remarks: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, SALISES Vote of Thanks: Mr. Keenan Falconer, SALISES Alumni Association
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