

**Conference on the Economy
LRC Auditorium - UWI St Augustine
Draft Conference Program**

Day 1	Thursday 8th October 2015
9:00am – 10:18am	Opening Ceremony Chair- Mr. Martin Franklin
	National Anthem
	Welcome – Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed, Head, Department of Economics
	Greetings – Professor Ann Marie Bissessar, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
	Greetings –Professor Clement Sankat, PVC and Principal, UWI St Augustine Campus
	Feature Speaker – Dr. Carissa Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)
	Presentation of Prizes – COTE Youth Competitions – Professor Emeritus Karl Theodore
	Vote of Thanks
10.19am – 10.29am	PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
10:30am – 11:00am	BREAK
11:01am – 12:30pm	<i>ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION 1: Universal Access to Health (Requirements for achieving this goal)</i>
	<u>Chair – Dr. Edward Greene</u>
	Civil Society/NGO –Ms Claudette Francis
	Agencies – Dr. Amalia Del Reigo (PAHO)
	Government – Dr. Anton Cumberbatch (HEU)
	Discussion
12:30pm – 1:20pm	LUNCH & VIEWING OF POSTER PRESENTATIONS
1:25pm – 2:52pm	<i>Session 2: Economic and Social Perspectives around Communicable and Non- Communicable Diseases</i>
	<u>Chair – Dr. Karen Sealey</u>
	Vjanti Beharry – Cost Resistance, Risky Sexual Behaviour and HIV/AIDS
	Stanley Lalta– Efficiency in Managing Chronic Diseases-- Comparison of Four (4) Prescription Drug Assistance Plans (PDAP's) in the Caribbean
	Kimoy Worrell and Roger McLean – Getting to Stigma Free HIV Services – The Case of St Kitts & Nevis
	Gerard Hutchinson – The Socio Economic impact of a Mentally Stable Society
	Discussion

2:50pm – 4:10pm	<i>Session 3: Social Security Challenges & Opportunities</i>
	<i><u>Chair – Dr. Daren Conrad</u></i>
	Rosa Mae Whitter - Sustainable Jobs Today for a Secure Retirement Tomorrow – The negative impact of increasing forms of precarious work on Pensions
	Michael Raymond - Impact of Changing Population Dynamics on Pensions
	Stefan Fortune - Philanthropic poverty alleviation and welfare maximization: a normative economics case study of Trinidad and Tobago
	Rasheed Griffith, Winston Moore and Shakera Thompson - The Feasibility of Using a Basic Income Approach to Address Poverty in Barbados
	Discussion
	Close of DAY 1
Day 2	Friday 9th October 2015
9:00am – 9:10am	<i>Tribute to Professor Theodore - Sir George Alleyne</i>
9:10am - 10.40am	<i>Health & Sustainable Development Arm Chair – Role of Regional Institutions</i>
	Chair - Sir George Alleyne
	Dr. Edward Greene - CARICOM Dr. James Hospedales - CARPHA Prof. Karl Theodore - UWI
10.40am - 11.03am	BREAK
11:03am – 12:30pm	<i>Session 4: Health and Equity Considerations towards attaining Sustainable Development</i>
	<i><u>Chair – Dr. Henry Bailey</u></i>
	Allister Mounsey and Tracy Polius – A Story worth Retelling: Development Challenges in CARICOM Countries
	Kimberly Ann Gittens-Baynes - NCD Interventions and the socioeconomic environment: Equity considerations?
	Althea La Foucade - The Search For Equity In Access To Health Services: Theodore Through The Years
	Jennifer Jones- Morales - Does gender disparity exist in authentic Leadership Ascendance in Caribbean Business sector?
	Discussion
12.30 – 1:20pm	LUNCH
1:20pm – 1:30pm	<i>Presentation of Prizes for the Poster Competition</i>

1:30.pm – 2:55pm	<i>Session 5: Public Policy: Resource Allocation Challenges in Health</i>
	<u>Chair – Dr Andrea Yearwood</u>
	Henry Bailey - Measuring Health Outcomes in Trinidad and Tobago. An Overview of Recent and Current Research using EQ-5D in T&T.
	Julian Prescod - A Literature Review investigating the relationship between Socioeconomic Status and the allocation of Healthcare Services by the Public Primary Healthcare System with implications for St. Vincent and the Grenadines
	Harricharan Seetharaman - Cost effectiveness of healthcare interventions for cardiovascular illnesses in Trinidad & Tobago
	Christine Laptiste - The Impact of the Intangible Costs of Disease on GDP: A Case Study of End-stage Renal Disease in Trinidad and Tobago.
	Discussion
2.57pm – 4.19pm	<i>Session 6: Public Policy : Resource Challenges in Health</i>
	<u>Chair – Dr. Christine Laptiste</u>
	Valerie Wilson and Wendy Kitson- Piggott - Caribbean Laboratories – Resourcing for Sustainability
	Jamelia Harris and Alex Jones - Drivers of Health Expenditure
	Don Charles – A Global Value Chain Analysis of offshore medical universities in the Caribbean
	Roger McLean - An Assessment of the Financial Dependence of the Caribbean’s Response to HIV
	Discussion
4:20pm – 4:30pm	REMARKS - PROFESSOR EMERITUS KARL THEODORE VOTE OF THANKS -Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed, Head, Department of Economics
Close of Conference	