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Chairperson

Dr. Sandra Sookram
Deputy Governor
Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

Opening Remarks

Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee
Director, SALISES (Mona)

Introduction of Speaker

Professor Patrick Watson
University Director, SALISES (St. Augustine)

Feature Speaker

Professor James Robinson
Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor and University Professor
Faculty Director of the Pearson Institute
Harris School for Public Policy
University of Chicago

The Relationship between the Quality of State Institutions and the Quality of Life

Question and Answer Session

Closing Remarks

Dr. Don Marshall
Director, SALISES (Cave Hill)



Professor James Robinson

Professor James Robinson is the Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and University Professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and Faculty Director of the Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. He studied economics at the London School of Economics, the University of Warwick and Yale University. He previously taught in the Department of Economics at the University of Melbourne, the Department of Economics at the University of Southern California, the Departments of Economics and Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley and the Department of Government at Harvard. Professor Robinson was the Wilbur A. Cowett Professor of Government at Harvard University and a Faculty Associate at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Professor Robinson is currently an academic advisor to the World Bank's 2017 World Development Report on Governance, Robinson served on the board of the Global Development Network from January 2009 to December 2011, and on the Swedish Development Policy Council, a committee advising the Swedish Foreign Minister on Sweden's international development policy, from 2007 to 2010.

A prominent political scientist and economist, Professor Robinson has conducted influential research in the field of political and economic development and the factors that are the root causes of conflict. His work explores the underlying relationship between poverty and the institutions of a society and how institutions emerge out of political conflicts. Professor Robinson has a particular interest in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. He is widely recognized as the co-author of *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*, with Daron Acemoglu, the Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at MIT. Translated into 32 languages since its publication in 2012, the book offers a unique historic exploration of why some countries have flourished economically while others have fallen into poverty. He has also written and coauthored numerous books and articles, including the acclaimed *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (also with Acemoglu).

