Climate Change
Diplomacy:
the SIDS scenario

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Trinidad & Tobago

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About The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean

The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean is a new and innovative training centre in Modern Diplomacy for Diplomats and other professionals in the Caribbean and beyond.

Modern international relations and diplomacy exist within a continuously evolving platform of change. In order to be most effective, the instrument of diplomacy requires continuous updating via ongoing learning, training and development.

While the basics of diplomacy remain, namely the pursuit of foreign policy objectives and state interests, this activity today occurs beyond the national level, into the realm of regional and global interests and objectives.

The Academy meets a clearly felt need, in the absence of any proper training and learning facility regionally, to offer programmes in diplomacy at various levels and on diverse subjects relevant to the 21st century socio-political and economic environment.

The result of a cooperative arrangement between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, via its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and The University of the West Indies through its Institute of International Relations, The Diplomatic Academy will be initially established on a two-year project basis but will continue to exist as long as there is a demand for such a training facility.

The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, the first of its kind, reaches out to a cross-section of target groups and beneficiaries, involved in one way or another in international cooperation, negotiations and transactions - in the CARICOM region and beyond.

The Academy will pursue partnerships with a number of prominent and renowned diplomatic academies and schools of international affairs from various parts of the world.

While it is an integral part of The University of the West Indies (UWI) and its Institute of International Relations (IIR), The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean has a separate identity, mandate, programme, staffing and budget.
Dates

Module 3 on Climate Change Diplomacy: the SIDS scenario will be held on:

**Monday 21st of July to Friday 25th of July, 2014**

Duration

This training module is conceived as a short, intensive and hands-on training. Training will be provided on a full day basis from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Location

Training takes place at:

**The Institute of International Relations**  
**The University of the West Indies**  
**St. Augustine**  
**Trinidad and Tobago**

Secure parking is provided. Participants are expected to dress in business attire.
Background

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of 21st century diplomacy and international governance. As recognized in the Barbados Plan of Action, Small Island Developing States, as low-lying coastal states, are particularly vulnerable to global climate change, climate variability and sea-level rise. Climate change impacts livelihoods and global development, causing threat to the economy, water and food-security, global health, the environment and international security. It is crucial for the 52 Small Island Developing States to advocate for the mobilization of adequate resources and partnerships for the adaptation needs and resilience of SIDS, consistent with commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Arctic is experiencing a profound transformation that will have important impacts on the region and the world as a whole. Driven largely by interacting forces of climate change and increased human activities, the Arctic region is changing rapidly. Warming in the Arctic has increased at twice the global average since 1980. As one of the first areas of the world to experience the impacts of climate change, the Arctic region serves as a barometer for change in the rest of the world. Beyond impacts to the region itself, changes in the Arctic are accelerating the pace of global warming. A warming Arctic will have significant environmental and health consequences for the entire world, including sea level rise, release of stored chemicals and greenhouse gasses into the environment, and impacts on biodiversity including migratory species for which the Arctic provides essential habitat at key parts of their life cycle.

Under international law, the Antarctic is protected since 1961 by the Antarctic Treaty System in which the Antarctic Treaty is the core agreement. The Antarctic Treaty prohibits any nations to claim sovereignty over this territory and it was agreed that it would be used only for peaceful purposes such as scientific research. The focus of Consultative Meetings is right now the on importance of strengthening international cooperation and the study of climate change among the 50 parties signatories of the Treaty.
Methodology

The module is intended to develop an understanding of the science of climate change, its causes and effects particularly among SIDs and an appreciation for a multilateral approach, through an examination of the international policy making process. It will enable an understanding of the development and vulnerability issues facing SIDS, the challenges at the climate change negotiations and the institutional arrangements for negotiations at the UNFCCC.

Learning Objective

The module will enable participants to:

- Understand the basic science of global climate change and its causes and effects, including the latest findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its Fifth Assessment Report, particularly on sectors important to SIDs;
- Understand and appreciate the need for a multilateral approach to global climate change;
- Understand the international policy and law making process in the context of climate change, including the international political framework;
- Understand the climate change challenge in the context of the sustainable development agenda for SIDs, including the Barbados Programme of Action, the Mauritius Strategy, and issues for the upcoming SIDs summit in Samoa;
- Develop an appreciation for addressing climate change through mitigation and adaptation in the context of SIDs, including adaptation planning and low carbon development;
- Understand the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol and their provisions and institutions, and implications for SIDs;
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of the international climate change negotiations framework, negotiating groups and geo-political interests;
- Develop an understanding of the contemporary issues in the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations under the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action under the UNFCCC (ADP) towards a new global climate change agreement, particularly those relevant to SIDs;
- Develop an appreciation for negotiating skills through a practical exercise.
Course Content

- Understanding the basic science of Climate Change
- Understanding the international politics of climate change including Artic politics
- The Normative Framework: UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, Rio+20, Antarctic Treaty
- Follow up to SIDS outcomes in Barbados (1994) and Mauritius (2004)
- SIDS Vulnerabilities and Impacts on the Economy, Health, Security and Biodiversity
- SIDS Needs and Requirements: Mitigation, Adaptation, and Technologies
- Climate Change and Energy Resources: Low Carbon Development strategies
- Financing Climate Change
- Preparing for Samoa
- Practical exercise: Negotiating a Multilateral Climate Change Agreement

Target Group

A cross-Section of National and Regional Government Officials, Diplomats, Business & NGO Representatives from the wider Caribbean, Selected Officials of International Organisations & UN Agencies.

Completion Requirement and Certificate

A certificate from the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of a given written or oral assignment at the end of each module.
Experts

The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean invites a number of prominent international and regional experts, each with high academic qualifications and an outstanding record of practical experience in modern diplomacy, to lead the modules.

Kishan Kumarsingh is the Government of Trinidad and Tobago’s lead technical negotiator on Climate Change. He is currently the Head of the Multilateral Environment Agreements Unit of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources. He has been involved in Climate Change negotiations since 2006, being the chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice. He then represented Trinidad and Tobago in every United Nations Climate Change Conference: Bali 2007, Copenhagen 2009, Durban 2011, Doha 2012 and Warsaw 2013, where he was named co-chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action in which he will be working until December 2014. He has also chaired formal climate and environmental negotiations and conducted workshops and training seminars around the world. He has a long record of diverse academic research and publications mainly on climate change related topics and led numerous consultancies for international organisations and governments.

Gilberto Jaimes is a career Diplomat in the Diplomatic Service of Venezuela with over 20 years’ experience. He is a specialist of the Ocean and Arctic and Antarctic affairs. He represented Venezuela to the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and is responsible for the affairs concerning: Marine Biological Diversity in the Antarctic and Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction; UNESCO’s Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage; and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. Gilberto Jaimes is a dynamic Diplomat who was part of several scientific maritime expeditions in the Amazon and to the Antarctic continent in which he became particularly interested. As such, he was instrumental as the Head of delegation for Venezuela in the Consultative Meeting of the Antarctic Treaty in 2004. His Diplomatic experience includes being appointed to the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Chile from 1999 to 2001 and as the Second Secretary in Trinidad and Tobago from 2002 to 2009.

Language

The course will be conducted in English. Participants are expected to be proficient or have a good working knowledge of the English language.
Application

To apply, download our application form on our website at:

http://sta.uwi.edu/iir/academy.asp

Once completed, please send it back to us either by:

- **E-mail**: diplomaticacademy@sta.uwi.edu
- **Fax**: (868) 663-9685
- **Mail**: The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean
  The Institute of International Relations
  The University of the West Indies
  St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Deadline for application

Applications will be open until **July 11th**.

Applications will be assessed by The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean and applicants will be contacted for confirmation within 2-3 working days.

Participants are encouraged to apply early as limited space is available.

Fees

All modules have a flat rate of USD$1,000.00.

This covers tuition, course material, coffee and lunch breaks.

Participants can be self-funded or sponsored by their employer/organisation.

Participants must prepare their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
Logistics in Trinidad & Tobago

Participants are expected to make their own travel, accommodation, visa and insurance arrangements prior to attending the Module.

Participants are strongly encouraged to book accommodation at the University Inn.

Located on the edge of the St. Augustine campus; the University Inn is a Boutique Bed & Breakfast that offers visitors to the campus comfort, a relaxed atmosphere and convenience.

Upon request, a directory of hotels and guest houses in St. Augustine vicinity or in Port of Spain can be made available to you.

Cancellation Policy

We try to be as fair as possible with cancellations and refunds as we understand cancellations are sometimes unavoidable. Arrangements can be made to attend another training module or you may wish to send a replacement participants to attend in your place.

If, for any reason, you have to cancel an agreed registration, this must be notified to us in writing by mail or email not later than 2 weeks before the start of the Module. A cancellation fee of 10% will apply.
Contact

For more information, do not hesitate to contact a staff member:

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