

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

Day 1	11th October 2012
9:00am – 10:10am	Opening Ceremony - Chair Dr. Marlene Attzs
	National Anthem
	Welcome – Mr. Martin Franklin Head Department of Economics
	Greetings – Mr. Errol Simms Dean Faculty of Social Sciences
	Greetings – Prof. Clement Sankat Principal UWI St Augustine
	Feature Speaker – Mr. Ewart Williams – Former Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
	<i>Presentation of Appreciation Awards</i>
	<i>Presentation of Prizes – COTE Essay Competition, Secondary School Debate Competition and Undergraduate Debate Competition</i> Photo Opportunity
10:10am – 10:40am	BREAK
10:40am – 12:10pm	Session 1: Macroeconomic Environment
	<u>Chair – Dr. Ronald Ramkissoon</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Compton Bourne – The Caribbean Macroeconomic Environment in the context of the Global Economic Crisis • Dr. Gene Leon – <i>Development Imperatives for Small Open Economies in a Changing Environment</i> • Dr. Anthony Birchwood - Practical Ways to Build Resilience in Small States • Discussion
12:10pm – 1:10pm	LUNCH
1:10pm – 1:40pm	Viewing of Poster Presentations
	Session 2: Resource & Environmental Economics Issues (Disaster Preparedness)
1:40pm – 3:20pm	<u>Chair – Dr. Marlene Attzs</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Karl Theodore, Tishana Simon and Haleema Ali – Economic Implications of Farmers’ Perceptions of Climate Change and Adaptation Response in Trinidad and Tobago: A 50-year Perspective • Marlene Murray and Patrick Kent Watson– Storm and Hurricane Vulnerability: Implications of Sociological Factors for Mitigation in the Rural Communities of Trinidad • Mr. Cecil Charles – Assessing the ecological and economic

	sustainability Of tourism in Saint Lucia via The ecological footprint and tourism multipliers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE UWI	ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION 1: Education and Workforce Development (Open to General Public)
6:00pm – 7:55pm	Chair – Dr. Ralph Henry
	National Anthem
	Dr. Nicole Smith
	Mr. Peter Mitchell
	Mr. Keith Thomas
	Mr. David Abdullah
	Discussion
	Closing Comments – Dr. Ralph Henry
8:00pm – 8:30pm	Light Refreshments – LRC Undercroft
	Close of DAY 1
Day 2	12th October 2012
	Session 3: Petroleum and the Downstream Sector
9:00am – 10:40am	<u>Chair – Dr. Regan Deonanan</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Valerie Mercer-Blackman – Transitioning the Tax System to Take Advantage of the Natural Gas-Rich Economy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Allan Russell and Mr. Rajesh Bududass – T&T's Petroleum Industry Sector: The Next 50 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lorraine Sobers - Repeating History: The Potential for Carbon Dioxide based Industries in Trinidad and Tobago
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Roger Hosein – Revenue Management in Hydrocarbon Economies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
10:40am – 11:10am	BREAK
	Session 4: Trade & ICT
11:10am – 12:30pm	<u>Chair – Dr. Lester Henry</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eric Lambourdiere and Dr. Christopher Savage - Global supply chains, logistics clusters and economics growth: what could it mean to Caribbean territories?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Hosein and Ranita Seecharan– Marginal Intra-Industry Trade: The Case of bilateral trade between Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Guyana, Barbados and St. Lucia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wayne Punnette – Ministry of Trade Industry and Investment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Randall Karim - Ministry of Trade Industry and Investment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
12:30pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Presentation of Prizes Poster Competition
	Session 5: Regulatory Economics
1:45pm – 3:15pm	<u>Chair – Dr. Anne Marie Mohammed</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Errol Cupid – From Public Utilities Commission (PUC) To Regulated Industries Commission (RIC).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Glen Khan – A Retrospective the RIC 2001 - 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Christine Sahadeo - The role of A Revenue Authority in building resilience through Innovation - A Case for Trinidad and Tobago
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Vote of Thanks
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE UWI	ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION 2: Civil Society and Social Economics- Transformation for Development (open to General Public)
6:00pm – 7:55pm	Chair – Mr. Gregory McGuire
	National Anthem
	Ms. Sunity Maharaj
	Mr. Glen Ramjattan
	Dr. Asha Kambon
	Discussion
	Closing Comments – Mr. Gregory McGuire
8:00pm – 8:30pm	Light Refreshments – LRC Undercroft
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close of Day 2