

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

Day 1	Thursday 13th October 2016
9:00am – 10:10am	Opening Ceremony
	Chair- Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed
	National Anthem
	Welcome – Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed, Head, Department of Economics
	Greetings – Professor Ann Marie Bissessar, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
	Feature Speaker – Dr. Terrence Farrell, Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Board
	Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Feature Speaker - Dr. Terrance Farrell
	Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Honoree – Mr. Martin Franklin
	Presentation of Prizes – COTE Youth Competitions
	Vote of Thanks
10.10am – 10.15am	PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
10:16am – 10:45am	BREAK - FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES LOUNGE
10:45am – 11:45am	SESSION 1: ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION : Review of the Economy through National, Regional and International Lenses
	<u>Chair - Mr. Ewart Williams</u>
	Mr. Ewart Williams – Honorary Fellow, Department of Economics Mr. Hayden Blades - Business Insight Limited Mr. Sheldon Mclean - Inter-American Development Bank Discussion
11: 46am – 12:46pm	LUNCH – FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES LOUNGE
12:47 pm – 1:44pm	Session 2: Education and Human Resource Development
	<u>Chair – Dr. Daren Conrad</u>
	Beverly-Anne Carter - On 'two-legged' dictionaries and other insights from the Language and Competitiveness Project
	Henry H. Bailey & Balraj Kistow - Education, Diversification and Development Challenges For Trinidad and Tobago: Insights from a study that combines data from the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor database and the Global Competitiveness Report of the World Economic Forum for Trinidad and Tobago.
	Roger Hosein, Bhoendradatt Tewarie and Daren Conrad – Elements of the Design of an Income Contingent loan for a Small Petroleum Exporting but Resource Depleting Economy
	Discussion

1:45pm –2:42pm	Session 3: Diversification within the Energy Sector
	<u>Chair – Dr. Lester Henry</u>
	Regan Deonanan and Benjamin Ramkissoon - Energy consumption and economic development in Caribbean SIDS: Are there causal links?
	Edward Bahaw and Sherry Ann S. Ganase - Downstream Natural Gas Plant Portfolio Selection Criteria in Trinidad and Tobago: Net back Gas Price, Efficiency, Value Added and Employment
	Preeya Mohan, Patrick Watson and Eric Strobl - Knowledge Intensive Business Services Firms in the Oil and Gas Sector in Trinidad and Tobago
	Discussion
2:43pm –3:39pm	Session 4: Diversification in the Service Sector including Financial Services
	<u>Chair – Dr. Anthony Birchwood</u>
	Netty-Ann Gordon - The Casino and Gaming Industry in Trinidad and Tobago: Employment, Revenue, Regulation and Crime
	Gerard Greene and Jamila Greene - Diplomacy and Diversification: A Tool for the Expansion of the Creative and Cultural Industries of Trinidad and Tobago
	Stephen O’Neil Ramdewar - Financing for SMEs in the ECCU region: An Empirical Investigation into the Constraints of SME Financing
	Discussion
	Close of DAY 1 – Continuing the Conversation Refreshments Faculty of Social Sciences Lounge
Day 2	Friday 14th October 2016
9:00am – 9:02am	WELCOME
9:03am – 10:00am	Session 5: Trade and Development
	<u>Chair – Dr. Kevin Williams</u>
	Mary K King, St. Clair A King, Brian Copeland, and Ronald DeFour - The management of the diversification of T&T's economy in the context of innovation in the ensuing industrial revolution
	Roger Hosein, Jeetendra Khadan, and Nirvana Satnarine-Singh - Export Led Growth in the Caribbean: Evidence from a panel cointegration assessment
	Rebecca Gookool and Roger Hosein - Welfare Considerations of the Economic Partnership Agreement: A CARIFORUM Perspective
	Discussion
10:01am – 10:20am	BREAK
10:21am – 11:30am	Session 6: Agriculture Sector Development

	<u>Chair – Dr. Regan Deonanan</u>
	Chaney C.G St. Martin, Roxanne Brizan-St. Martin and Mario Lewis - Agricultural diversification in a circular economy: building business-technology models for the transformation of agricultural waste into useful products
	Vassal Stewart – How the Agriculture Sector can diversify the Economy
	Afiya De Sormeaux and Sharon D. Hutchinson - Fostering Agricultural Development by Reducing Vulnerabilities
	Omardath Maharaj - Can we turn agriculture and fisheries into our new oil and gas?
	Discussion
11: 31am – 12: 27pm	Session 7: ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION: Diversification the Way Forward
	<u>Chair: Prof. Patrick Watson</u>
	Prof Ann-Marie Bissessar Mr. Gregory McGuire Ms. Catherine Kumar Discussion
12:28pm – 12:33pm	VOTE OF THANKS - Conference Co-Chair, Dr. Daren Conrad
12:33pm – 12:40pm	REMARKS FROM HONOREE - Mr. Martin Franklin
CLOSE OF CONFERENCE - AGM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION	