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**Dear Friends & Colleagues,**

Welcome to the first issue of our quarterly newsletter for 2018. This edition brings you news of the recent launch of the special commemorative issue of the Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy (CJIRD) to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization of American States (OAS); in-house training on 'Protocol and Business Etiquette' for staff members of the Caribbean Union Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church; a Diplomatic Dialogue entitled "The Falkland Islands: Sovereignty and Economic Challenges" and a live-Streamed Webinar entitled "Introduction to Southeast Asia with a Cultural Overview on Indonesia" amongst several other memorable events which took place over the first quarter.

**The Caribbean Journal of International Relations & Diplomacy (CJIRD) launches  
a Special Issue in Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OAS**



L to R: Former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Honourable Bruce Golding; IIR Director, Professor Jessica Byron; and Lecturer at The UWI Mona Campus, Dr. Lisa Vasciannie on the panel at the launch of the Special Issue of the CJIRD to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OAS at the Regional Headquarters of The UWI in Mona, Jamaica

On March 5<sup>th</sup> the Institute of International Relations was pleased to launch a Special Issue of its Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy (CJIRD) to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization of American States (OAS) at the Regional Headquarters of The UWI in Mona, Jamaica.

The Special Issue of the Journal was aptly themed, *'More Rights for More People: The Contribution and Impact of the OAS to the Hemisphere and the Peoples of the Americas'* which patterns the slogan of the present Secretary General of the OAS, His Excellency Luis Almagro. In the words of the Editorial by Jeanelle van GlaanenWeygel (OAS Representative in Jamaica) and Jacinth Henry-Martin (Chief of Staff to the OAS) which introduces the scholarly issue, *'this special commemorative edition seeks to reflect on the past achievements and shortfalls of the Organization, and to contemplate its outlook beyond the first 70 years,*



L to R: Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, Jamaica, Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith; Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, Jamaica, Ambassador Marcia Gilbert Roberts; and OAS Representative in Jamaica, Jeanelle van GlaanenWeygel

*even as it strives to fulfil its mandate in the face of multi-pronged challenges to its institutional foundation'.* The Opening Ceremony of the launch was chaired by the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Affairs at The UWI, Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal, and remarks were given by the Assistant Secretary General of the

OAS, Ambassador Nestor Mendez and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica, Senator the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith. The opening ceremony was followed by a panel discussion chaired by IIR Director, Professor Jessica Byron, and included contributing authors, the former Prime Minister of Jamaica and Honorary Distinguished Fellow at The UWI, Bruce Golding and Lecturer in International Relations at The UWI Mona Campus, Dr. Lisa Vasciannie. Other contributing authors to the special issue includes, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States of America, His Excellency Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer; Dean of the Faculty of Law at The UWI St. Augustine Campus and former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS, Washington, Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine; the General Director of the Instituto Matías Romero (the Diplomatic Academy of Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Dr. Natalia Saltalamacchia; and a reflective interview with the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, Ambassador Nestor Mendez, conducted by Javier Montes. To access the commemorative issue of the CJIRD, we invite you to visit <https://journals.sta.uwi.edu/iir/>

## Courtesy Visit by His Excellency Reuben Rahming, Ambassador of The Bahamas to CARICOM



L-R: Her Excellency Mrs. Rahming, wife of Ambassador Rahming; His Excellency Reuben Rahming, Ambassador of The Bahamas to CARICOM and High Commissioner Designate to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; Professor Jessica Byron, Director, IIR; Dr. E. Monica Davis, Honorary Consul of The Bahamas in Port of Spain; Ms. Zara Weekes-Rhyzer, Project Assistant, DAOC.

His Excellency Reuben Rahming paid a most memorable visit to Professor Jessica Byron, Director of the Institute of International Relations and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean on 12 March, 2018. The courtesy call symbolizes the continuance and reinvigoration of amicable relations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of The Bahamas and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean/Institute of International Relations, as well as the deepening of ties between the two organizations.

During his visit, His Excellency Rahming discussed plans to strengthen the relationship through the provision of training by the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean to foreign service officials of The Bahamas. Ambassador Rahming, and his wife Mrs. Rahming, accompanied by Dr. E. Monica Davis, Honorary Consul of The Bahamas to Trinidad and Tobago and Mr. Mike Guy, Foreign Service Officer of the CARICOM Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Bahamas also toured the premises of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean and the Institute of International Relations.



**Customized Training Workshop on Protocol & Business Etiquette  
for the Caribbean Union Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church**



Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union Conference (centre-first row) and (from L-R) Ms. Zara Weekes-Rhyzer, Project Assistant, The DAOC; Professor Jessica Byron, Director, IIR; Ms. Gail P. Guy and Mr. Dennis Francis, Course Facilitators, pose with participants of the Customized training workshop on Protocol and Business Etiquette

The DAOC is pleased to have collaborated with the Caribbean Union Conference (CUC) of the Seventh-Day

Adventist (SDA) Church to have provided customized in-house training in Protocol and Business Etiquette for members of its staff. Thirty-one (31) participants including Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union Conference, along with several Directors, Administrative Assistants, and professionals in Human Resources, Finance and Event Coordination took part in the two (2) days training workshop. The facilitators, Ms. Gail P. Guy, retired Diplomat and Protocol Consultant and Mr.



Active participation by two representatives of the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC)

Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago engaged the participants in various

meaningful discussions and group activities. Topics included Diplomacy, the concepts of a Protocol, State Protocol, Etiquette and Business Etiquette, aspects of Corporate Etiquette and Event Planning.

Professor Jessica Byron, Director of the Institute of International Relations, during the opening ceremony, recognized the enthusiasm of Seventh-Day Adventists in all aspects of academic and professional life and applauded the Caribbean Union Conference for its decision to engage the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean to conduct Protocol training for its employees. At the closing ceremony, Dr. Tobias acknowledged the value of protocol training for staff of the CUC and lauded the facilitators for their expertise.



Newly-trained participant and President of the Caribbean Union Conference, Dr. Kern Tobias, shares a laugh with Facilitators, Ms. Gail P. Guy and Mr. Dennis Francis, and the group of graduates during his Vote of Thanks at the Closing Ceremony of the Training workshop



Graduates including Dr. Kern Tobias (front row) pose with their certificates



## Diplomatic Dialogue - “The Falkland Islands: Sovereignty and Economic Challenges”



Mr. Ian Hansen addresses the audience at Lecture Room 1 of the Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus.

On Wednesday the 24th of January 2018, the Institute of International Relations (IIR) and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC) at The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus in collaboration with the British High Commission in Port of Spain, hosted their first Diplomatic Dialogue of the year. This dialogue entitled “The Falkland Islands: Sovereignty and Economic Challenges” featured presentations by the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Falklands, Mr. Ian Hansen and Mr. Mark Pollard. Approximately thirty guests, including members of the diplomatic and consular corps, representatives of the public and private sector, academic staff, postgraduate students of the IIR, and members of the wider UWI community attended the lecture. The dialogue was chaired by Dr. Dave Seerattan, acting Director of the IIR. The Honourable Mr Hansen and Mr Pollard delivered very comprehensive presentations about the Falkland Islands, with critical discussions on small non-independent territories and sovereignty, the economic challenges facing the Falkland Islands post-Brexit and the relationship with Argentina. The presentations covered the political structure of the Falkland Islands, their population make up and dynamics, social services delivery, economic structure, as well as the outlook and some of the issues that the Falkland Islands face. Mr Hansen’s and Mr Pollard’s presentations truly embodied the intended objective of the Diplomatic Dialogues hosted by the IIR. Their accommodating presentation style all owed for the audience’s questions to be answered during the presentations, which generated rich, lively, thought-provoking discussions. Some notable questions from the audience focused on issues of immigration and tourism to the Falkland Islands, crime management and prisons, the Falkland Islands’ economy and the potential for entering the international energy market, education, transport between islands, and issues of marriage and finding spouses.

## **Livestreamed Webinar: “Introduction to Southeast Asia with a Cultural Overview on Indonesia”**

The Caribbean and Southeast-Asia have a number of historical, cultural and developmental similarities, and thus, the two regions stand to gain from deepening ties. In a Livestreamed Webinar held on 14 March, 2018, Mr. Guillermo "Gil" Santos and the Honourable Trini Gunarti Sualang, emphasized this point. Mr. Santos, a Professor of Journalism and Geopolitics at the Lyceum of the Philippines University, and the Honourable Ms. Sualang, Minister Counsellor for Social and Cultural

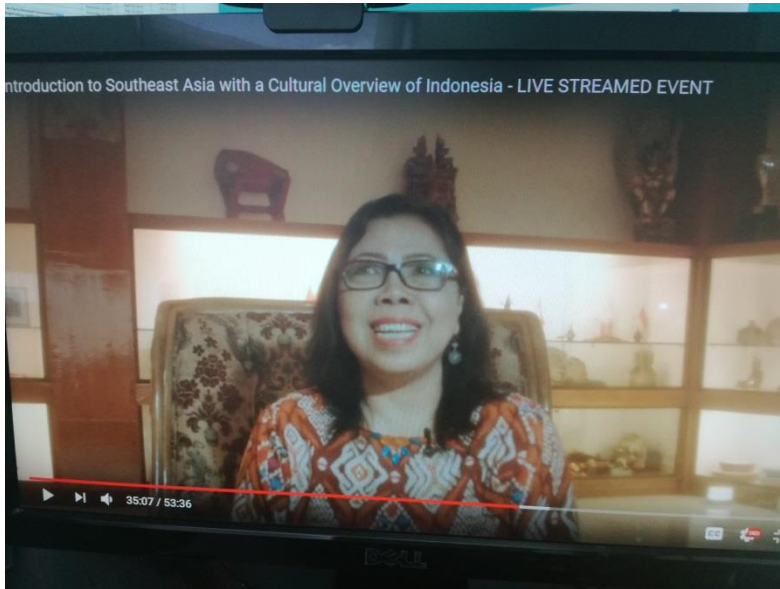


Mr. Guillermo "Gil" Santos Professor of Journalism and Geopolitics at the Lyceum of the Philippines University

Affairs at the Indonesian Embassy in Manila delivered a livestreamed presentation entitled “Introduction to Southeast Asia with a Cultural Overview on Indonesia”.

The Webinar is the first collaboration between the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the last quarter of 2017 which formalized cooperation between the two organizations. The MOU came after several discussions which followed a courtesy visit by the Executive Director and Chamber Envoy for Diplomatic Affairs of the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber, the Honourable Matthew Andrew Yngson to then Manager of the DAOC, Dr. Khellon Roach on 25 July 2017.

The two presenters discussed common historical experiences between the two regions such as close ties to the British, Dutch, French and Spanish. Mr. Santos highlighted some strengths of the southeast-Asian region including strong agricultural and aquaculture sectors and the resulting potential capacity of the region to contribute to world food and water security. He underlined the thriving coconut, pineapple, avocado, banana and mango industries as well as tuna and seaweed.



The Honourable Ms. Trini Gunarti Sualang, Minister Counsellor for Social and Cultural Affairs at the Indonesian Embassy in Manila

Developmental challenges between the two regions were also examined such as transport between countries and the integration of similar yet unique states in each region into a cohesive, functional and effective economic block (ASEAN and CARICOM).

Mr. Santos and the Honourable Ms. Sualang stressed the potential for collaboration and investment in the area of eco-tourism, highlighting China, Japan, Europe and the emerging economies of India and South Africa as viable markets. The education, herbal medicine

and food production sectors were also underscored as brimming with potential for collaboration. This webinar is the first of several envisaged collaborations between the Chamber and the DAOC which seeks to continue to broaden understanding and cooperation between the Caribbean and southeast-Asian regions. The Webinar can be viewed on the Chamber's Youtube channel at the following link: <http://webinar.ecseachamber.org>

### **Guest Lecture: The Fourth Chessboard - Indigenous Rights, Diplomacies, and the Practice of Indigenous Sovereignties in Domestic and International Politics**

Indigenous peoples have emerged as new and critical actors in International Relations. This is the crucial point Professor Dr. David MacDonald highlighted in his Guest Lecture given at the Institute of International Relations on Monday 12th March, 2018. Professor MacDonald, a Professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada) and the Research Leadership Chair for the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, drew on his work in Canada and Aotearoa New Zealand, to deliver an intriguing and informative presentation on the topical issue of indigenous rights. The Guest Lecture also offered some reflections on Indigenous peoples within the United Nations system.



The Guest Lecture highlighted that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People ensures the right to self-determination for Indigenous groups. Professor MacDonald raised the issue that indigenous sovereignty does not necessarily refer to traditional sovereignty (the right to form states), but rather, deals with issues of access to and control over their lands. He noted that as a result of globalization, the concept of sovereign states with fixed borders has become an illusion since borders are constantly being produced and reproduced and that there is sovereignty within sovereignty. Consequently, he recommended a return to viewing sovereignty in a more dynamic way taking into account its various complex forms. Furthermore, the presentation tackled the issue of dual citizenship for indigenous people and pointed to cases where states have accepted alternative identity documents from native and indigenous peoples.



Professor Dr. David MacDonald delivers Guest Lecture in Lecture Room 1 of the Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies

Guests who attended the lecture included representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts, Warao elders and members of the Santa Rosa First Peoples Community, Academic staff from the Faculty of Law, postgraduate students and IIR Alumni. The dynamic group of attendees allowed for

highly interactive and lively discussions with questions being raised on the applicability of existing international laws to the rights of indigenous peoples in the Caribbean context.

## Training Module: Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional



Graduates pose with Facilitators (seated) Ms. Gail P. Guy, retired Diplomat and Protocol Consultant and Mr. Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago

It is said that it is not the work in itself that makes or breaks a professional experience, but rather the individuals with whom you interface. Nineteen (19) professionals from the diplomatic corps, regional organizations, public and private sectors as well as civil society attended training in Protocol at The DAOC from March 26 to 29, 2018.

Present at the training module were representatives from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, the Nigerian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago, the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago, and organizations such as the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, the

Power Generation Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited, the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards and the Caribbean Court of Justice, Reign Society Global, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago Postal Corporation and DNV GL Oil & Gas. This diversity made for a dynamic group of mature and eager participants.

Guided by Ms. Gail Guy, retired Diplomat and Protocol Consultant and Mr. Dennis Francis, former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, the participants engaged in group work, discussions and practical activities. Topics covered included, diplomacy, corporate etiquette and planning for state functions among others.





Groups engaged in activities



Formal Luncheon and Dining Etiquette Exercise

### *Testimonials from “Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional”*



*“I found the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean to be an excellent Centre for training Diplomats and non-Diplomats. Indeed, I had a wonderful experience.”*

**Mr. Hassanu Dan-Amu, Nigeria**  
*First Secretary – Nigerian High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago*





*"As Press and Information Officer at the European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago, understanding the finer points of protocol and diplomacy are essential for my job. I was therefore delighted with the training I received from The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, UWI. The richness of the course content was enhanced by the fact that our facilitators were veteran diplomats and thus extremely well versed in not only the theory, but also the practice of protocol and diplomacy."*

**Ms. Karen Sheppard, Trinidad and Tobago**

*Press and Information Officer - Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago*



*"The course 'Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional' has provided me with a depth of knowledge in the concepts of protocol, etiquette and the framework for diplomacy. The team of experts at the DAOC has combined their unique blend of professional knowledge and diplomatic experiences to deliver a course beyond my expectations. The hallmark of this training course was the delivery of the international standards articulated within the context of our Caribbean culture. Every professional in the Caribbean, both in the public service and private sector should empower themselves with this knowledge."*

**Mrs. Mignon Bowen-Phillips, Guyana**

*Project Officer - Caribbean Community Secretariat*



*"The programme has provided a wellspring of pragmatic detail, discourse and rigorous training which has unequivocally refined each of the participants in their respective professional portfolios. We were all equally impacted by His Excellency Ambassador Francis: his professionalism, mannerism, eloquence, aura and social finesse has set him apart from others and have served as key learning points for each of us. I am delighted to express that this week has been the highlight of my 6 years of studying International Relations. This has renewed my passion and excitement for the field and has served to motivate me on my trajectory."*

**Ms. Sarah Rambaran, Trinidad and Tobago**

*Senior Communications Officer - Ministry of Local Government*



## Upcoming Training Modules

### Summer Executive Programme for Young Professionals: Protocol, Diplomacy and Business Etiquette 101

**Facilitated by:** Ms. Gail P. Guy, retired Diplomacy and Protocol Consultant

Session 1: June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Session 2: June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### The Art of Corporate and Diplomatic Communication

**Facilitated by:** Ms. Sharon Welsh, Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and Communications Consultant

June 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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