



COTE21

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and Restructuring Caribbean Economies Post COVID-19*

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DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2021

1:00pm – 1:19pm

OPENING CEREMONY

Chair - Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed, Head of Department

National Anthem – Trinidad and Tobago

Welcome

Dr. Anne-Marie Mohammed
Head, Department of Economics

Greetings

Dr. Acolla Lewis - Cameron
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

1:20pm – 2:16pm

SESSION 1: VIRTUAL ARMCHAIR ON THE CARICOM COMMISSION'S REPORT

Chair - Dr. Daren Conrad, Lecturer, UWI STA

Prof. Avinash Persaud
Chairman, CARICOM Commission on the Economy

Mr. Gregory Mc Guire
Commission Member, CARICOM Commission on the Economy

Hon. Chester Humphrey
Commission Member, CARICOM Commission on the Economy

Discussion

2:17pm – 3:24pm

SESSION 2: MANUFACTURING

Chair - Dr. Henry Bailey, Lecturer, UWI STA

Mr. Mark Hill
CEO, Barbados Investment and Development Corporation

Dr. Mahindra Ramesh Ramdeen
CEO, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturing Association (TTMA)

Mr. John Mahfood
President, Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association JMEA

Multi-Criteria Optimization of Input-Output Models for Industrial Symbiosis at Point Lisas Industrial Estate

Thérèse G. Lee Chan, Kyle Joshua, and David A. Janes

Discussion

DAY 2

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

1:00pm – 1:05pm

Chair – Ms. Malini Maharaj, Assistant Lecturer, The UWI STA

Acknowledging COTE Youth Prize Winners

1:06pm – 1:11pm

RECAP OF DAY 1

1:12pm – 2:08pm

SESSION 3: CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Chair – Chair Dr. Jo-anne Tull, Lecturer, STA

Mr. Keith Kirk

Director, Music Services, TOVA Group | Music Metadata Specialist

Mr. Harold Davis

Deputy CEO, Jamaica Business Development Corporation

Mr. Stephen Hignell

Director, Nordicity International Creative Economy Consulting

Discussion

2:09pm – 3:06pm

SESSION 4: THE BLUE ECONOMY

Chair: Prof. John Agard, Executive Director, Global Institute for Climate-Smart and Resilient Development and Co-Chair of

Independent Group of Scientists for the UN Global Sustainable Development

Prof Judith Gobin
Professor of Marine Biology, STA Campus

**Mapping of the Blue Economy in the CARICOM Sub-Region
Innovations and Business Potential**

Ruel L.A. Ellis.

Climate Change and Beach Tourism in the Caribbean

Eric Strobl, Nekeisha Spencer and Alrick Cambell.

Discussion

DAY 3

FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2021

1:00pm – 1:05pm

Chair – Dr. Lester Henry, Senior Lecturer, STA

1:06pm – 2:01pm

RECAP OF DAY 2

SESSION 5: NEW AGRICULTURE AND AGRI BUSINESS

Chair: Ms. Ena C. Harvey

**IICA Representative, Barbados and Hemispheric Agrotourism
Specialist, IICA Delegation in Barbados**

Ms. Rachel Renie
Co-founder, D Market Movers Ltd, Trinidad and Tobago

Ms. Danielle Thompson
Founder and Director, Nature My Therapy Tree Planting Ambassador, Jamaica

Ms. Tamisha Lee
President, Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (JNRWP)

Discussion

2:02pm – 3:10pm

SESSION 6: ENERGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Chair: Mr. Gregory Mc Guire, Principal Consultant VSL

Mr. Philip Julien
Chairman, Kenesjay Green Limited and New Gen Energy Ltd.

Mr. Joel “Monty” Pemberton
Chairman, Resverba Energy Limited

Mr. Mark Loquan
President, National Gas Company

**The Energy, Economics and Feasibility of e-Mobility for
Caribbean SIDS: Policy Suggestions**

Dr. Graham King & Bhopendra Maharaj

Discussion

3:11pm – 4:18pm

SESSION 7: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Chair – Dr Ernest Massiah, Global Health Specialist

Dr. Keith Nurse
President, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College

Prof. Avinash Persaud
Chairman, CARICOM Commission on the Economy

Dr. Thackwray Driver
Former Chairman, Network of Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM)

Ms. Ena C. Harvey
*IICA Representative, Barbados and Hemispheric Agrotourism Specialist, IICA
Delegation in Barbados*

Discussion

4:19pm – 4:25pm

VOTE OF THANKS

Conference Chair, Mr. Roger McLean

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