

CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMY (COTE 2026)

Exploring New Opportunities for the Blue, Green, and Orange Economy in the Caribbean and SIDS for Sustainable Development

The Annual Conference on the Economy (COTE 2026) of the Department of Economics, UWI, St. Augustine Campus is scheduled for November 12th – 13th 2026 at the Learning Resource Centre Auditorium (LRC), The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad. ***The conference is hybrid and will allow in-person and virtual participation.***

COTE is an annual landmark event of the Department at which findings from quality research to inform our stakeholders on economic and social policy impacts and will examine the theme ***“Exploring New Opportunities for the Blue, Green, and Orange Economy in the Caribbean and SIDS for Sustainable Development”***

Conference presentations will be organised along the following seven (7) subthemes:

1. Geopolitical and Economic Shifts
2. Environmental and Climate Challenges
3. Social and Demographic Trends
4. The Blue Economy: Where did the Buccoo go?
5. The Green Economy: What’s your Footprint?
6. The Orange Economy: The Multiplier of Machel

Papers under the ‘Geopolitical and Economic Shifts’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Global Trade and Regional Dynamics*
- b. *Economics Pressures and Fiscal Sustainability in SIDS*
- c. *Debt Management Strategies in a Volatile Global Economy*
- d. *The Impact of Geopolitical Instability on Regional Security*

Papers under the ‘Environmental and Climate Challenges’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Climate Change Adaptation: Financing and Policy Imperatives*
- b. *Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilient Infrastructure*
- c. *Energy Transition and its Economic Implications for SIDS*

Papers under the ‘Social and Demographic Trends’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Migration Patterns and Labour Market Impacts*
- b. *Health Systems under Stress: Lessons from Global Crises*
- c. *Education and Skills Development for a Changing Economy*

Papers under the ‘The Blue Economy: Where did the Buccoo go’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Marine Resources and Fisheries Management for Economic Growth*
- b. *Sustainable Tourism and Coastal Development*
- c. *Ocean-based Renewable Energy Opportunities*

Papers under the ‘The Green Economy: What’s your Footprint?’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Renewable Energy Integration and Policy Frameworks*
- b. *Circular Economy and Waste Management Innovations*
- c. *Agricultural Transformation for Climate Resilience*
- d. *Tensions between the Fossil Fuel Based Energy Sector and the Green Economy*

Papers under the ‘The Orange Economy: The Multiplier of Machel’ thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. *Creative Industries as Drivers of Economic Diversification*
- b. *Digital Transformation and Cultural Exports*
- c. *Intellectual Property and Innovation Ecosystems in the Caribbean*
- d. *Role of the diaspora with regards to contributing to the Orange Economy*

Guidelines for Completing Abstracts

- All Abstracts should be submitted in English and include the title of the paper.
- Abstracts should be limited to 200 words;
- Abstracts should indicate the conference theme under which it is being submitted and the relevant JEL codes classification.
- Names of all the authors and the contact information of the lead author should be indicated.
- All abstracts and papers should be submitted to STA-COTE@uwi.edu by the deadline shown below

Deadlines

Deadline of submission of Abstracts for Papers:	4 th September 2026
Deadline of submission of Completed Conference Papers	26 th October 2026
Deadline of submission of soft copies of Presentations:	2 nd November 2026