

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On The Theme:

The Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities: Challenges and Solutions

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies (SALISES) of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, and the Turtle Village Trust of Trinidad & Tobago are issuing a call for papers and panels for an International Conference on the theme:

The Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities: Challenges and Solutions

The conference will be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, over the period June 1-3, 2011. Participation is open to scholars, policy makers, graduate students, professionals, NGOs, civil society and community-based organizations. It is a forum for the exchange of ideas on critical issues related to climate change and coastal communities, biodiversity, turtle conservation, ecotourism, sustainable community development, the environment and related issues. A lively social programme is being planned which shall include a visit to Grande Riviere on Trinidad's North Coast, perhaps the world's most popular nesting site for the leatherback turtle. See http://www.seeturtles.org/886/grande-riviere.html.

We welcome a mix of theoretical and policy-oriented papers from a range of disciplines on the conference theme, including economics, ecology, biology, geography, geomatics engineering, GIS, sociology, anthropology, humanities and public policy, as well as interdisciplinary collaborations. <u>We particularly welcome submissions dealing with coastal</u> communities that are nesting sites for sea-turtles.

Topics of interest to the Conference include (but are not limited to):

- 1. The impact of climate change on coastal communities;
- 2. Climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- 3. Research Strategies in Sea Turtle Conservation;
- 4. Community Based Ecotourism Activities;
- 5. Sustainable tourism policy development;
- 6. The role of biodiversity in supporting local livelihoods;
- 7. Natural disaster management;
- 8. Coastal zone management and urban planning;
- 9. Governance, institutional and public policy analyses.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND SUGGESTED PANELS IN WORD FORMAT IS JANUARY 31, 2011.

Authors of papers and organizers of panels accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified by February 15, 2011.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPERS IN WORD OR PDF FORMAT IS APRIL 15, 2011.

Suggested panels and abstracts of 200 words or less, inclusive of keywords, or full papers (inclusive of abstracts), are to be sent to:

Ms Francine Alleyne SALISES University of the West Indies St. Augustine Trinidad & Tobago E-mail: salises@sta.uwi.edu

PUBLICATION IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES

A selection of papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of *Social and Economic Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal of the SALISES.

Further details shall soon be posted on the SALISES website at http://sta.uwi.edu/salises/.

December 19, 2010