



**Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
Presents**

Academic Conference
on

**BUILDING A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND
CARIBBEAN: THE ROLE OF DIASPORA**



**ORGANISED BY
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
(31 MAY - 01 JUNE 2011)**

*Venue: Learning Resource Centre, University of West Indies (31 May)
Learning Resource Centre, University of West Indies (01 June)*

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Programme

31 May 2011

Venue: Daaga Auditorium, University of West Indies

1400 – 1500 hrs Registration
1500 – 1600 hrs Inaugural Session

Master of Ceremonies: Prof. Kapil Kumar, Chair Contemporary Indian Studies

- Welcome Remarks by High Commissioner Mr. Malay Mishra
- Address by Hon'ble Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs & Civil Aviation, Govt. of India.
- Address by Hon'ble Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago.
- Donation of books by Ms. Leela Gujadhhar Sarup to Pro-Vice Chancellor & Principal Prof. Clement Sankat, St. Augustine Campus, UWI
- Vote of Thanks by Dr Amar Wahab, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus

1600 – 1730 hrs

1st Session

Theme: Presentation & Networking of Diaspora Associations in the Caribbean

Moderator: Prof. Brinsley Samaroo – 5 minutes
Chair: Prof. Clement Sankat (TBC) – 5 minutes
Panelists: 1. Mr. Kumar Moorjani, French Guyana
2. Dr. Arnold Thomas, St. Vincent
3. Mr. Michel Narayaninswamy, Guadeloupe
4. Ms. Shadel Compton, Grenada
5. Ms. Sylvia Gilharry Perez, Belize
6. Mr. Sabir Nakhuda, Barbados
7. Mr. Petamber Persaud, Guyana
(10 minutes each)

1730 - 1900 hrs

Reception hosted by Prof. Clement Sankat, Pro-Vice Chancellor & Principal, UWI at Principal's Office Lawns

1800 – 1900 hrs

Cultural Programme (Bhangra Group from India)

01 June 2011

Venue: Learning Resource Centre, UWI

0900 – 1030 hrs

2nd Session

Theme: Culture, Identity & Roots in a Globalising World

Moderator: Mr. Ravindranath Maharaj- 5 minutes
Chair: Ms. Leela Gujadhhar Saroop – 5 minutes

Panelists: 1. Mr. Shamsu Deen, T&T
 2. Ms. Christelle Gourdine, Guadeloupe
 3. Dr. Prem Misir, Guyana
 4. Mr. Maurits S. Hassan Khan, Suriname
 (15 minutes each)

1030 – 1100 hrs

Tea Break

1100 – 1230 hrs

3rd Session

Theme: Building a Knowledge Economy: Role of Youth

Moderator: Mr. Ronald Chuckaree – 5 minutes
Chair: Dr. Bhoendradutt Tewarie – 5 minutes

Panelists: 1. Ms. Amrita Priya Ramcharan, T&T
 2. Dr. Terencia Joseph, Saint Lucia
 3. Mr. Roberto Persaud, Suriname
 4. Ms. Kiran Aarti Mattai, Guyana
 (15 minutes each)

1230 – 1330 hrs

Working Lunch

1330 – 1500 hrs

4th Session

Theme: Caribbean Diaspora: Role in Development

Moderator: Dr. Kumar Mahabir – 5 minutes
Chair: Mr. Ashook Ramsaran – 5 minutes

Panelists: 1. Mr. Fred Negrit, Guadeloupe
 2. Ms. Shundell Persad Jha, USA
 3. Dr. Ron Sookram, Grenada
 4. Dr. Sherry- Ann Singh, T&T
 (15 minutes each)

1530 – 1630 hrs

Valedictory Address & Wrap up Session

- Valedictory Address by Dr. Kenneth Ramchand, President, UTT
- Wrap up by Chief Rapporteur Mr. Paras Ramoutar
- Closing Remarks by High Commissioner Mr. Malay Mishra

1630 – 1800 hrs

Presentation of Documentary Film on the Diaspora by Shundell Prasad Jha followed by discussions