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Morning

7:00am – 8:00am

Registration and Breakfast

8:00am – 8:30am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30am – 10:00pm

**Theme 1 (Plenary) – The Current State:
Options for Development & Growth in the Caribbean**

- a. Caribbean and Latin America: Current and Desired States - Dr. Dillon Alleyne – ECLAC, Trinidad
- b. Development Alternatives: Tools for economic transformation - Mr. Gerardo Pataconi, Chief of the Cluster and Business Linkages Unit – UNIDO
- c. Cluster Development as a tool for Economic Development and Transformation - Emiliano Duch is the founder and CEO of The Cluster Competitiveness Group

10:00am – 10:30am

Coffee Break

10:30am – 12:00pm

**Theme 2 (Plenary) – Fundamentals of Cluster Development:
The Role of the Public and Private Sector**

- a. Understanding Global Value Chains and the Cluster Development Perspective - Dr. Carlo Pietrobelli
- b. A toolkit for Government Policy and Strategy - Ms. Delaine Morgan, Jampro, Jamaica
- c. Benefits of Cluster Participation to Businesses - Dr. Tamal Sarkar – MSME Foundations

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

Afternoon

1:00pm – 3:30pm

**Theme 3 (Plenary) - Best Practices in Cluster Development
Agribusiness and Tourism**

- a. Agribusiness Clusters - Dr. Carlo Pietrobelli
- b. Cluster development in Agribusiness & Tourism, Jamaica - Dr. Beverly Morgan, The Competitiveness Company
- c. Tourism Cluster, Colombia – Mrs. America Walter Lopez
- d. Cluster Development and the importance of Social Capital - Dr. Christian Felzensztein – Chile

Alternative Clusters

- a. Creative Industry Clusters – Mrs. Kayanne Anderson
- b. Cluster development in ICT – Mr. Andrew Crawford – Procomer, Costa Rica
- c. Cluster Development and Poverty Alleviation – Dr. Tamal Sarkar – Foundation for MSME Clusters, India
- d. Energy Cluster – Dr. Thackwray Driver, CEO Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago

3:30am – 4:00am

Coffee Break

4:00am – 4:30pm

Theme 4 (Plenary) – Technical Assistance from Key Supporting Agencies

- a. UNIDO
- b. ITC/ILO

4:30pm – 5:00pm

**Theme 5 (Plenary) – A Way Forward and Closing
Professor Miguel Carrillo**

Executive Director of the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, UWI