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PROGRAMME

Thursday 10th December

1:00 - 3:00 **Registration**

3:00 - 5:00 **Round Table: The Service Commissions**

Winston R Rudder (In Person)
Chairman of the Public Service Commission

Reginald Dumas (In Person)
Former Head of the Public Service

Maukesh Basdeo (In Person)
Lecturer in Political Science, UWI St Augustine

Gloria Edwards-Joseph (In Person)
Human Resources Consultant

Opening Ceremony and THA Chief Secretary Feature address

Chairperson - Professor Hamid Ghany, Director SALISES, UWI St Augustine

6:00 - 6:10 **Opening Remarks**

Professor Hamid Ghany (In Person)
*Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies,
University of the West Indies, St Augustine*

6:10 - 6:15 **Welcome Remarks**

Mr Alpha Lorde (In Person)
General Manager of the Mt Irvine Bay Resort

6:15 - 6:25 **Remarks**

Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee (Virtual)
*University Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies,
University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica*

6:25 - 6:35 **Remarks**

Professor Brian Copeland (Virtual)
Pro-Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal University of the West Indies, St Augustine

6:35 - 6:45 **Remarks**

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles (Virtual)
Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies

6:45 - 6:50 **Remarks**

Rocio Medina Bolivar
IDB Representative, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) (Virtual) Representative

- 6:50 - 6:55** **Remarks**
Caribbean Development Bank (Virtual) Representative
- 6:55 - 7:00** **Remarks**
International Labour Organization (ILO) (Virtual) Representative
- 7:00 - 7:15** **Feature Address**
Assemblyman Joel Jack
Deputy Chief Secretary and Secretary for Finance and the Economy,

Friday 11th December

- 8:00 AM** **Registration**
- 9:00 - 11:00** **Round Table: Internal Self-Government for Tobago**
Chair: Professor Hamid Ghany, Director SALISES, UWI St Augustine

Vanus James (In Person)
Economist

Melanie Roberts-Radgman (In Person)
Attorney at Law

Reginald Dumas (In Person)
Former Head of the Public Service

Maukesh Basdeo (In Person)
Lecturer in Political Science, UWI St Augustine
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 - 1:00** **IDB Pre-Luncheon session**
Economic Institutions in the Caribbean (Book Launch)
Chair: Preeya Mohan Fellow SALISES, UWI St Augustin

David Rosenblatt (Virtual)
Regional Economic Adviser IDB

Diether Beuermann (Virtual)
Senior Economist Caribbean Country Department IDB

Moises Schwartz
Manager of the Institutions for Development Sector IDB

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch

**2:00 - 3:30 Session 1A: Development Challenges in Small States 1
(parallel session)**

Chair: Deborah McFee, IGDS, UWI St Augustine

The Challenges for Ministerial Responsibility Posed by Parliamentary Requirements for Special Majority Legislation: The Effect of the Canadian Bill of Rights Model for Human Rights in Trinidad and Tobago

Hamid Ghany (In Person)

Self-sustaining Growth in Trinidad and Tobago: Role of the Capacity to Innovate

Vanus James and Carlos Hazel (In Person)

Land-based policing: Implications for Safety and Security in Trinidad and Tobago

Wendell C. Wallace (Virtual)

At the end of the SEA- What are the policy solutions to removing early high-stakes selection in Trinidad and Tobago?

Jerome De Lisle (Virtual)

Session 1B Social Policy and Social Justice (parallel session)

Chair: Richard Ramsawak Lecturer and Consultant

Examining Well-Being Among Older Persons With Disabilities in Trinidad using Sen'S Capability Approach

Bephyer Parey (Virtual)

Socio-Demographic Factors and Intimate Partner Violence in Trinidad and Tobago: Evidence from the Women's Health Survey - Trinidad and Tobago, 2017

Akeisha Alexis-St Hilaire and Godfrey St. Bernard (Virtual)

Social Policy in the Caribbean: Case of Guyana, 1962-2016

Roy McCree (Virtual)

Exploring the Health-Income link within CARICOM

Diedron Lewis (Virtual)

- 3:30 - 4:00** **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 - 5:30** **Session 2A: Poverty, Inequality and Social Exclusion (parallel session)**
Chair: Preeya Mohan Fellow SALISES, UWI St Augustine
- Poverty and Resilience in Tobago
Raynata Wiggins (In Person)
- The impact of internal and external migration upon Caribbean culture with focus on remittances and diaspora relations
Kareina Mohammed (Virtual)
- What is a Good School, and Can Parents Tell? Evidence on the Multidimensionality of School Output
"Diether Wolfgang, C. Kirabo Jackson, Laia Navarro-Sola and Francisco Pardo (Virtual)"
- Session 2B: Climate change, Green Growth and the New Climate Economy (parallel session)**
Chair: Deborah McFee, IGDS, UWI St Augustine
- Climate Change in Small Island Developing States
Natalie Walthrust Jones (Virtual)
- The role and impact of remittances and civil society in the development of the Caribbean's Diasporic Community
Karleen Lall (Virtual)
- "Empowering Caribbean Youths through Sustainable Education Development: A Case Study of The Bahamas."
Beverly Wilson-Wuenssch (Virtual)
- Engaging At-risk Youth: Supporting their Personal Development
Lisa Jaggernauth (Virtual)
- 7:00 - 9:00** **Distinguished lecture and Reception**
Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture
Professor Nelson Wiseman (Virtual)
University of Toronto

Saturday 12th December

8:00 AM **Registration**

9:00 - 11:00 **Session 3A: Development Challenges in Small States 2
(2 parallel session)**

Chair: Hamid Ghany Director SALISES, UWI St Augustine

A Spatial Analysis of Violent Crime: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago
Richard Ramsawak (In Person)

Sustainable Tourism in Sub-national Island Jurisdictions: The Case of Tobago

Preeya Mohan (In Person)

Rethinking the Parliamentary System: Contributions from the Trinidad and Tobago debate

Maukesh Basdeo (In Person)

International Tourism and Climate Change in the Caribbean: A Comparative Investigation of Independent and Dependent Small Island Tourism Economies

Ryan Peterson (Virtual)

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 1:00 **Session 4A: New Growth models (parallel session)**

Chair: Deborah McFee, IGDS, UWI St Augustine

Reconciling Changing Public Attitudes and Changing Cannabis Policy in Barbados

Alana Griffith (Virtual)

Optimality and Sustainability: The Operationalization of The Concept of Agroparks

Genius Edokpa (Virtual)

The Moral Economy of Debt in the context of Structural Adjustment – a preliminary assessment of the issues in the case of the Jamaican educational sector

Moya Sweetland Palmer (Virtual)

Between a rock and a hard place: political rents and 'new' industrial policy as enabling levers of financialisation in Chile and Trinidad and Tobago

Keston Perry (Virtual)

Session 4B: Debt, Development Finance and Multilateral Agencies (parallel session)

Chair: Richard Ramsawak Lecturer and Consultant (In Person)

Going Global: A Study of Export Assistance Programmes and SME Internationalisation in Barbados

Alicia Nicholls (Virtual)

BRI in the Caribbean: Collapse, Chaos & Disruption

Jevon Henry and Jevon Minto (Virtual)

Unlocking Climate Finance to Compensate Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for Damage and Loss from Climate Change

Don Charles (Virtual)

An Investigation into the Diversification Effects of Bitcoin for the Caribbean Investor

Gabreila Persad, Anthony Birchwood, Winston Moore and Christopher Kinch (Virtual)

1:00 - 2:00

Lunch

2:00 - 3:30

Session 5A: Language and Culture in Development (parallel session)

Chair: Maukesh Basdeo Lecturer in Political Science, UWI St Augustine (In Person)

Caribbean Mass Communication and Caribbean Music Culture Paradigms: Cultural Populism, African Oneness

Humphrey A. Regis (Virtual)

Welcome to my World: Countering Global Populism in the Parallel Universe of Ifa Traditions in the Caribbean

Janique Dennis (Virtual)

The Authoritarian Paradiso: The preservation of absolute purity and its effect on the nature of citizenship for the impure stranger, foreigner, migrant and refugee

Shareed Mohammed (Virtual)

**Session 5B: Vulnerable Populations and Social Exclusion
(parallel session)**

Chair: Preeya Mohan Fellow SALISES, UWI St Augustine

Social Protection and the Well-Being of the Poor and Vulnerable in Trinidad and Tobago: Promoting Effectiveness and Efficiency Based Perspectives from Legislative and Technocratic State Actors

Hafeeza Hosein Shah and Godfrey St Bernard (Virtual)

Understanding the Barriers to Primary Health-care Among Working-age Persons With Disabilities in Trinidad: A Qualitative Study

Leeann Sinanan and Bephyer Parey (Virtual)

Child Poverty and Social Protection in Jamaica

Aldrie Henry Lee and Richard Leach (Virtual)

The Many Paths of Jamaican Fatherhood: A Model for Development

Opal Palmer Adisa (Virtual)

Sunday 13th December

8:00 AM **Registration**

9:00 - 11:00 **Round Table: Covid-19 Social and Policy Responses**

Chair: Preeya Mohan Fellow SALISES, UWI St Augustine

Roxanne Mitchell General Manager of Primary
Care Services THA(In Person)

ILO Guidelines for Just Transition

Ana Belen Sanchez Green Jobs Specialist ILO (Virtual)

Using Big Data Sources to Track the Impact of COVID-19
in the Caribbean

Richard Ramsawak Lecturer and Consultant (In Person)

Civil Society Reflections on COVID-19: Opportunities to Revisit the Policy
Dialogue

Deborah McFee Lecturer IGDS, UWI St Augustine (In Person)

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 1:30 **Round Table: Colonial Era Monuments and Statues**

Chair: Hamid Ghany Director SALISES, UWI St Augustine

Charleston Thomas

Historian and Academic/Cultural Studies Scholar (In Person)

Tyehimba Salandy

Fellow SALISES, UWI St Augustine (Virtual)

Maukesh Basdeo

Lecturer in Political Science, UWI St Augustine (In Person)

Annie Paul

Managing Editor, Social and Economic Studies Journal

1:30 - 2:30 **Lunch**

5:00 - 7:00 **Closing Event**