

**DRAFT SUMMARY PROGRAMME FOR THE  
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ENCOUNTERS  
Conference on the Caribbean – A 20/20 Vision  
Washington, D.C., USA, June 19-21, 2007**

*Draft as at June 12<sup>th</sup>*

DAY 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Opening Plenary**

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

***Theme: CARICOM Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Economic Growth with Social Equity***

A Joint Opening Ceremony with participation from CARICOM policy-makers, the CARICOM Secretariat and regional institutions, the US Administration, leaders from the International Financial Institutions (IFIs), the Organization of American States (OAS), and participants registered for the Experts Forum, the Diaspora Forum and the Private Sector Forum. This is framed within the context of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). The discussions will examine the development of a common agenda for economic growth and development while preserving democratic traditions and enhancing human rights, justice and social equity.

Chair: H. E. Mr. Edwin W. Carrington, Secretary-General, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Chairman of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM)  
H. E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Secretary-General, Organisation of American States (OAS)  
Mr. Luis A. Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)  
Mr. Graeme Wheeler, Deputy Managing Director, World Bank (WB)

Keynote Speakers: Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur, Prime Minister of Barbados  
Hon. Carlos Gutierrez, US Secretary of Commerce

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**C O F F E E   B R E A K**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Plenary Session**

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

***Theme: The External Environment***

A joint plenary addressing CARICOM's economic growth and development in the current and future global system. Among the issues to be examined are the following:

- What role might greater integration play in promoting growth and competitiveness in the Region?
- How might free trade arrangements, Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA's), the outcomes of the Doha round of negotiations, the role of preferences, and new trading arrangements with the United States (US), impact on CARICOM's integration into the global economy?
- Which sectors provide the best opportunity for economic growth and regional/national prosperity? What is the role of public-private partnerships in encouraging investments in these sectors?
- What are the challenges for policy making in this area?

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**LUNCH**

(Hosted by the World Bank for Heads of Govt, Ministers and other Invited Guests)

**Address: Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Chairman of CARICOM**

Remarks: Mr. Takatoshi Kato, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Joint Session of Experts Forum and Private Sector Dialogue  
Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

**Theme: *International Competitiveness of Caribbean Countries***

- Measuring Competitiveness in the Caribbean
- Enhancing the Business Friendly Climate in the Caribbean

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Joint Session of Experts Forum and Private Sector Dialogue  
Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

**Theme: *Energy for Competitiveness***

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Opening

**Theme: *The Caribbean Diaspora in Perspective***

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Theme: *Challenges and Opportunities for the Caribbean-US Diaspora***

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

***Up Close with CARICOM Heads of Government***

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Official Opening of Art Exhibition by H. E. René Préval, President of Haiti (invited)**

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of Heroes

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

The Private Sector areas of the IDB Group will be available to meet with participants who wish to discuss specific transactions or explore IDB group products for private sector companies. To request a meeting with a staff member from the Bank Group's Private Sector, requests should be submitted to the Office of the Private Sector Coordinator ([pscoordinator@iadb.org](mailto:pscoordinator@iadb.org)) by June 14, 2007, specifying details of the proposal to be discussed at the meeting, indicating who will be attending and contact details for scheduling purposes

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

**Addressing Quality and Equity in Social Development** (2 sequential sessions)

**Theme 1: Education**

- *How to better integrate Education with Labour Market Demands*
- *Development of Congruent Teacher Certification Standards*
- *How to expand Cooperation in Education and Training, Develop Tertiary Education Institutions and Promote Networking within the Region and Externally*
- *Accountability for Learning Outcomes*
- *Capacity Building for the use of ICTs to Improve Learning Outcomes/Development of Information Society Skills and Attitudes;*

**Theme 2: Health and Gender**

- *How to Address Challenges in Health and Development (HIV/AIDS, Non Communicable Diseases)*
- *Health and Trade Issues, Health Systems Development*
- *Mainstreaming Gender and Culture in Human and Social Development*

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Inter-American Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

**Theme: US-Caribbean Trade: Opportunities for Growth**

- *What are the Main Trends in Bilateral Trade Flows?*
- *How do CARICOM Exporters Perform in the US Market?*
- *How Important are the Current US Trade Preferences for CARICOM Exporters of Goods?*
- *What Market Access Conditions do Services Exporters Face?*
- *How is the US Positioned in the CARICOM Market, Relative to EU and Other Trading Powers?*
- *How protected is CARICOM's Intra-Regional Trade from US Competition?*
- *How protected is CARICOM's Services Market from US Competition?*
- *Where are the Opportunities for Export Growth?*
- *What does CARICOM want from the United States?*
- *What does the US want from CARICOM?*
- *How can Bilateral Trade Links be Expanded?*

**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

**Theme: Economic and Financial Empowerment of the Caribbean-US Diaspora**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Theme: Mobilizing Caribbean –US Diaspora Skills, Knowledge and Professional Networks**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Theme: Banking on the Future: Engaging the Youth**

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

### WORKING LUNCH

(Hosted by the World Bank)

**Theme: Environmental Security**

Addresses:

- Dr. the Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada;
- Dr. Kenrick Leslie, Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

### LUNCH

(Hosted by the IDB – By Invitation Only)

Address: H. E. Bharat Jagdeo, President of Guyana

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

**Theme: Security and Development – Security and Competitiveness in a Global Environment**

- *Crime & Violence as Development Impediments*
- *Policy Options for the Caribbean*
- *Hemispheric Initiatives*
- *US/CARICOM Security Cooperation initiatives*

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Inter-American Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

**Theme: Financing Options for Development**

- *Innovative Financing Structures*
- *Products Targeted for the Caribbean Market*
- *Removal of Barriers for Financing*
- *Facilitating Trade Finance and Capital Markets*

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Diaspora Forum

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

**Round Table Discussion**

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Experts Forum

Venue: World Bank, Preston Auditorium

**Theme: Physical Infrastructure for CARICOM's Growth and Global Competitiveness**

- **Overcoming the Scale Effect in the Provision of Infrastructure, the Role of Finance, Technology and Competition**
- **The Regulatory Framework for Financing Infrastructure**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Private Sector Dialogue

Venue: Inter-American Development Bank, Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Centre

**Development Opportunities in Selected High Potential Sectors (4 concurrent sessions):**

- 1. Trade and Development for Cultural Industries**
- 2. Health and Wellness – New Directions in Tourism**
- 3. Financial Services**
- 4. Agriculture and Manufacturing**

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**Joint Wrap up Session**

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

**Theme: CARICOM Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Way Forward**

Presentation by Rapporteurs of Experts Forum, Private Sector Dialogue and Diaspora Forum

**10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**C O F F E E   B R E A K**

**11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Official Closing Session**

Venue: Organisation of American States, Hall of the Americas

**1:00 p.m.**

**COUPE DE CHAMPAGNE**

Venue: Organisation of American States, Indoor Terrace