



Opening Ceremony and Opening Remarks



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Session I: Regional Integration: Leveraging Common Institutional Arrangements Across the Caribbean

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Irwin LaRocque, Secretary General of CARICOM

- Amb. LaRocque, a Dominican national, has been the Secretary General of CARICOM since 2011.
- Prior to his appointment, he served as Permanent Secretary in various Ministries in Dominica for more than fourteen years and was a principal advisor to the Government of Dominica.



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Gervase Warner, CEO of Massy

- Mr. Warner is President and CEO of the Massy Group of Companies since 2009.
- Previously, he served as the Executive Chairman of the Group's Energy & Industrial Gases Business Unit and as a Director of Massy Holdings Limited and is currently on the Trinidad & Tobago Board of Citigroup Merchant Bank Limited.



David Lewis, Vice President, Manchester Trade Limited, Inc.

- Dr. Lewis has over 25 years of experience providing technical support to the trade negotiation and integration processes on both the government and business side for CARICOM, NAFTA, FTAA, bilateral FTA's, and the WTO.
- He was previously Asst. Secretary of State of Puerto Rico, Director of the USAID/OECS Caribbean Policy Project in Antigua, and Deputy Executive Director of Caribbean/Latin American Action (C/LAA).



Humberto López, Acting Vice President, Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank

- Mr. López is the Acting VP and Director of Strategy and Operations for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Bank.
- Previously, he was the World Bank Country Director for Central America and Director of Economic Policy and Poverty Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Session II: Working Together Toward a Disaster Resilience Strategy

MODERATOR



Krishna Srinivasan, Deputy Director of the Western Hemisphere Department, IMF

- Mr. Srinivasan currently oversees the IMF's work on several countries in the Americas, as well as the Regional Economic Outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Previously, he was IMF Mission Chief for the United Kingdom and Israel, and also worked in the IMF's Research Department as Chief of the Multilateral Surveillance Division focusing on issues relating to the G-20 economies.



Simon Stiell, Minister of State, Grenada

- Senator the Hon. Simon Stiell is a Senator and Minister of State with responsibility for the Environment and Human Resource Development.
- He holds an MBA from the University of Westminster and has previously served on the Grenada Board of Tourism and Chamber of Industry and Commerce.



Rosamund Edwards, Financial Secretary, Dominica

- Mrs. Edwards is the Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance.
- She holds a Bachelor's in Economics from the University of West Indies and a Master's in Economics from the University of Southampton, U.K.



Justin Ram, Director, Economics Department, CDB

- Dr. Ram is Director of Economics at the Caribbean Development Bank and specializes in energy, and development economics.
- He holds a PhD from the London School of Economics and held previous roles as Senior Economist with WorleyParsons, economist with the U.K.'s Department for Transport, and Supervisory Economist with the Greater London Authority.



Joy Grant, Governor, Central Bank of Belize

- Amb. Grant became the governor of the Central Bank of Belize in 2016.
- She is a former Ambassador of Belize, Senator, and head of the Ministry of Energy, Science & Technology, and Public Utilities, and in 2011, was appointed to the committee to design the United Nation's Green Climate Fund in 2011.



Robert R. Taliercio, Regional Director, Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions, Latin America and the Caribbean, The World Bank

- Mr. Taliercio is a regional director at the World Bank, and previously Practice Manager of the Public Sector Group for LAC region, and East Asia and Pacific.
- Prior to joining the World Bank, Mr. Taliercio was a Lecturer in Public Finance at the Harvard Institute for International Development and a Manager for HIID's Program on Investment Appraisal and Management.

Lunch and Keynote Address

INTRODUCTION BY:



Louise Levonian, Executive Director, IMF

- Ms. Levonian is an Executive Director at the IMF, representing Canada, Ireland, the Caribbean and Belize.
- Previously she was the Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development, and was also Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development and Chief Operating Officer for Service Canada.

PRESENTATION BY:



Paul B Scott, Chairman and CEO of the Musson Group

- Mr. Scott is the Chairman and CEO of the Musson Group of Companies, which operates throughout the Latin America and Caribbean region.
- He serves in many boards, organizations and commissions in Jamaica including the Scotia Jamaica Life Insurance Company and the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, and is the current Chairman of the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ).

Session III: Improving Tax Policy in the Caribbean

MODERATOR



Nigel Clarke, Minister of Finance, Jamaica

- The Hon. Nigel Clarke has been Jamaica's Minister of Finance and the Public Sector since March 2018.
- He has served as Ambassador of Economic Affairs and as a Senator in the Upper House of the Jamaican Parliament and obtained a PhD in Mathematics from Oxford University.



Frank Comito, CEO and Director General, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association

- Mr. Comito CEO of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association since 2015.
- He previously served as executive vice president of the Bahamas Hotel and Tourism Association for over 10 years and was responsible for guiding and managing the organization's range of activities.



Louisa Lewis-Ward, Head of Tax – Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, KPMG

- Ms. Lewis-Ward is a Tax Partner with KPMG advising clients on domestic and international tax matters in the financial service and real estate arenas.
- Louisa has extensive engagement experience in the areas of international financial services, telecommunications, banking, hospitality, manufacturing, insurance, and finance both within the local and offshore sectors.



Joe Matalon, Chair of ICD Group Holdings

- Mr. Matalon is Chairman of ICD Group Holdings, Jamaica, and is the current Chair of The Office of Utilities Regulation.
- Previously, he was President of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica and Chairman of the Development Bank of Jamaica.
- He has served on many committees that advised Jamaican governments, on tax reforms, economic policy and business development.



Michael Keen, Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

- Mr. Keen is Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department of the IMF; he was previously head of the Tax Policy and Tax Coordination divisions.
- Before joining the Fund, he was Professor of Economics at the University of Essex and visiting Professor at Kyoto University.

Session IV: High Level Panel: The Caribbean in a Changing Geopolitical Environment and the Future of Multilateralism

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Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister, St. Lucia

- The Hon. Allen Chastanet has been Prime Minister of St. Lucia since June 2016.
- He was Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation and a member of the Saint Lucian Senate from 2006 to 2011.



Prime Minister Timothy Harris, St. Kitts and Nevis

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- He previously served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2008, Minister for Finance from 2008 to 2010, and Minister for Agriculture from 2010 to 2013.



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