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Thirtieth session of the Caribbean Development  
and Cooperation Committee of the Economic Commission  
for Latin America and the Caribbean

Port of Spain, 11 September 2024

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

- 9–9.30 a.m.      **Opening of the session** (agenda item 1)
- National anthem of Trinidad and Tobago**
- Statement by Albert Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname, in his capacity as outgoing Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)
  - Statement by Penelope Beckles-Robinson, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, in her capacity as incoming Chair of CDCC
  - Statement by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- 9.30–9.45 a.m.      Election of officers
- Adoption of the agenda
- Procedural matters and organization of work
- Cultural presentation**
- 9.45–11.15 a.m.      **Commemorating the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at 30: what next for the Caribbean?** (agenda item 2)
- Summary presentation of the issues addressed during the eighth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable, by Alva Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia
- Video presentation commemorating the thirtieth session of the Committee, offering delegations an opportunity to celebrate the role it has played in supporting member States' efforts to address the development challenges faced by the subregion, including the search for solutions, and in providing a space to shape subregional positions on critical issues of regional and global concern (10 minutes)
- Plenary discussion. Delegations will be invited to make statements of no more than five minutes (60 minutes)
- 11.15–11.30 a.m.      **Group photograph and coffee break**

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. **Rethinking and transforming Latin America and the Caribbean’s development model to make it more productive, inclusive and sustainable** (agenda item 3)

- José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, will present his new vision for the Commission (30 minutes)

Plenary discussion (30 minutes)

12.30–2 p.m. **Lunch break**

2–3 p.m. **Accelerating implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States** (agenda item 4)

Invitation to the Committee to consider a road map to address issues critical to the sustainable development of the small island developing States of the Caribbean (60 minutes)

Panel discussion

Moderator: Joanna Kazana, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten

Panellists:

- Ugo Blanco, Resident Representative of the Multi-country Office for Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Tisa Grant, Liaison Officer a.i. in Trinidad and Tobago United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Brian Bogart, Director of the Caribbean Multi-Country Office of the World Food Programme (WFP)
- Gillian Smith, Representative a.i. for Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (virtual)

Discussant:

- Travis Sinckler, Programme Director, Caribbean Learning Nexus Project, Office of the Deputy Principal of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

3–4 p.m. **Addressing the sustainable development challenges of associate members of ECLAC** (agenda item 5)

Discussion between representatives of associate members of the Commission and the Committee on the unique challenges the former continue to face. The Committee will be invited to discuss a strategic approach for more effective advocacy within the United Nations system on behalf of these countries (60 minutes)

Panel discussion

Moderator: Alva Baptiste, Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia

## Panellists:

- Jocelyne Croes, Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Aruba
- Eliezer Benito Wheatley, Special Envoy of the Premier, British Virgin Islands
- Jean-Yves Lacascade, External Relations and Territorial Diplomatic Advisor of Martinique
- Joseph E. Farrell, Premier of Montserrat

4–4.30 p.m.

**Working coffee break****Matters relating to the programme of work** (agenda item 6)

Presentation on the subregional activities undertaken in the Caribbean in 2023, and an account of the programme of work for 2024 and of the proposed programme of work for 2025, by Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean (30 minutes)

4.30–4.45 p.m.

**Fortieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** (agenda item 7)

Briefing of the Committee on the substantive preparations and organization of work for the fortieth session of ECLAC to be held in Lima from 8 to 11 October 2024, by the secretariat (15 minutes)

4.45–5 p.m.

**Consideration and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 8)

Introduction of draft resolutions for the Committee's consideration (15 minutes)

5–5.15 p.m.

**Other matters** (agenda item 9)

Invitation to delegations to raise issues not previously discussed (15 minutes)

5.15–5.20 p.m.

**Date and venue of the twenty-second meeting of the Monitoring Committee of CDCC** (agenda item 10)

5.20–5.30 p.m.

**Close of the session** (agenda item 11)

Closing remarks by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Pennelope Beckles-Robinson, Chair of CDCC