Programme

Caribbean 2030 - new thinking for a new generation III: Caribbean sustainability, green growth and good governance

Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 October 2016 | WP1513

This will be the third Wilton Park meeting bringing the new and next generation of Caribbean leaders together. The aim is to encourage innovative thinking for the region through highly participative discussions between young leaders and key experts, and building a growing network and community of individuals from across the region who are passionate about the positive future for the Caribbean, and who can use their passion, their skills and work with this network to build an entrepreneurial spirit of collaboration across the region.

The Caribbean 2030 initiative is a UK-Caribbean partnership including CaPRI, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the UK-based Caribbean Council and JN Foundation.

Our first meeting took place in the UK in June 2015. The young leaders identified their visions for the future direction for the region. The outcomes from the discussion are provided in the report.

The second meeting took place in Jamaica in February 2016 June and focused on identifying the groups’ ambitions for four key themes to support innovation and entrepreneurship: Trade within and beyond the region; Finance, credit and business growth; IT infrastructure/technology and open/big data; Green growth and sustainability. The outcomes from the discussion are provided in the report.

This third Forum will build on the first two meetings with the specific aim of:

- Supporting this network of new and next generation of Caribbean leaders to develop their outline vision for the Caribbean for 2030
- Focusing on specific issues, primarily green growth and good governance, that enable the region to prosper, bringing people together from different countries and sectors, sharing cross-region expertise and ideas
- Enabling the group to identify ways to turn their aspirations into action
- Providing an opportunity to link the group to the UK and the Caribbean diaspora in the UK, and with other key external stakeholders who they might not otherwise
have access to

- Providing a neutral and residential setting for the group to meet together.

In association with Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI), the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Caribbean Council (UK), with support from the British Virgin Islands Government Office in London

Wednesday 12 October

1500-1600
Participants arrive and refreshments available

1600-1700
1. Welcome and introductions: looking back and looking forward

Robin Hart
Director of Programmes, Wilton Park

Alison Hilliard
Visiting Programme Director, Wilton Park

Damien King
Co-Executive Director, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI), Mona, Jamaica

Baroness Anelay of St Johns, DBE (by video)
Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1700-1730
2. Building our vision for the Caribbean and making it happen

Donville Inniss
Minister of State, Ministry of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development, St Michael, Barbados

1730-1750
Tea/coffee

1750-1900
3. Caribbean 2030: our vision and progress so far

Plenary introduction followed by discussion in four working groups.

Sally Yearwood
Executive Director, Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA), Washington DC, US

LaTeisha Sandy
Deputy Director, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Kingstown, St Vincent and the Grenadines

Each working group will discuss the following topics:

- What have we achieved? An update on action item areas from Feb 2016. What lessons have we learned in the process?
- What has changed since our last meeting?
- What are our aspirations for this meeting?
- What can we offer to turn our aspirations into action?

Facilitators for the groups are: Connie Smith, Loverly Anthony, Camillo Gonsalves and Shelly-Ann Mohammed

1900
Drinks reception followed by dinner
Thursday 13 October

0800-0845 Breakfast

0900-1045 4. Actioning green growth and sustainability

Wider perspectives
Miriam Kennet
Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Green Economics Institute, Reading, UK

Caribbean considerations for green growth
What are the opportunities for green growth in the Caribbean? How can opportunities be translated into practice?
Keron Niles
Business Unit Manager, Research and Policy, Economic Development Advisory Board Secretariat, Ministry of Planning and Development, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Joanna Edghill
Founder and Director, Megapower Limited, St Michael, Barbados

Krista Santos (by video)
Director, Nourish TT, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

1045-1130 Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1130-1300 5. Working group I: advancing the agenda for green growth and sustainability: towards action plans

Groups identifying priority action and priority countries for implementation, addressing the following questions and drawing up action plans on:

- How can best practice be encouraged?
- How can the region promote the uptake of a green sustainable vision?
- How can the priority countries feed into that vision? How can this be monitored?

Facilitators for the groups are: Nirad Tewarie, Carolyn Trench-Sandiford, and Benito Wheatley

1300-1500 Lunch

1500-1645 6. Actioning IT infrastructure and open data towards better governance: new trends in leveraging open data for good governance

How can better IT infrastructure help move the Caribbean towards good governance?; What are the obstacles to this happening nationally and regionally?; How can entrepreneurship play a role here?; How can Caribbean governments benefit from better information flows and what can they do to improve them?

Julian Robinson
Member of Parliament, Government of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica

Josh Drayton
Instructor, University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

LaKesha Hewlett
Web Editor, WINN FM 98.9, Basseterre, St Kitts

1645-1715 Tea/coffee
7. Working group II: open data and governance

Groups addressing the following questions and drawing up action plans on:

- What information should be in the public domain? How to encourage governments to make this information available and how to capture it?
- What IT infrastructure is necessary to make that happen? What action is needed to put that in place?
- How can civil society use that data to hold governments to better account? Ways of engaging civil society to ensure governments make the necessary information available?

Facilitators for the groups are: Rosh Khan, Jennifer Raffoul, Gabriel Abed

1845

Meeting of discussion group facilitators

1900

Drinks reception followed by dinner

Friday 14 October

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0900-1000

8. Building bridges: what more can be done to facilitate expertise sharing between the Caribbean and the diaspora in the UK?

Bertram Leon
Freelance Consultant and Honorary President, Union of St Lucian Overseas Association (USLOA), Croydon, UK

Maureen Salmon
Founding Director, Freshwaters Consultancy, London

Going forward: turning aspiration into action: part 2

1000-1050

9. Working group I report back: green growth and sustainability

Feedback and action

1050-1110

Tea/coffee

1100-1120

10. Completion of eQuestionnaire

1120-1215

11. Working group II report back: open data and governance

Feedback and action

1215-1300

12. Going forward: practical steps

Agreed actions, timescale and support. Including completion of eQuestionnaire.

Imani Duncan-Price
Co-Executive Director, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI), Mona, Jamaica

1300-1415

Lunch

1415

Participants depart