Day 3

Human Capital Development in a Globalised Setting

Opening Remarks by Hon. Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training, Trinidad & Tobago

Session 1 9:15AM - 10:55AM
◊ Feature Speaker: Human Capital Development in a Globalised Setting
   - Dr. Jason Blackstock, University College London, United Kingdom

Sub Theme: Emerging Patterns of Higher Education
- Open and Distance Learning Policies and Systems

◊ Democratising Higher Education through Open Education Resources (OER): What are the Possibilities? - Prof. Asha S. Kanwar, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada
◊ Virtual Interdisciplinary and Multi-Platform Collaborations - Dr. Kevin Franklin, I-CHASS, University of Illinois, USA

Session 2 11:15AM - 12:45PM
Sub Theme: Leveraging the Diaspora for reverse brain drain

◊ Skilled Migration and Development: Scientific Diasporas as Drivers of Science and Technology in the Home Countries - Dr. Gabriela Tejada, Cooperation and Development Center, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Switzerland
◊ ICTs, Caribbean Diaspora and Knowledge Mobility Management: Networking the Caribbean Economy - Dr. Chanzo Greenidge, Project Management Unit, Intra-ACP Migration Facility, Brussels, Belgium
◊ Globalization and Transnational Migrations: How Does Brain Drain Become Brain Gain? - Dr. Akanmu Adebayo, Professor of History & Director of the Center for Conflict Management, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, USA

Closing Remarks

Field Trip (optional)
Day 1

Inclusive Growth and Economic Diversification
S&T policy for supporting inclusive growth, economic diversification and sustainable development

Opening Remarks by Hon. Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie, Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development, Trinidad & Tobago

Session 1 9:15AM - 10:25AM
- Feature Speaker: Inclusive Growth and Economic Diversification
  - Mr. Jwala Rambarran, Governor, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
- Economic Benefits of Publicly Funded Research and the Rationale for Public Funding
  - Prof. Ben Martin, University of Sussex

Session 2 10:45AM - 12:15PM
- Health and Economic Development in a Small Country
  - Prof. Karl Theodore, Centre for Health Economics, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad
- Economics and Policy Issues in Energy and the Environment
  - Prof. Gordon MacKerron, University of Sussex, United Kingdom
- Knowledge Systems and Science Policy
  - Dr. Jason Blackstock, University College London, United Kingdom

Session 3 1:15PM - 2:15PM
- The Plan of Action of Panama: Innovation, SME’s and Engineering for Growth
  - Dr. Jorge Duran, Organization of American States
- To be announced
  - Mr. Michael Lim, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Switzerland

Session 4 2:25PM - 3:25PM
- Innovation in Mexico: Challenges and Opportunities
  - Dr. Maria del Pilar M. Perez Hernandez, National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico
- Evaluation of Innovation Clusters in India and CARICOM: Policy Frameworks and Institutional Mechanisms
  - Dr. Debasish Bandyopadyhay, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - CGCRI, India

Day 2

Technology and Sustainable Development

Opening Remarks by Dr. Keilor Rojas Jiménez, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, Costa Rica

Session 1 9:15AM - 10:25AM
- Feature Speaker: Technology and Sustainable Development
  - Prof. Prakash Persad, Chairman, NIHERST
Sub Theme: Promoting Technology Transfer in Various Sectors and SMEs
- Jamaica Energy Dilemmas
  - Prof. Anthony Clayton, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Session 2 10:45AM - 12:15PM
- Skill Development in Greening Economy: The Indian Case
  - Dr. Kasturi Mandal, National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies, India
- Inclusive Growth and CARICOM Economies: Key Considerations in Developing a Green Growth Framework
  - Dr. Debbie Mohammed, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad
- Domestic Solar Energy: A Viable Alternative in Trinidad and Tobago
  - Mr. Kiron Neale, 2013 Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholarship Winner

Session 3 1:15PM - 2:15PM
- Strengthening Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Processes and Strategies
  - Ms. Judith Ann Francis, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA), The Netherlands
- Development of Biotechnology in India: Role of Public Policies
  - Dr. Kavita Mehra, National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies, India

Session 4 2:55PM - 3:25PM
- Harnessing ICT to Enable Businesses, as a Critical Factor in Development
  - Dr. Camella Rhone, Consultant, Strategic Planning and Management
Sub Theme: Developing High Technology and ICT-Enabled Businesses
- To be announced
  - Prof. Winston Lewis, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad