



May 5-7, 2015

The University of the West Indies,
St. Augustine Campus
& Hyatt Regency Trinidad

FORUM ON THE FUTURE^{OF THE} CARIBBEAN

Welcome to what we believe will be a mould-breaking gathering of progressive Caribbean policy-makers, thinkers, business and civic society leaders. We have ensured that this will be a forum that amplifies the voices of dynamic young leaders willing to challenge the status quo and champion new solutions. We have worked hard to develop an innovative and ambitious forum designed specifically to catalyse disruptive thought, research and action needed to build a transformed and sustainable future for the Caribbean.

Key Themes Will Be:

- Capturing the ambitions of the region
- Embracing Caribbean convergence
- Shaping a new global compact through diplomacy
- Tackling poverty and inequality
- Advocating innovative financing solutions

May 5th Day 1:

Stimulating Radical Ideas

On the first day academics from across the world, and regional thought leaders and policy-makers will present radical ideas and outline deeply practical outcomes around our key themes, including Caribbean convergence, the resilience of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the quality of data for decision making and pathways to a more sustainable future.

May 6th Day 2:

Rethinking the Caribbean Future

On day 2, we will begin to build a vision of how the Caribbean could transform itself by 2050. Comprising a series of keynote speeches by internationally renowned experts, followed by moderated roundtable discussions, delegates will discuss themes around global and regional convergence including CARICOM integration and opportunities for convergence from the private sector. We will address too the crucial role that the political economy and governance plays in delivering sustainable development.

May 7th Day 3:

Taking Action for Sustainable Outcomes

The focus of the final day of the Forum will be on creating the momentum and means to take bold action for the future. Prompted by thought-provoking keynote speeches and roundtable discussions, delegates will be invited to debate innovative, yet practical, ways of tackling poverty and inequality, reducing debt levels, delivering green and blue growth strategies and human capital development, and the role of Caribbean diplomacy in the global world of politics.

In short our objective for the Forum is to generate disruptive thinking, stimulate bold action and deliver practical outcomes. We hope you enjoy what we hope is the start of an exciting new chapter in Caribbean development.