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PROGRAMME

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“Building Financial Sector Resilience in the Caribbean”
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**Sub-Theme:** FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED ISSUES

**Chairperson:** Daniel Boamah  
Deputy Governor  
Central Bank of Barbados

**Presenters:**

1. Building resilience in the Guyanese Banking System
2. Remittances and Economic Development: A Comparative Analysis of St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago

Roger Hosein
Lecturer
Department of Economics
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

Martin Franklin
Lecturer
Department of Economics
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

Samantha Joseph
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

3. Financial Systems in the Caribbean: An Overview

Julia Jhinkoo
Junior Research Fellow
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

4. Financial Integration of Belize with Central America and CARICOM

Shanon Sebastian
Economist
Central Bank of Belize

12.00 pm – 01.30 pm LUNCH

01.30 pm – 03.00 pm SESSION 2
Sub-Theme: COMMERCIAL BANKING EFFICIENCY AND STABILITY

Chairperson: DeLisle Worrell
Governor
Central Bank of Barbados

Presenters:

1. The Dynamics of Bank Spreads in the Jamaican Banking Sector: An Empirical Assessment
   Dwight S. Jackson
   Financial Stability Department
   Research and Economic Programming Department
   Bank of Jamaica

2. Competition and Banking Sector Soundness: Empirical Evidence on Jamaican Data
   Sherene Bailey-Tapper
   Financial Stability Department
   Research and Economic Programming Department
   Bank of Jamaica

3. Efficiency and Productivity in the Banking Sector in Trinidad and Tobago: A Panel Data Estimation of Efficiency Functions
   Earl Boodoo
   Research Department
   Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago
   Angela Henry
   Research Department
   Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

4. Liquidity management, Interest Rates and Bank Behaviour in the Caribbean
   Jenee Stephens
   Post Graduate Student
   The UWI, Mona Campus
   DeLisle Worrell
   Governor
   Central Bank of Barbados
   Dave Seerattan
DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

03.00 pm – 04.30 pm  SESSION 3

Sub-Theme:  MODELING BANK BEHAVIOUR

Chairperson: Dave Seerattan
Research Fellow/Officer in Charge
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance

Presenters:

1. Dynamic Interactions of Bank Assets in two Foreign Currency Constrained Economies
   Tarron Khemraj
   Assistant Professor of Economics
   New College of Florida
   And
   Brian Langrin
   Chief Economist, Financial Stability Department
   Bank of Jamaica

2. The Simple Analytics of Oligopoly Banking in Developing Economies
   Tarron Khemraj
   Assistant Professor of Economics
   New College of Florida

3. Implications of Optimal Price Regulation in Sub-Prime Banking Markets
   Darron Thomas
   Department of Economics
   The University of the West Indies
   Mona Campus
   Jamaica

4. Quantifying Management’s Role in Bank survival Using Data
Envelopment analysis (DEA): Case of Jamaica

Lisa-Kaye Wallace
Financial Stability Department
Research and Economic Programming Department
Bank of Jamaica

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

05.00 pm – 07.00 pm  WELCOME COCKTAILS

END OF DAY 1

Wednesday, 11th November, 2009

09.00 am – 10.30 am  SESSION 4:

Sub-Theme:  FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson:  Colin Bullock
Lecturer
University of the West Indies
Mona Campus

Presenters:

1. Financial Aspects of Growth and Development in the Caribbean

   Delisle Worrell
   Governor
   Central Bank of Barbados

   Anthony Birchwood
   Research Fellow
   Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
   The University of the West Indies
   St. Augustine Campus
   Trinidad and Tobago

   Andrina Brackin
   Post Graduate Student
   The UWI, Cave Hill Campus
2. Cross-Border Equity Flows in the CARICOM Region

Preeya Mohan
Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

Patrick Watson
Director
Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad and Tobago

3. Co-Movement of Caribbean Equity Markets with Macroeconomic Indicators

Varuna Ramlal
Post Graduate Student
Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad & Tobago

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

10.30 am – 10.45 am COFFEE BREAK
10.45 am – 12.15 pm SESSION 5

Sub-Theme: FINANCE AND MACROECONOMIC STABILITY

Chairperson: Andrew Powell
Regional Economic Director
Inter-American Development Bank
Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Presenters:

1. Setting the Monetary Policy Rate in the Presence of Persistent Excess Liquidity: The Case of Trinidad & Tobago

Anthony Birchwood
Research Fellow
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
The University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus  
Trinidad & Tobago

2. Towards a Computable General Equilibrium Model of Banking System Stability for Jamaica

Jide Lewis  
Senior Economist  
Financial Stability Department  
Research and Economic Programming Department  
Bank of Jamaica

3. Do Exchange Rate Regimes Matter for Inflation and Exchange Rate Dynamics? The Case of Central America

Rodrigo Caputo  
Senior Economist  
Central Bank of Chile

Igal Magendzo  
Manager of Macroeconomic Analysis  
Central Bank of Chile

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

12.15 pm – 01.45 pm  LUNCH

01.45 pm – 03.15 pm  SESSION 6

Sub-Theme: FISCAL POLICY AND DEBT SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chairperson: Lester Henry  
Lecturer  
Department of Economics  
The University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus

Presenters:

1. Do Archipelagic Countries have Bigger Governments?

Amos C. Peters  
Lecturer  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Tracy D. Polius  
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance  
The University of the West Indies  
St Augustine Campus  
Trinidad and Tobago

2. Fiscal Adjustment and the Prospects for Growing out of Debt in Jamaica

Colin Bullock  
Department of Economics  
The University of the West Indies  
Mona Campus, Jamaica

3. Financing Recovery: Implications of Natural Disaster indebtedness on the Fiscal Sustainability of ECCU States

Ankie Scott-Joseph  
PhD Student  
University of the West Indies  
Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

03.15 pm – 04.45 pm  
SESSION 7

Sub-Theme: MACROECONOMIC DYNAMICS IN SMALL OPEN ECONOMIES

Chairperson: Prakash Ramlakhan  
Lecturer in Banking and Finance  
Department of Management Studies  
The University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus

Presenters:

1. The Macroeconomic Impact of IMF-Supported Programmes in Small Open Economies: The Case of Barbados

   Daniel Boamah  
   Deputy Governor  
   Central Bank of Barbados
2. **The Productivity-Wage Gap and the Current Account Balance: An Empirical Analysis**

   Donneil Cain  
   Department of Economics  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Mona Campus, Jamaica

3. **Structural Shocks and Labour Market Dynamics in a Small Open Economy: Theory and Some Evidence**

   Patrice Boada  
   Universite es Antilles et de la Guyane  
   And Nlandu Mamingi  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Cave Hill Campus

   Nlandu Mamingi  
   Professor of Economics  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Cave Hill Campus

**DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

**END OF DAY 2**
Thursday, 12th November, 2009

09.00 am – 10.30 am  **SESSION 8**

Sub-Theme:  **International Finance and Foreign Exchange Markets**

Chairperson: Roland Craigwell  
Professor  
The University of the West Indies  
Cave Hill Campus

Presenters:

1.  **A Market Microstructure Analysis of Foreign Exchange Intervention in Jamaica**

   Bijon Brown  
   Financial Stability Department  
   Research and Economic Programming Division  
   Bank of Jamaica

2.  **Exchange Rates and Market Microstructure – The Case of Guyana**

   Allan S. Wright  
   Lecturer  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Mona Campus, Jamaica  
   Diaram RamjeeSingh  
   Senior Lecturer  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Mona Campus, Jamaica
   
   Tarron Khemraj  
   Assistant Professor of Economics  
   New College of Florida
   
   Sukrishnalall Pasha  
   Lecturer  
   University of Guyana
3. **Intervention in the Foreign Exchange Market, Market Turnover and the Impact on exchange and interest rate Dynamics**

Dave Seerattan  
Research Fellow/Officer in Charge  
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance  
The University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus  
Trinidad and Tobago

4. **Evidence of Moderate Capital Mobility in 15 Caribbean Countries and the Absence of the Feldstein-Horioka Puzzle**

Allan S. Wright  
Lecturer  
The University of the West Indies  
Mona Campus, Jamaica

Diaram RamjeeSingh  
Senior Lecturer  
The University of the West Indies  
Mona Campus, Jamaica

**DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

10.30 am – 10.45 am  **COFFEE BREAK**

10.45 am – 12.15 pm  **SESSION 9**

**Sub-Theme:** Financial Integration and Risk Management in the Caribbean

**Chairperson:** Kevin Greenidge  
Director of Research  
Central Bank of Barbados

**Presenters:**

1. **Risk Transmission in the Caribbean**

   Christian E Castro  
   Young Professional  
   Inter-American Development Bank  
   Washington DC  
   United States of America
2. Issues Facing the Onshore and Offshore Financial Services Sector Since the Onset of the Global Financial Crisis

Lester Henry
Lecturer
Department of Economics
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus
Trinidad & Tobago

3. Principal Component Value at Risk: An application to the Measurement of the Interest Rate Risk Exposure of Jamaican Banks to Government of Jamaica (GOJ) Bonds

Mark Tracey
Economist
Financial Stability Department
Research and Economic Programming Division
Bank of Jamaica

4. A New Framework for Managing Sovereign and Banking Sector Risk in Trinidad and Tobago: An Application of the Contingent Claims Approach

Jwala Rambarran
Lecturer in Economics
Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

Prakash Ramlakhan
Lecturer in Banking and Finance
Department of Management Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

12.15 pm – 01.45 pm  LUNCH
01.45 pm – 03.15 pm  

SESSION 10

Sub-Theme:  **Economic Uncertainty and Economic Planning**

**Chairperson:** Anthony Birchwood  
Research Fellow  
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance

**Presenters:**

1. **Terms-of-Trade Shocks and Sector Labor Reallocation: The Case of Jamaica, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago**

   Talan B Işcan  
   Professor of Macroeconomics and International Finance  
   Dalhousie University  
   Halifax, Canada

   Andrew Powell  
   Regional Economic Advisor  
   Inter-American Development Bank  
   Washington DC  
   United States of America

   Alessandro Rebucci  
   Senior Research Economist  
   Inter-American Development Bank  
   Washington DC  
   United States of America

2. **Global financial crisis to real sector contraction: Transmission mechanisms in a small open economy and Business coping strategies in Jamaica**

   David Tennant  
   Lecturer  
   Department of Economics  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Mona Campus, Jamaica

3. **The Causal Relationship Between Government Expenditure and Tax Revenue in Barbados**

   Tracy Maynard  
   Economist  
   Research Department  
   Central Bank of Barbados
Kester Guy
Economist
Research Department
Central Bank of Barbados

4. **Price Reform and Household Demand for Electricity in Barbados**

Adrian Carter
Market Analyst
Marketing and Communications Department
Barbados Power and Light Company Limited

Roland Craigwell
Professor
University of the West Indies
Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

Winston Moore
Lecturer
University of the West Indies
Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

03.15 pm – 04.45 pm **SESSION 11**

Sub-Theme: **Economic Dynamics in Highly Open Economies**

**Chairperson:** Colin Bullock
Lecturer
The University of the West Indies
Mona Campus

**Presenters:**

1. **Inspecting the Mechanism: The ECCU and External Shocks**

   Garfield Riley
   Economist
   Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
   St. Kitts

2. **Towards a Greater Degree of Financial Integration in the OECS**

   Professor Simon Jones-Hendrickson
   Professor
   University of the Virgin Islands
3. The Challenges Facing the Caribbean in the Current Environment and the IADB’s Response

Desmond Thomas
Economist
Inter-American Development Bank
Washington DC

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

06.30 pm ADLITH BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE

END OF DAY 3

Friday, 13th November, 2009

09.00 am – 10.30 am SESSION 12

Sub –Theme: Panel Discussion on the Development of Modeling in the Caribbean

Chairperson: Roland Craigwell
Professor
The University of the West Indies
Cave Hill Campus

Presenters:

1. Kevin Greenidge
   Director of Research
   Central Bank of Barbados

2. Tarron Khemraj
   Assistant Professor of Economics
   New College of Florida

3. Garfield Ridley
   Economist
   Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
   St. Kitts.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

10.30 am – 10.45 am COFFEE BREAK
10.45 pm – 12.15 pm  
**SESSION 13**

**Sub-Theme:** The Informal Economy and Development in the Caribbean

**Chairperson:** Gobind Ganga  
Deputy Governor  
Bank of Guyana

**Presenters:**

1. **Unregulated Investment Schemes in Jamaica: Recent Experiences, Problems and Prospects**
   
   Cleremont Kirton  
   Department of Economics  
   The University of the West Indies  
   Mona Campus, Jamaica

2. **Revisiting the Underground Economy in Guyana**
   
   Clive Thomas  
   Faculty of Social Sciences  
   University of Guyana  
   
   Natoya Stephen  
   Junior Researcher  
   Institute of Development Studies  
   Faculty of Social Studies  
   University of Guyana  
   
   Sukrishnalall Pasha  
   Lecturer  
   University of Guyana

3. **Tax Evasion, Growth and the Informal Economy in Trinidad and Tobago**
   
   Sandra Sookram  
   Research Fellow  
   Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies  
   The University of the West Indies  
   St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

**DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**
12.15 pm – 12.25 pm  CLOSING COMMENTS

Dave Seerattan  
Research Fellow/Officer in Charge  
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance  
The University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus  
Trinidad and Tobago

12.25 pm – 01.45 pm  LUNCH

01.45 pm – 05.00 pm  SHOPPING TRIP

07.30 pm  FAREWELL PARTY