

Connecting the Caribbean and Central America: Exploring and Seizing New Opportunities



Conference Agenda

- (1) **DATE:** TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2010 **7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**
EVENT: COCKTAIL RECEPTION
VENUE: PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AND DIPLOMATIC CENTRE, ST ANNS
- (2) **DATE:** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 **8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**
EVENT: FORMAL CONFERENCE
VENUE: HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, WATERFRONT, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD
CHAIR: Ms. Catherine Kumar – CEO, Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry & Commerce

TIME	CONFERENCE TOPIC	DURATION (mins)	SPEAKER(S)
8:00 – 8:02 a.m.	Welcome	2	Ms. Catherine Kumar, CEO Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
8.02 – 8.12 a.m.	Address	10	Honourable Mr. Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
8:12 – 8:27 a.m.	Business Competitiveness in the CARICOM Region	15	Prof. Miguel Carrillo - Executive Director Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
8:27 – 8:47 a.m.	Opportunities in CARICOM and The Way Forward	20	H.E. Edwin Carrington - Secretary General CARICOM
8:47 – 9:07 a.m.	The Central American Landscape: Economic Realities and Learnings from the Integration Process	20	H.E. Yolanda de Gavidia – Secretary General Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)
9:07 – 9:27 a.m.	Overview of Regional Financial Infrastructure and Options for Financing Regional Trade	20	Mr. Dennis Evans – President Bankers Association of Trinidad & Tobago (BATT)
9:27 – 9:42 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK	15	
9:42 – 11:09 a.m.	Conversations with Leading CARICOM Entrepreneurs	87	Panel (Note 1) Mr Arthur Lok Jack, Dr Aleem Mohammed, Mr. Kama Maharaj Moderator: Dr Rolph Balgobin
11:09 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.	Conversations with Leading Central American Entrepreneurs	86	Panel (Note 2) Mr Luis Miguel Castillo Mr Edmundo Gil-Tavarez , Mr Mario Siman Moderator: Mr. Juan Antonio Busto
12:35 – 1:25 p.m.	LUNCH	50	
1:25 – 2:10 p.m.	Summary of the Conference and The Way Forward	45	Mr. Jwala Rambarran - Economic Strategist Involve Financial Ltd
2.10 – 2.18 p.m.	Remarks – Building Sustainable Business Relationships with Central America	8	The Honorable Dr. Surujrattan Rambachan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
2.18 – 2.30 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK		
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Match- Making	180	Individual Meetings

- (3) **DATE:** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010 **6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**
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NOTES:

(1) CARICOM PANEL

- **Mr Arthur Lok Jack** – Chairman – Associated Brands Industries Limited, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
 - **Dr Aleem Mohammed** – Chief Executive Officer – S M Jaleel & Company Limited, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
 - **Mr Kama Maharaj** – CEO, and founder of Sacha Cosmetics
- Moderator:** Dr Rolph Balgobin, Chairman, Quicksilver Convenience Limited

(2) CENTRAL AMERICAN PANEL

- **Mr Luis Miguel Castillo Lavagnino** – Vice President, The Central America Bottling Corporation (Cabcorp), GUATEMALA
 - **Mr Edmundo Gil-Tavarez** – Director, GTC International, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
 - **Mr Mario Siman** – Chairman and CEO, Unicomer Group (Regal Forest Company) EL SALVADOR
- Moderator:** Mr. Juan Antonio Busto, Director, Industrias Licoreras de Guatemala