



Management of
Social Transformations
Programme

**First Forum of Ministers Responsible
for Social and Sustainable Development in the Caribbean
24 -26 January 2010
Kingston, Jamaica**

***SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR CARIBBEAN YOUTH
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS***

Agenda

Sunday 24 January 2010

18 h00 – 20 h 00

Opening Ceremony

National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks

Chair: Senator The Honourable Warren Newby, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture of Jamaica.

- The Honourable Olivia Grange, MP, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture of Jamaica
- Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director- General, UNESCO
- Ambassador Davidson L. Hepburn, President of the 35th General Conference of UNESCO
- The Honourable Prime Minister Bruce Golding

Followed by Cocktail and Reception for participants

Monday 25 January 2010

8 h 30

Registration of participants

9 h 00 – 9 h 15

Election of the President of the Forum

Chair: The Honourable Jermaine Wade, Parliamentary Secretary responsible Youth Affairs, Sports and Community Services, Montserrat.

Video Address: The Honourable Alicia Kirchner, President of the Intergovernmental Council of UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, and Minister of Social Development, Argentina.

9 h15 – 10 h 45

Panel 1: Investing out of the crisis: UNESCO's role in social development strategies for youth

This session will focus on challenges and policy responses:

- UNESCO's Youth strategies,
- youth engagement, such as the UNESCO Youth Forum,
- what makes an effective policy, referring to Best Practices

Chair: Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General, Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Key presenter: Mrs. Elizabeth Longworth, Deputy Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Mr. Cecilio Garza, General Coordinator of the World Youth Conference 2010.

Mr. Kevon Campbell, Focal Point for Best Practices Project, National Centre for Youth Development, Jamaica

Mr. Carlos Michael Williams, Focal point for Best Practices Project, Youth Affairs Division, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Discussants:

Kamal Powell, Chair, Regional Youth Caucus - Commonwealth (Jamaica)

Mr. Henry Charles, President of the Commonwealth Youth Programme, Caribbean

Followed by a general discussion.

Discussion: (30 minutes)

Summing up by Chair: Mr Pierre Sané

10 h 45 – 11 h 00

Coffee Break

11 h 00 – 13 h 00

Panel 2: The UN systems' strategies and actions for youth in times of crisis

The session will hear from a range of UN agencies on their experience both regionally and globally of how the crisis is affecting youth, and on their corresponding policy responses. This is intended to inform the following Ministerial debate

Chair: Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General, Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Presenters:

Mr Alejandro Bonilla-Garcia, Chief of Social Security Education, Training and Capacity Building, Social Security Department, **ILO**, Geneva

Ms. Karoline Schmid, Social Affairs Officer, **ECLAC** Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

Mr. Robert Fuderich, Representative of **UNICEF** in Jamaica

Mr Pierre Somse, Representative of **UNAIDS** in Jamaica

Dr. Hernando Agudelo, Representative of **UNFPA** in Jamaica

Mr. Minh Pham, **UNDP** Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator in Jamaica

Response by: UN Youth Ambassadors Mr. Odale Mulgrave and Ms. Tracey- Ann Johns.

Discussion: (30 minutes)

Summing up by Chair: Mr. Pierre Sané

13 h 00

Official Lunch

14 h 30 – 18 h 30

Presentations by Ministers: “What Works and What Doesn’t”

The purpose of the session is to facilitate an interactive debate among the Ministers which will draw on the statements submitted by them prior to the Forum. The intention is to provide an opportunity to share their knowledge of the policy responses that have been most effective in their country and which could be useful for other countries in the region.

Chair: Dr. the Honourable Amery Browne, Minister of Social Development, Trinidad and Tobago.

Introduction of synthesis of Ministerial statements submitted prior to the Forum:

Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture of Jamaica

Youth Response: Ms. Chantal Cogle, Jamaica. President. National Secondary Students' Council (NSSC). Jamaica.

Open the debate for interventions by Honourable Ministers

Summing up: Mrs Faith Innerarity

17 h 30 – 17 h 45

Coffee Break

Tuesday 26 January 2010

8 h 30 –10h 45

Panel 3: Developing quality policy responses, supported by research and dialogue

This session will examine how to strengthen research policy linkages in the Caribbean, emphasizing the importance of dialogue among scholars, representatives of civil society and policy makers. It will draw on the work of UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST) and its Intergovernmental Council

Chair: The Honourable Olivia Grange, MP, Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture of Jamaica.

Key presenter: Prof. Barry Chevannes, Jamaica

Dialogue among scholars, representatives of civil society and policy makers.

MOST response:

Mrs. Elizabeth Longworth, Deputy Assistant Director General for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Summing up: Mr Pierre Sané

10 h 45 – 11 h 00

Coffee Break

11 h 00 – 13 h 00

Closing session

The focus will be to identify key conclusions for input to a Forum Policy Statement

Chair: Senator The Honourable Warren Newby, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture of Jamaica.

Introduction of elements for a draft Policy Statement from the Forum presented by Mrs Faith Innerarity, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture of Jamaica

Participants' reactions

Closing comments:

- Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director General, UNESCO
- Minister of Caribbean country (to be determined)
- The Honourable Olivia Grange, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture of Jamaica

Followed by official luncheon