



CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

APRIL 11 -13, 2010

PARAMARIBO, SURINAME



PROGRAMME

APRIL 11, 2010 - SUNDAY

TIME	THEME	CHAIRS / SPEAKERS
09:00- 17:00	Registration of Participants	
19:00	CONFERENCE OPENING	Maria Levens (Director, Department of Human Development, Education and Culture, Organization of American States, United States of America)
	Welcome speeches	Kwame Boafo (Director, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, Jamaica)
		José Renato de Carvalho (Director, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean IESALC, Venezuela)
19:30	Conference Opening Speech	Dr. Ronald Venetiaan, (President of Suriname, Suriname)
20:00	Keynote Speech: Integration and Development of the Caribbean	Dr. Edward Greene (Assistant Secretary – General of CARICOM, Guyana)
20:30	Welcoming Reception	



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TIME	THEME	CHAIRS / SPEAKERS
09:00	Presentation of conference structure and announcements	Jeanelle van Glaanenweygel (Senior Specialist, Department of Human Development, Education and Culture, Organization of American States, United States of America)
	1 TRENDS AND PERSPECTIVES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CARIBBEAN:	Chair: Hon. Minister Omayra Leeflang (Minister, Ministry of Education , Culture and Youth, the Netherland Antilles)
09:10	The Development of the HE in the Caribbean: perspectives and challenges	Prof. Hilary Beckles (Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor, UWI, Barbados)
09:30	The role of Higher Education in the Caribbean and Latin America: a view from UNESCO	Mr. José Renato Carvalho (Director, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), Venezuela)
09:50	Higher Education in Small States: Opportunities and Challenges	Dr. Mark Bray (Chair Professor of Comparative Education, the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
10:10	Questions & Answers	
10:40	Coffee-Break	



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	2 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION	Chair: Dr. Morella Joseph, (Programme Manager, Human Resource Development, CARICOM Secretariat, Guyana)
11:10	Evaluation and Accreditation in LA: from national to regional experiences	Guillermo Vargas Salazar (President of Ibero-American Network for Quality Accreditation of Higher Education – (RIACES), Argentina)
11:40	Quality Assurance and Accreditation: the Caribbean experiences	Ethley London (Executive Director, University Council of Jamaica, Jamaica)
12:10	Questions & Answers	
12:40	Lunch	
	3 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN THE CARIBBEAN	Chair: Hon Ronald Jones (Minister of Education and Human Resource Development, Barbados)
14:15	Science, Technology and Innovation in the Caribbean	Prof. Errol Morrison (President of The University of Technology, Jamaica)
14:45	Latin American perspective on Science, Technology and Innovation	Campo Elías Bernal (Technical Director of the Higher Level Programme at Universidad del Rosario, Colombia)
15:15	Questions & Answers	
15:45	Coffee-Break	



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	4 INTERNATIONALIZATION AND ACADEMIC COOPERATION	Chair: Kwame Boafo (Director, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, Jamaica)
16:15	Internationalization of Higher Education in the Caribbean	Professor Alvin Wint, (Pro Vice Chancellor and Chairman for the Board for Undergraduate Studies, UWI)
16:45	Academic cooperation between the Caribbean and Latin America	Ethel Ríos (Physical Sciences Department University of Puerto Rico, Campus Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico)
17:15	Questions & Answers	
17:45	End of Day 01	

APRIL 13, 2010 - TUESDAY

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	5 SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN HAITI	Chair: Hon. Arsene James (Minister of Education and Culture, St. Lucia)
09:00	The Higher Education System in Haiti	Wilson Laleau (Université d'Etat d'Haiti, Haiti) and Pierre André Pierre (Rector of the Université Notre Dame d'Haiti)
09:20	UNESCO Education Recovery Cell	Robert Parua (Education Specialist, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, Jamaica)
09:40	OAS Initiative	Ambassador Albert Ramdin (Assistant Secretary-General, Organization of American States, United States)
10:00	Questions & Answers	
10:30	Coffee-Break	



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	HIGHER EDUCATION AGENDA OF THE CARIBBEAN	Chair: Mr. Edwin Wolf (Minister, Ministry of Education and Community Development, Suriname)
11:00	Higher Education Strategy of OECS countries: "Transforming Colleges into Universities"	Mr. Paul Payne (Principal, Montserrat Community College, Montserrat)
11:15	"How UNICA Positions itself to play a decisive role in the sustainable development of the Tertiary Education Sector in The Caribbean"	Ms. Annette Insanally (Secretary General of UNICA and Coordinator, Latin American-Caribbean Center, UWI, Jamaica)
11:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS (3)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government Representatives 2. HEI and University Networks 3. International Organizations
12:30	Presentation of the Conclusions In each of the parallel sessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Government Representatives 2. HEI and University Networks 3. International Organizations
13:00	Lunch	
	CLOSING SESSION	Chair: Dr. Li fo Sjoe (Acting Director, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, Suriname)
15:00	Declaration of the Conference	Dr. Li fo Sjoe (Acting Director, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, Suriname)
15:15	Comments and Proposals	Plenary
16:00	Closing speeches	OAS / UNESCO – JAM / UNESCO-IESALC / GVT. SURINAME
17:00	END OF THE CONFERENCE	