



Creative Industries and Digitalization Forum



Date 29 September to 1 October 2021

Creative Industries and Trade Digitalization Forum

Day One: 29 September

9:00 – 10:15 **Plenary: *Inequality at the Root***
Speakers: **Prof. Maria Koundoura** (Conversational Guide, USA Emerson College)
Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles (Barbados, UWI Vice Chancellor)
Moderator: **Dr Annalee Babb** (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, CEO & Founder, Intersections, International Consultant)

Creative Industries through the lens of Digitization: Trends and Policy Challenges

10:15 – 10:30 **Forum Introduction**
Speakers: **Dr Annalee Babb** (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, CEO & Founder, Intersections, International Consultant)
Mr Adrian Green (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, Performing Artist)
Ms Carol Roberts-Reifer (CEO, National Cultural Foundation, Barbados)

10:30 – 12:00 **High level segment**
Speakers: **Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
The Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Barbados
H.E Mr. Sandiaga Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia
Moderator: **Ms. Marisa Henderson**, Chief, Creative Economy, TNCD, UNCTAD

Interactive Panel

Speakers: **Mr. Nicholas Brancker**, Grammy Nominated Musician.
Mr. John Howkins, Author and Expert on Creative Industries
Ms. Birame Sock, Founder of Kweli and member of the eTrade for Women Community of West Africa

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Moderator: Ms. Josanne Leonard, Media & Communications Consultant

11.50-11.55 Closing Remarks

Ms Miho Shirotori - OIC, International Trade and Commodities Division, UNCTAD

11.55-12.00 Performance: Spoken word by Mr. Adrian Green

12.00-12:45 Panel: *Fin Tech: Financial Inclusion*

Speakers: **HE Gabriel Abed** (Barbados Ambassador, UAE)
Mr Allen Cueli (Head of Products & Innovation, Central America and the Caribbean, VISA)
Ms Gillian Marcelle (Founding & Managing Member, Resilience Capital Ventures)

Moderator: **Mr Peter Stoute-King** (Fintech Practice Lead, Techstars)

13:30 - 14:30 Panel: *AI + Educators: The Path Forward?*

Speakers: **Mr Priti Padhy** (CEO & Co-founder, Cognino.ai)
Ms Carla Aerts (Director of Digital Change at Hodder Education)
Mr Alistair Moore (Head of Analytics & Machine Learning, Mishcon de Reya LLP)
Dr Satya Nitta (CEO, Merlyn Mind)

Moderator: **Mr Matthew Springer** (Founder & CEO, Holistec)

14:30 - 15:45 Conversation: *Validating Our Own Stories*

Speakers: **Mr Marvin George** (Dean, School of Drama, Edna Manley College)
Ms Kentillia Louis (Co-ordinator, Creative & Performing Arts, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College)
Ms Zahra Airall, (Master Teacher, Founder & Director, Theatre Arts Programme, Antigua Girls' High School)



Moderator: **Michelle Hinkson-Cox** (Theatre Arts Co-ordinator, Barbados Community College)

15:45 - 17:00 Panel: *NFTs and the Promise of Digital Emancipation*

Speakers: **Mr Russell Watson** (Film maker, Multimedia Artist, Lecturer, UWI, Cave Hill)
Ms Shontelle Layne (International Recording Artist, Songwriter)
Mr Haleek Maul (Multidisciplinary Artist & Founder of HOLDERSLAND)

Moderator: **Ms Zoe Osborne** (Visual Artist & Curator)

17:00 - 18:00 Conversation: *Crucial Conversations: Small Island, Big Music*

Speakers: **Dr H Stefan Walcott** (Lecturer & Tutor in Music)
Mr Nicholas Brancker (Grammy Nominated Musician)
Mr Swayne Boyce/Cjuh (Music Producer)

18:00 – 19:00 Panel: *Immersive Tech Environments - Models for the Future*

Speakers: **Mr Dave Ranyard** (CEO, Dream Reality Interactive)
Mr Edward Mason (Founder, Frogland.io)
Ms Sylvia Xueni Pan (Lecturer in VR, Goldsmiths, University of London)

Moderator: **Ms Serena Ricci** (Product Marketing Manager, QS Quacquarelli)



Day Two: 30 September

9:15 - 10:30. **Plenary: *Creative, Cultural & Technological Emancipation***

Speakers: **Ms Josanne Leonard** (Media & Communications Specialist)
Dr Keith Nurse (Principal/President, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College)
Dr Michael Kwet (Sociologist, Visiting Fellow, Yale's Information Society Project)
Mr Trevor Wood (IT Professional, Cultural Industry Entrepreneur)

Moderator: **Mr Adrian Green** (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, Performing Artist)

10:30 - 11:45 **Panel conversation: *Spoken Words to Mend Broken Worlds***

Speakers: **Mr Akeem Chandler-Prescod** (Spoken Word Artist)
Mr Theo Greenidge (Spoken Word Artist)
Ms Deneka Thomas (Spoken Word Artist)
Ms Shareefa Energy (Spoken Word Artist)
Ms Tinashe Tafirenyika (Spoken Word Artist)
Mr Siyabonga Dlamini (Spoken Word Artist)
Ms Ashley Davis (Spoken Word Artist)

Moderator: **Ms Cyndi Marshall** (Spoken Word Artist)

11:45 - 12:45 **Panel: *21st Century Skills to Shape Innovative Minds***

Speakers: **Ms Lisa Padmore** (Partner at Ernst & Young)
Dr Cardinal Warde (Professor of Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Dr Chirinjeev Kathuria (Investor, Businessperson, Philanthropist)

Moderator: **Mr Matthew Springer** (Founder & CEO, Holistec)



13:30 – 14:45 **Plenary: *Harnessing IP & Digitisation: Current & Emerging Issues for Developing Countries***

Speakers: **Dr Patrick Kabanda** (Author, “The Creative Wealth of Nations”)
Prof Kienda Hoji (Principal Lecturer in music Business & Assistant Head, School of Arts, University of Westminster)
Mr Clyde McKenzie (Director, Magnificent Ideas + Magnificent Events)

Moderator: **Ms Josanne Leonard** (Media & Communications Specialist)

14:45 - 16:00 **Conversation: *Nurturing Mindfulness Amid Disruption***

Speakers: **Dr Sankalp Chaturvedi** (Director, Gandhi Centre for Inclusive Innovation)
Mr Jamie Bristow (Director, The Mindfulness Initiative)
Mr Chris Ruane (Chair, Mindful Initiative’s Global Network)

Moderator: **Dr Annalee Babb** (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, CEO & Founder, Intersections, International Consultant)

16:00-17:00 **National Cultural Foundation (Barbados) content**

“I Can’t Breathe! Black Lives Matter” – dance/documentary
“The NCF Presents Words and Music” – spoken word performances

17:00 - 18:00 **Panel: *Teaching Entrepreneurship: Mission Possible?***

Speakers: **Ms Ana Bakshi** (Executive Director, Oxford Foundry, University of Oxford)
Parminder Vir, OBE (Film Producer & Co-Founder, Support4AfricaSMEs)
Mr Kevin Simmons (Head of Experimentation, UNDP Accelerator Lab)

Moderator: **Matthew Springer** (Founder & CEO, Holistec)

18:00 - 19:30 ***Tales In De Forest (Digital Theatre Performance)***

Rhema Acts Production in tandem with the Theatre Arts Department, Barbados Community College



Day Three: 1 October

9:15 - 10:30 **Plenary: *Creating Our Own Intersections***

Speakers:

- Ms Hattie Hill** (CEO, TD Jakes Foundation)
- Mr Mark Elliott** (Programme Director, CivTech®)
- Mr Andrew Millington** (Deputy Dean, UWI Faculty of Culture, Creative & Performing Arts)
- Ms Aisha King** (Trustee & Founder, Trekvoy Art & Literary Endowment for the Naturally Talented)

Moderator: **Dr Annalee Babb** (Co-Lead Organiser, CITD Forum, CEO & Founder, Intersections, International Consultant)

10:30 - 11:45 **Conversation: *World Building and Cultural Expansion***

Speakers:

- Mr Omar Kennedy** (Director, AnimeKon)
- Professor John Jennings** (Professor of Media & Cultural Studies, University of California at Riverside)
- Mr Shawn Alleyne** (President, Pyroglyphics Studio)
- Mr Alan Nigel Lynch** (Writer & Co-Founder, Beyond Publishing)

Moderator: **Mr Andre Harewood** (Broadcaster)

11:45-12:45 **National Cultural Foundation (Barbados) content**

“Bush Tea, Herbs, Plants and Barbadian Botanical Stories” – documentary
“The Farmer’s Anthem” – music video
“Shakad Eco Lifestyle” – fashion video

13:30 – 14:45 **Conversation: *E-Sports: The Future of Digital Sports***

Speakers:

- Ricardo Knight** (Founder, Barbados eSports Initiative)
- Valdez Franklyn** (President, Mos Maniakal Gaming St Lucia eSports)
- Rivelino Simmons** (CEO, Riveting Media)

Moderator: **Josue Nelson** (Broadcaster)



14:45 – 15:00

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Art Exhibition

15:00 - 15:30

National Cultural Foundation (Barbados) content

“Marvay” – mini concert

“The Congo Drum: The Story of the Congo Drum in Barbados” -
documentary

15:30 – 16:45

**Panel: Practical Gaming: Application of Video Game
Design, Development to Business**

Speakers:

Mr Michael Watkins (Director & Lead Programmer, AnimeKon Design
Group)

Ms Aisha King (President and Responsible for Animation Production
and Project Management)

Mr Joel Benton (Partner, Interactive Studio Management)

Mr Henley Beckford (Founder & CEO, Myra GO – Myra Learning Group)

Ms Jade Gregory (UI Artist, Activision/Infinity Ward)

Moderator:

Mr Josue Nelson (Broadcaster)

16:45 - 17:45

Plenary: Accelerating Social Good in the Creative and Tech Sectors

Speakers:

Ms Jennifer Xu (Head of US Development, Epic Foundation)

Mr Matthew Springer (Founder & CEO, Holistec)

Ms Fabianna Alexander (Social Impact Management Consultant &
CEO, Aspire Foundation)

Ms Deidre Clarendon (Chief, Social Sector Division, Caribbean
Development Bank)

Moderator:

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17:45 - 17:50

Closing

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