



Commodities Forum



PROGRAMME

13-14-15 September 2021¹

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN COMMODITY DEPENDENT COUNTRIES



13 September

Agriculture and water

15:00-15:15 Opening Statements

The Hon. Mia Amor Mottley QC MP, Prime Minister, Barbados
Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Moderators: Prof. Winston Moore, Deputy Principal, University of West Indies
Ms. Margaret Mutesi, Senior Business Journalist, BBC

15:15-16:00 *Food security and smart agriculture: the role of
technology and services*

Speakers: Mr. Arnaud Petit, Director, International Grain Council
Ms. Vermaran Extavour, Regional Project Coordinator, FAO
Mr. Roberto Sandoval, Emergency Focal Point and Disaster Risk
Management Specialist, FAO
Ms. Keeley Holder, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ministry of Agriculture,
Barbados
Ms. Ena C. Harvey, Representative Barbados Delegation, InterAmerican
Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

16:00-16:30 Q&As

16:30-16:45 *Virtual coffee break*

16:45-17:30 *Sustainable solutions to address water challenges*

Speakers: Prof. Mesfin Mekonnen, The University of Alabama
Mr. Adrian Cashman, Consultant and Technical Committee Member
Global Water Partnership Technical Committee
Mr. Andre Langwost, President, EUROSOLAR France
Mr. Allan Williams, General Manager, R & D Investment,
Cotton Research and Development Corporation

17:30-18:00 Q&As

¹ The reference time zone for all sessions is CET



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14 September Energy transition

Moderator: **Prof. Winston Moore**, Deputy Principal, University of West Indies
Ms. Margaret Mutesi, Senior Business Journalist, BBC

15:00-15:45 ***The future of oil and gas-dependent countries in an era of energy transition***

Speakers: **Mr. René Bautz**, Chairman, Global Gas Centre & CEO GAZNAT SA
Mr. Arash Duero, Principal, Bingmann Pflüger International
Mr. Rudy Van Beurden, Senior Vice President Public Affairs, FluxSwiss
Mr. Thackwray “Dax” Driver, President & CEO, The Energy Chamber of Trinidad & Tobago

15:45-16:15 Q&As

16:15-16:30 *Virtual coffee break*

16:30-17:15 ***Greening mining for a green energy transition***

Speakers: **Mr. Pascal Laffont**, Chief Legal Counsel, International Energy Agency
Ms. Nicky Black, Director, Social and Economic Development Programme International Council on Mining and Metals
Mr. Michael Wurmser, Deputy CEO and Founder, Norge Mining

17:15-17:45 Q&As

17:45-18:00 *Official Announcements*



15 September

High Level Round Table

Moderator: **Prof. R Clive Landis**, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of West Indies
Ms. Margaret Mutesi, Senior Business Journalist, BBC

15:00-15:15 *Opening remarks and introductions*

15:15-16:30 **Strengthening resilience in commodity dependent countries**

H.E. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister, Dominica

Dr. Hyginus 'Gene' Leon, President, Caribbean Development Bank

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary General, Commonwealth

H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General, OACPS

Ms. Kristin Lang, Head of Division, Latin America and the Caribbean, European Investment Bank

16:30-17:00 Q&As

17:00-17:15 *Closing address*