

Workshop

Promoting Sustainable Recovery through Economic Diversification

Bio Note of Speakers

(In Alphabetical Order)

Antonio Alleyne is a lecturer at the University of the West Indies, Cavehill campus. Approaching 14 years of professional experience in analyzing the economics of commerce and trade, Dr Alleyne has investigated various critical topics from the viewpoints of government (at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs), private sector (consultancies), and now academia (at the UWI Cave Hill Campus). His research falls under the scope of economic integration- i.e., bringing countries closer for commercial advantages. He mainly uses quantitative methods to investigate concerns of, but not limited to, international trade, innovation, competitiveness, and development in the Caribbean, with a particular interest in Asian economies due to experiences gained from his years there. Dr Alleyne's current focus is on the integration efforts between the Caribbean and the less traditional regions. His interest surrounds the values of close Caribbean relations from a commercial perspective.

Ms. Olayinka Bandele is Chief of Inclusive Industrialization Section in the United Economic Commission for Africa Sub-regional Office for Southern Africa. Ms. Bandele holds an MSc degree in International Business from Birkbeck College, University of London, an MSc degree in Development Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, as well as a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Sussex University, UK.

She is a development economist with over 20 years experience of working on trade policy, private sector development, export strategy, export diversification, SME trade and the intersectionality of trade and gender. Her current research interests focus on innovation and dynamic capabilities impact on trade competitiveness.

Prior to her position at UN ECA, Ms. Bandele was a Trade Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London and held an acting position as Head of Section with the Trade Competitiveness Section at the Commonwealth Secretariat. Additionally, Ms. Bandele was a Senior Economist/Director of Private Sector Development in Nathan EME Inc. consultancy based in London and a former Overseas Development Institute (ODI) fellow/adviser in the Namibia Ministry of Trade and Industry, funded by the UK Department for International Development.

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Sylvester Cadette is the Programme Officer at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area Office based in Bridgetown Barbados. The ITU is the United Nations Specialized Agency for ICTs.

He has over 20 years' experience in the Telecommunications and ICT Sector. Prior to ITU he served as Director of Telecommunications and Advisor to the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica. He was a member of the Project Implementation Committee (PIC) in the World Bank funded OECS Telecoms Reform Project from inception and through to implementation, and has contributed significantly to introducing legislative reform, competition, telecommunications liberalization, and Telecoms policy formulation in the OECS and was one of the contributors to the formulation of the unique ECTEL/NTRC regulatory structure.

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Sandra Husbands, M.P., is the Minister of State in Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development is responsible for government's international trade policy, which establishes and monitors the conditions and environment under which international trade takes place across the globe. The Hon. Sandra Husbands is also responsible for business development in Barbados. She oversees the country's engagement and negotiations at the regional, bilateral and international level.

Minister Husbands holds a degree in Sociology and Law and a Master in International Trade Policy. She has pursued further training in Advanced Leadership in Singapore, Facilitation Training in the U.S.A., Training of Trainers, Business Process Management. Her background is in Human Resources Development with a blend of experience in the business community for twenty years spanning six fields of business endeavour, namely Management Consulting, Broadcasting, Sales, Market Research, Tourism. In her private capacity, she held the positions of President of the Barbados Small Business Association (BSBA), as its first female President and the only President to hold office over three consecutive terms. Chairman of the National Council on Substance Abuse; SBA Enterprises Inc. (SBAEI); Caribbean Association of the Small and Medium Enterprises (CASME) as one of the founding members. She was the First Vice President of the National Organisation of Women and first Vice-President of Caribbean Facilitators Network.

Richard Kozul-Wright is the director of UNCTAD's globalization and development strategies division. He has worked at the UN in both New York and Geneva and published widely on economic issues, including in the Economic Journal, the Cambridge Journal of Economics, the Journal of Development Studies, and the Oxford Review of Economic Policy. He has co-written books such as *The Case for A new Bretton Woods* with Kevin P. Gallagher, *The Resistible Rise of Market Fundamentalism* with Paul Rayment and co-edited volumes of *Transnational Corporations and the Global Economy*, *Economic Insecurity and Development*, *Securing Peace*, *Climate Protection an Development and Industrial Policy*. He also co-edited *Transforming Economies: Making Industrial Policy Work for Growth, Jobs and Development* with the International Labour Organization. He holds a PhD degree in economics from the University of Cambridge in the UK.

Juan Carlos Moreno-Brid PhD, Cambridge University, M.A. Economics, CIDE; BA Mathematics, UNAM. Since 2015, Full Professor, Faculty of Economics-UNAM. Member of the National Research System. From 2000 to 2014, Deputy Director/Research Coordinator of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC-Mexico), after having worked for five years as Research Associate at the *David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies*, Harvard University. Main fields are development, economic growth and industrialization in Latin America. Multiple publications (chapters and articles) in prestigious academic journals. Most recent books: *Counter-Cyclical Fiscal Responses in Latin America: selected experiences.*, (ECLAC, forthcoming publication), *Essays on Development and Growth: inm honopr of Jaime Ros* (coeditor with J.A. Ocampo, N.Lustig and A. Dutt (Routledge, forthcoming 2023), *Panorama Reciente de las Políticas de Desarrollo Productivo en Mexico* (ILO, 2018), *Cambio estructural y crecimiento en Centroamérica* (ECLAC, 2014) and *Development and Growth in the Mexican Economy: a historical perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2009, and later published in Spanish by Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2014; with a new updated edition forthcoming in 2023. Consultant for many international organizations, and governments. Member of the Executive Committee of International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS) for Latin America; Member of *Grupo Nuevo Curso de*

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Miss Nicholls' multidisciplinary background includes a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with First Class Honours, a Master of Science in International Trade Policy with Distinction and a Bachelor of Laws with Upper Second Class Honours from The University of the West Indies. She also holds the prestigious FITT Diploma in International Trade from the Ontario, Canada-based Forum for International Trade Training (FITT). She attained the Post-Graduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning (PGCUTL) from The UWI in July 2022.

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Ryan R. Straughn, M.P., is the current Member of Parliament for the constituency of Christ Church East Central. He is a Barbadian economist, politician, and a current Cabinet Minister. The Honourable Ryan Straughn is one of the key architects of the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation programme implemented nearly 5 years ago which has turned economic calamity into economic opportunity. As Minister responsible for Finance and Economic Affairs, he has brought about a significant improvement in the management of the public finances to achieve all the targets set under the BERT programme which has resulted in the boosting of confidence amongst consumers, businesses and investors in Barbados.

He successfully executed the country's comprehensive restructuring of both domestic and external commercial debt which was strangling Barbados and curtailing the nation's development. In addition, he has been responsible for the turnaround of the Customs and Excise Department with the implementation of ASYCUDA World which has eliminated the use of paper to clear goods at the points of entry. Professionally, Minister Straughn has served as a Central Bank of Barbados economist, as the President of the Barbados Economics Society and as Chair of the Trade and Economic Policy Committee at the Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Personally, Minister Straughn has a very strong passion for music, having served for several years as the director of the Waterford Music & Cultural Society, a non-profit organization committed to the development of music and its practice amongst the youth in Barbados.

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