



## Programme

### Day 1: Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b><u>Registration</u></b>
<b>09:30-10:30</b>	<p><b><u>Opening Session and Keynote Address</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dawei Wang</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Richard Kozul-Wright</i>, Director, DGDS/ UNCTAD</li> <li>- <i>Prof. Clive Landis</i>, Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor of The UWI Cave Hill</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>H.E. Chad Blackman</i>, Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</li> <li>- <i>H.E. Yan Xiusheng</i>, Ambassador, the People’s Republic of China to Barbados</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b><u>Group Photo and Coffee Break</u></b>
<b>10:45 – 13:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session 1: Research Output Presentation</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Igor Paunovic</i>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> <i>Dawei Wang</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Richelle Gaskin</i>, Senior Economist (ag.), Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment of Barbados</li> <li>- <i>Antonio Alleyne</i>, Lecturer in Economics, The UWI Cave Hill</li> <li>- <i>Trisha Tannis</i>, Chairperson, Barbados Private Sector Association (BPSA)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Guiding questions</u></b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key vulnerabilities and risks facing the Barbados economy and other SIDS exposed by the Covid-19 and cascading crises?</li> <li>• What are the best ways to formulate diversification and resilience-building strategies in Barbados?</li> <li>• In what ways can green transition and digital transformation be integrated into the economic policy strategies framework for Barbados, and what role can the private sector play in this regard?</li> <li>• In what way could South-South cooperation, partnerships and collaborations support Barbados and other SIDS in building their economic diversification and resilience?</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b><u>Working Lunch</u></b></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b><u>Session 2: Fiscal and Debt Sustainability of Barbados</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <i>Mahalia Jackman</i>, Head, Department of Economics, The UWI Cave Hill</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Richard Kozul-Wright</i>, Director, DGDS/UNCTAD</li> <li>- <i>Hamza Ali Malik</i>, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP</li> <li>- <i>Cloe Ortiz de Mendivil</i>, Economist, Inter-American Development Bank</li> <li>- <i>Alwyn Jordan</i>, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Barbados</li> <li>- <i>Anton Belgrave</i>, Director of Research &amp; Economic Analysis Department, Central Bank of Barbados</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Guiding Questions:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the progress of Barbados’ efforts in restoring fiscal and debt sustainability in recent years?</li> <li>• How can Barbados and other SIDS strike the right balance between promoting economic growth and maintaining fiscal discipline to ensure long-term debt sustainability.</li> <li>• How can Barbados and other SIDS build resilience into their fiscal and debt management strategies in the face of climate change and other shocks?</li> </ul>
<p><b>16:30</b></p>	<p><b><u>End of day’s proceedings</u></b></p>

**Day 2: Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

<p><b>10:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b><u>Session 3: Green Transition in Response to Climate Emergencies and its implications for key industries in SIDS</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dawei Wang</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Igor Paunovic</i>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</li><li>- <i>Michael Hendrickson</i>, Coordinator of the Economic Development Unit of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters in Port of Spain</li><li>- <i>Jan Yves Remy</i>, Director of SRC UWI</li><li>- <i>Zhou Mi</i>, Senior Researcher, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Affairs</li></ul> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What specific policy measures could Barbados and other SIDS adopt to help drive a green transition, considering their unique vulnerabilities and opportunities?</li><li>• What are the impacts of the green development policies on the key industries of Barbados? How can governments collaborate with key industries to ensure a sustainable and resilient green transition?</li><li>• How can governments facilitate a just transition for workers and communities that ensures that the shift to a green economy does not lead to significant job displacement or exacerbate social inequalities?</li></ul>
<p><b>12:30-13:30</b></p>	<p><b><u>Working Lunch</u></b></p>
<p><b>13:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b><u>Session 4: Digital transformation and the implication on the key industries of SIDS</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Alicia Nicholls</i>, Research Fellow, SRC UWI</p> <p><b>Panelist:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Marcelo LaFleur</i>, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, DESA</li><li>- <i>Laura Mann</i>, Associate Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science</li><li>- <i>Youssouf Cader</i>, Head Business Information Unit, Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperation, Mauritius</li><li>- <i>George Thomas</i>, Chief Executive Officer, Sagicor Bank</li></ul> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How best can Barbados and other SIDS incorporate digital technologies into their key industries for long-term resilience and competitiveness?</li> <li>• What specific digital technologies and innovations are most promising for fostering growth and sustainability in Barbados and other SIDS?</li> <li>• How can governments collaborate with the private sector and civil society to ensure the effective and equitable implementation of digital transformation initiatives?</li> <li>• How can governments balance the need for cybersecurity measures and regulatory frameworks with the imperative for innovation and efficiency?</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>End of Day's Proceedings</u></b></p>

**Day 3: Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<p><b>10:00 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b><u>Session 5:</u></b>  <b><u>Hybrid event: South-South cooperation and integration for economic resilience: perspective on SIDS and beyond</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b>  <i>Dawei Wang</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Dima Al-Khatib</i>, Director, UN Office for South-South Cooperation</li> <li>- <i>Hamza Ali Malik</i>, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UN ESCAP</li> <li>- <i>Sheldon McLean</i>, Coordinator of the Economic Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters</li> <li>- <i>Kai-Ann Skeete</i>, Trade Research Fellow, SRC, UWI Cave Hill</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Guiding questions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the international level, what are the state of play of South-South economic cooperation and integration? What is the role of SSC in enhancing economic resilience of the Global South?</li> <li>• What are the key policy and institutional frameworks needed to facilitate effective South-South cooperation and regional integration, and how can these be strengthened?</li> <li>• How can South-South cooperation be effectively leveraged to address the unique challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS)?</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some specific examples of successful South-South and regional partnerships that have contributed to the resilience of developing countries including SIDS?</li> <li>• In what ways can regional integration among developing countries including SIDS enhance their collective capacity to address common challenges and capitalize on shared opportunities?</li> <li>• What lessons of South-South cooperation and integration of other regions can be learnt by Barbados and Caribbean region?</li> </ul>
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<p><b><u>Closing of workshop</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Dawei Wang</i>, Economic Affairs Officer, DGDS/UNCTAD</li> <li>- <i>Betty Alleyne-Headley</i>, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</li> </ul>
<b>12:45-14:00</b>	<p><b><u>Working lunch</u></b></p>