



Spotlight Initiative
To eliminate violence
against women and girls

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Agenda

Multi-stakeholder dialogue on gender equality and sustainable development

October 31 - November 01, 2023

Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

Monday, October 30, 2023: Arrivals and check-in at hotel

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 31, 2023

08:45 – 09:15 Registration in meeting room

09:30 – 10:15 **Opening remarks**

- **Tonni Brodber**, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean
- **Alisha Todd**, Director General, ParlAmericas
- The Honourable **Claudius Francis** (Saint Lucia), Speaker of the House of Assembly, Member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors
- Senator the Honourable **Alvina Reynolds** (Saint Lucia), President of the Senate

10:15 – 10:45 **Official photograph and coffee break**

10:45 – 12:15 **Keynote panel: The cost of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and its impact on sustainable development**

Moderator: The Honourable **Valerie Woods** (Belize), Speaker of the House of Representatives

Panellists:

- The Honourable Dr. **Virginia Albert-Poyotte** (Saint Lucia), Minister for the Public Service, Home Affairs, Labour and Gender Affairs
- **Roberta Clarke**, Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Tonni Brodber**, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean

12:15 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 – 15:15 **Panel: Innovative initiatives to end VAWG**

Moderator: **Erin Brown**, Erin Brown Connects

Panellists:

- The Honourable Justice **Peter Jamadar**, Caribbean Court of Justice
- The Honourable **Dessima Williams** (Grenada), President of the Senate
- **Isiwa Iyahen**, Deputy Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee/tea break

15:30 – 17:00 **Panel: Good practices for building partnerships to advance gender equality and sustainable development**

Moderator: Senator **Lisa Jawahir** (Saint Lucia), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

Panellists:

- **Phylicia Alexander**, Executive Director, RedRoot SVG
- **Nadine Heywood**, Vice President of Credit Solutions and Programme Lead for Women's Initiatives, Scotiabank
- **Dominique Noralez**, Caribbean Representative, Commonwealth Youth Council
- **Janey Joseph**, Director of Gender Affairs, Department of Gender Affairs of Saint Lucia

17:00 – 17:30 **Conclusions for day 1**

Day 2 - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening comments**

09:10 – 12:00 **Interactive workshop on examining SIDS specific issues from a gender perspective**

Facilitator: **Letitia Nicholas**, Monitoring and Reporting Analyst, UN Women Caribbean

Presenters:

- **Dr. Rosina Wiltshire**, gender and development specialist
- **Dr. Halimah DeShong**, Senior Lecturer and Head, Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit, The University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus
- **Asha Challenger**, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN and Focal Point for the SIDS Conference Gender Equality Forum

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Parallel sessions: Avenues to promote gender equality and ending VAWG within and through parliament**

Panellists for session for parliamentarians:

- Moderator: **Chantal La Roche**, Director, Legal Services, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Dwight Sibblies** (Jamaica), MP
- The Honourable **Alincia Williams Grant** (Antigua and Barbuda), President of the Senate
- The Honourable **Emma Hippolyte** (Saint Lucia), MP and Minister of Commerce, Manufacturing, Business Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Affairs

Panellists for session for civil society organisations:

- Moderator: **Phillip Carlisle**, CariMAN
- **Terry Ince**, Convenor of the CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago and Chair of the Caribbean Regional Spotlight Initiative Civil Society Reference Group
- **Catherine Sealys**, President, Raise Your Voice Saint Lucia
- **Sasha Sahadeo**, Gender Officer, Caribbean Women in Leadership
- **Nadella Oya**, Interim Chair, Caribbean Gender Alliance

- 15:00 – 15:10 Coffee/tea break
- 15:10 – 16:40 **Roundtable exercise: Applying a gender lens in the examination of development issues and considering possible responses through the various legislative functions**
- 16:40 – 17:10 **Reading of joint statement**
- 17:10 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**



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