Preliminary 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 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
  Panellists:
  ● The Honourable Justice Peter Jamadar, Caribbean Court of Justice
  ● The Honourable Dessima Williams (Grenada), President of the Senate
  ● Isiuwa 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:
- Phyllicia 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

17:00 – 17:30 Conclusions for day 1

Day 2 - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

09:00 – 09:10 Opening by facilitator

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

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
- 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:
- 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

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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