

**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS) AND
COLLECTIVITÉ TERRITORIALE DE MARTINIQUE (CTM)**

1st CONNECTIVITY CONFERENCE OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN

October 18th - 20th, 2023: Sainte-Luce, Martinique
Complexe Hôtelier KARIBEA, Room: FREGATE

Theme: "One Sea, Sky and a Single Market: An integrated approach towards enhancing connectivity in the Greater Caribbean"

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday 18th October, 2023	
7:30am – 9:00am	Accreditation
9:00am – 9:45am	OPENING CEREMONY
9:45am – 10:30am	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH: <i>Theme: Regional Hubs for Regional Integration</i></p> <p>Presented by: Mr. Darwin Telemaque, Chairman of the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC) and CEO of Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority</p>
10:30am - 10:45am	OFFICIAL PHOTO / COFFEE BREAK
10:45am – 11:30am	<p>ROUND TABLE 1: <i>Theme: Understanding the Supply Chain in the Greater Caribbean - From Sourcing to Consolidation</i></p> <p>This round table is intended to provide an in-depth understanding of the impact of different factors and policy instruments on different nodes of the supply chain process from sourcing to containerized consolidation. It will offer participants the chance to unpack, inter alia, the provisions of various regional trade agreements, trade facilitation practices and mechanisms, product certification and regional and international standards and how they all collectively contribute to regional trade logistics performance. Panellists</p>

	<p>would explore the various opportunities for improving trade logistics in the region through these agreements and policies as well as consider the role of transport in improving trade logistics in the region.</p> <p>Presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ricardo Sanchez, Consultant • Mr. Keiji Inoue, Officer in Charge of International Trade and Integration Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
<p>11:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>WORKING SESSION <i>Project of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS): Maritime Transport and Logistics Strategy and Plan of Action for the Greater Caribbean:</i></p> <p>Phase 1 of this project is financed by the Latin American Development Bank (CAF), and it is one of the key activities in the ACS Transport Work Programme, proposed to resolve the connectivity challenges in the Greater Caribbean. This working session will inform on the project and its initial findings and challenges related to connectivity in the Greater Caribbean, and aims to gather key recommendations from transport experts related to this.</p> <p>Presented by the Project Consultant: Mr. Eduardo E. Lugo T., President of the Maritime & Logistics Consulting Group, S.A.</p>
<p>12:30pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p>ROUND TABLE 2: <i>Theme: Understanding the Supply Chain in the Greater Caribbean - From Consolidation to Final Customers</i></p> <p>This round table is a continuation of Round Table 1 and will focus on another critical node of the supply chain: consolidation to delivery to the final customer. This will cover the shipping process, last mile delivery and the factors that impact performance in these areas. Given the lack of economies of scale in the Greater Caribbean, panellists will</p>

	<p>be invited to share innovative ideas and approaches to profitably operate in such an environment. In so doing, regional solutions for transport operators to provide more services in the Caribbean and potential hubs for consolidation, transformation and distribution can be identified.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. William Ashby, Portfolio Manager of the Economic Infrastructure Division of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Xavier de Moussac, President and CEO of Caribbean Lines & Soreidom • Mr. Leslie Jean Baptiste, Managing Director at Eagle Freight & Brokerage Services Ltd, Saint Lucia • Ms. Laura Pullins, President and Head of Cargo - The Americas, Cargo Network Services of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) • Captain Jean-Stephane Roul, President and Executive Director of KaribLinks
<p>3:30pm – 3:45pm</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>3:45pm – 5:15pm</p>	<p>ROUND TABLE 3: <i>Theme: Solutions for Enhanced Logistics Performance and Economic Prosperity</i></p> <p>Apart from fragmentation, the regional transport system has severe infrastructural gaps that hinders efficiency and greater connectivity. Updating and advancing infrastructure is necessary to enable logistics performance, regional value chain development, and overall increasing trade logistics performance. As such, the aim of this discussion is to demonstrate how to improve infrastructure and operations through innovative approaches. The discussion will also explore the importance of regional hubs and the role of these hubs in enhancing regional connectivity.</p>

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ricardo Sanchez, Consultant <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Ajagunna Ibrahim, Deputy President of the Caribbean Maritime University in Jamaica • Ms. Malaika Becoulet, Senior Transport Specialist of the World Bank • Mr. Luelo Girigorie, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Development in Curaçao • Mr. Eduardo E. Lugo T., President of the Maritime & Logistics Consulting Group, S.A.
<p>5:15pm – 5:30pm</p>	<p>SUMMARY AND CLOSING OF DAY 1</p>
<p>7:30pm – 10:00pm</p>	<p>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</p>
<p>Thursday 19th October, 2023</p>	
<p>8:30am – 10:00am</p>	<p>ROUND TABLE 4: <i>Theme: Green and Digital Caribbean Corridors</i></p> <p>This round table will deep dive into the need for interoperability between information systems at ports and sustainable transport infrastructure. The objective is to accelerate the deployment of low- and zero-carbon emission solutions, identify digital shipping programmes, and develop green fuel sources for bunkering to support efficient cargo movement. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the green and digital shipping corridor aims to catalyse investment in green infrastructure, including zero-carbon energy hubs.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Territorial Collectivity of Martinique (CTM) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Terence Leonard, Project Manager of the United Nations Conference on Trade and

	<p>Development Automated System for Customs Data (UNCTAD-ASYCUDA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pascal Ollivier, President of Maritime Street • Dr. Eusebiu Catana, Ertico-FENIX Caribbean • Mr. Hugues-Lionel Galy, Interregional Director of the Antilles-Guyane Interregional Customs Directorate, PRODOUANE
<p>10:00am – 10:15am</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>10:15am – 12:30pm</p>	<p>ROUND TABLE 5: <i>Theme: Air and maritime transport within the Greater Caribbean - Challenges and Opportunities</i></p> <p>In this discussion, panellists will evaluate regional maritime and air transport networks in the Greater Caribbean. The discussion will also offer participants an oversight of the challenges to efficiency of the regional maritime transport system and various strategic actions that can help mitigate these challenges. Additionally, the discussion will identify the opportunities present for the regional maritime transport system and ways to leverage these opportunities to advance of the regional transport ecosystem.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Rodolfo Sabonge, Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dionne Ligoure, Head of Corporate Communications at Caribbean Airlines • Mr. Jose Dopeso, Director of Port and Maritime Affairs of the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM) • Mr. Fausto Arroyo, Chief Executive of Regional Integration at the Latin American Development Bank (CAF) • Mr. Kevin Hope, Head of Regional Integration at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Patrick Pezzetta, Deputy Director of the French Civil Aviation Authority in the Antilles
12:30pm – 12:50pm	<p>SCIENTIFIC REVIEW</p> <p>A Transport expert from a leading academic institution will be invited to present cutting-edge research on practical, informed transport solutions.</p> <p>Presented by: Professor Ajagunna Ibrahim, Deputy President of the Caribbean Maritime University in Jamaica</p>
12:50pm – 1:00pm	CLOSING REMARKS
1:00pm – 2:00pm	LUNCH
2:00pm – 5:00pm	<p>32ND MEETING OF THE ACS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT (CLOSED)</p> <p>Only nominated officials from ACS Member States and Associate Members will attend.</p>
7:30pm – 10:00pm	COCKTAIL
Friday 20th October, 2023	
8:00am – 1:00pm	Site visits to airports and ports in Martinique/ Visit to Free Zones
1:00pm	LUNCH (OPEN)