

OECS HDR Theme Selection Meeting

Provisional Agenda

DAY 1 – July 20, 2006

Item 1- Opening Session (9 - 9:30)

Prayers and Invocations (TBC)

Welcome and Opening Remarks – OECS SPU

Remarks: UNDP HDR Office, New York (TBC)

Remarks: UNDP Resident Representative, Barbados and the OECS (TBC)

Remarks: Director General, OECS Secretariat (TBC)

Remarks: Minister of Social Transformation, SLU (TBC)

Address: Sir Dwight Venner, Governor, ECCB (TBC)

Item 2 (9:30 - 9:35)

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Item 3 (9:35 – 10: 35)

Session 2- An Overview of:

1. The HDR Process and Corporate Principles (Tim Scott, UNDP HDRO, NY)
2. The OECS HDR Theme Selection Process

COFFEE BREAK (10: 35 – 11:00)

Item 4 (11 – 4:30)

Session 3 – Panel 1: Social Protection Issues in the Caribbean (Panelists TBC)

Chair: Dr. Vasantha Chase, Director, Social and Sustainable Development Division, OECS Secretariat

- *Disability and Inclusion in the Development Process: Challenges, Opportunities and Policy Implications – Representative DPI Caribbean*
- *Poverty, Health and Development in the Caribbean: Challenges and Solutions – Aldrie Henry-Lee, SALISES/UWI*
- *Social Vulnerabilities in the Caribbean: Problems and Prospects for Social Integration and Sustainable Livelihoods – Asha Kambon, UN-ECLAC*

Discussion

LUNCH BREAK (12:30 – 1:30)

Session 4 – Panel 2: Migration, Labour, Employment and the CSME

Chair: Mr. Randy Cato, Director, Economic Affairs, OECS Secretariat

- *Emerging Trends in Migration and Labour in the Caribbean: Issues and Challenges – Prof. Andrew Downes(TBC)*
- *The Role of the Private Sector in the Promotion of Human Development in the Caribbean – Rep. CAIC (TBC)*
- *The Implications and Likely Impact of CSME on Human and Social Development in the OECS Member States – Dr. Ralph Henry, Consultant*

Discussion

Session 5 – Panel 3: Social Policy Issues in the Context of Changing Demographic Structures in the Caribbean

Chair: Mr. Ezra Jn. Baptiste, Social Policy Unit, OECS Secretariat

- *Youth in the Caribbean: Issues, Challenges, and Policy Implications (TBC)*
- *Children in the Caribbean and their Circumstances – Rep. UNICEF(TBC)*

Discussion

COFFEE BREAK (3:15 – 3:30)

Session 6 – Panel 4: Measuring Human Development in the Caribbean

Chair: TBC

- *Monitoring and Evaluation of the MDGs in the Caribbean – Leisa Perch, UNDP*
- *Social Statistics in the Caribbean: Issues and Challenges – Edwin St. Catherine, Director of Statistics, Government of Saint Lucia (TBC)*
- *Empirical Methodology for Human Development Reports - TBC*

Discussion

Session 7 – Panel 5: Aid Co-ordination and Integrated Approaches to Human and Social Development in the Caribbean

Chair: TBC

- *The Role of the NGO Sector in Improving the Quality of Life of Caribbean People – Rep. CPDC*
- *Achievements and Challenges of the Faith-Based Sector as a Development Partner – Rep. CCC (TBC)*
- *Aid Coordination: Bridging the Gap between Partners and Beneficiaries – Rep. DevPartner (TBC)*

Discussion

END OF DAY ONE

DAY 2 – July 21, 2006

Item 5 (9 – 9:30)

Session 8 – Presentation of Issues Emerging from Sessions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Chair: TBC

Discussion

Item 6 (9:30 – 3:00)

Session 9 – Theme Selection Exercise (Group Break Out) (9:30 – 11)

Chair: TBC

COFFEE BREAK (11 – 11:20)

Session 10 – Plenary: Reporting (11:20 – 12: 30)

Chair: TBC

LUNCH BREAK (12: 30 – 1:30)

Session 11 – Plenary: Selection of Theme for new OECS Human Development Report (1: 30 – 3:00)

Chair: TBC

Discussion

COFFEE BREAK (3:00 – 3:30)

Item 7 (3:30 – 4:30)

Session 12 – The Way Forward

Chair: OECS Secretariat and UNDP Office for Barbados and the EC