

**Barbados
Network
Consultation
2010**

*Inaugural Diaspora
Conference*

**Strengthening
the Bonds that Unite Us**

Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre,
Bridgetown, Barbados.

August 5-7, 2010

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 04TH

9:00 – 17:00 hrs. Registration and collection of
Conference Kit (LESC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 05TH

9:00 – 15:00 hrs. Registration and collection of
Conference Kit (LESC)

19:30 hrs.

Venue: **Ilaro Court**

Prime Minister's Reception for Overseas
Nationals

FRIDAY, AUGUST 06TH

9:00 – 10:00 hrs.

Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks:

*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean*

Keynote Address:

*Acting Prime Minister
The Hon. Freundel Stuart, Q.C., M.P.*

10:00 -10:15 hrs. COFFEE BREAK

10:15 -12:45 hrs.

Plenary Session

Chair:

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean

Moderator:

High Commissioner to Canada
H.E. Mr. Evelyn Greaves

Other panellists:

Members of Cabinet

Town Hall Format:

- (i) Global overview and presentation;
- (ii) Q & A session

13:00 -14:30 hrs. LUNCH
Venue: Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre

14:30 – 16:30 hrs.

Break-Out Session I

**Tourism Development and the Role of Overseas
Barbadians**

Moderator: Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Council
Dr. Sherma Roberts

Overview: Minister of Tourism
The Hon. Richard Sealy, M.P.

Barbados Family and Friends Club:
Director of Marketing Barbados
Tourism Authority
Ms Averil Byer

Tourism Development Act:
Senior Tourism Development Officer
Ministry of Tourism:
Ms. Jacqueline Pollard

Private Sector Initiatives:
Executive Vice President
Barbados Hotel & Tourism Association
Ms. Susan Springer

Investment Opportunities in the Tourism Sector:

CEO Barbados Tourism Investment Inc.
Mr. Stuart Layne

14:30 -16:30 hrs.

Break-Out Session II

Philanthropy:
**Expanding the Horizons for Overseas
Barbadians and Friends of Barbados**

Moderator: International Trade Adviser
Ambassador Errol Humphrey

Overview: Minister of Social Care
The Hon. Christopher Sinckler, M.P.

Better Barbados Foundation:

Consultant to the MFA
Mr. Richard Jones (tbc)

Targetting areas of greatest need:

Minister of Health
The Hon. Donville Inniss, M.P

Giving without hassle:

Department of Inland Revenue
Professional Accountant
Mr. Tyrone Lavine

A view from inside:

A representative of the philanthropy community in Barbados (tbc)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 07TH

9:00 – 11:00 hrs.

Break-Out Session III

**Investment Opportunities in Barbados:
Capital and Skills of Overseas Barbadians**

Moderator: Chief Executive Officer, Invest Barbados
Mr. Wayne Kirton

Overview: Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
Senator the Hon. Darcy Boyce (t.b.c)

Investment opportunities in the Credit Unions:

General Manager
Barbados Cooperative Credit Union League
Mr. Anthony Pilgrim

Investment Opportunities in the Barbados Stock Exchange:

Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Marlon Yarde

Investment opportunities in real estate:

Chief Executive Officer
Altman Real Estate
Mr. Paul Altman

Investing your funds in Barbados:

Deputy Director, Banking
Currency and Investment
Central Bank of Barbados
Mrs. Michele Doyle-Lowe

Skills of Overseas Barbadians and Labour Market Priorities

Chief Research and Planning Officer
Ministry of Labour
Mr Mark Franklin

9:00 -11:00 hrs.

Break-Out Session IV

The Arts and Culture:

**Strengthening the Development of Barbados
through the cultural industries**

Moderator: University of the West Indies
Dr. Marcia Burrowes (t.b.c)

Overview: Minister of Community Development
and Culture

The Hon. Steven Blackett, M.P.

The Contribution of the Diaspora:

Director

Sir Shridath Ramphal Centre, UWI

Dr. Keith Nurse (t.b.c)

Promoting our Cultural Heritage:

Lecturer, Department of History and Philosophy

UWI/

Dr Tara Inniss

Government's Policy for Developing the Cultural Industries:

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Community Development and Culture

Ms. Shirley Farnum

Protecting our Copyright:

Chief Executive Officer

COSCAP

Ms. Erica Smith (t.b.c)

Skills, Education and Entrepreneurship:

Chief Executive Officer

National Cultural Foundation

Dr. Donna Hunte-Cox

Development of Festivals:

Chief Cultural Officer

National Cultural Foundation

Ms. Andrea Wells

11:30 – 13:30 hrs.

Break-Out Session V

Returning to the Rock:

Moderator: Mr. Peter Wickham

Overview: Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean

(i) A Review of the Returning Nationals Programme and Introduction of the Barbados Networkers Programme

Senior Foreign Service Officer and
Head of the Facilitation Unit for
Returning Nationals
Mr. John Blackman

(ii) legal, administrative and consular issues of concern to Overseas Barbadians

Immigration Issues:

Chief Immigration Officer
Ms. Erine Griffith (t.b.c.)

Customs Issues:

Deputy Comptroller of Customs;
Mr. James Best

Legal Issues:

Representative of the Barbados Bar Association
(tbc)

(iii) Reintegration Challenges

Responding to the Service Culture in Barbados:

Chief Executive Officer
National Initiative for Service
Excellence (NISE)

Ms. Kim Tudor

Making your Contribution: A Returnee's Story:

Director, National Assistance Board

Ms Charyn Wilson

13.00 -15.00 hrs. LUNCH
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15:00 – 16:00 hrs.

Plenary Session

**Rapporteurs' Reports on the sessions: major issues
and recommendations**

16:00-17:00 hrs.

**Strengthening the Bonds that Unite Us: The Way
Forward and The Plan of Action**

17:00 – 18:00 hrs.

Closing Ceremony



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