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## ABOUT UNIVERSITIES CARIBBEAN

The Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes (UNICA) was an independent, voluntary organisation founded in 1967 to foster cooperation among Higher Education institutions and centres in the Caribbean region. In November 2018, UNICA was rebranded under a new name: *Universities Caribbean*. The launch of *Universities Caribbean* represents a major development in the transformation of the Higher Education sector in the Caribbean, in an effort to reorganize, revitalize and rebrand the organisation to achieve greater relevance for the 21st century.

The elected Executive Committee of *Universities Caribbean* comprises:

-  **Professor Sir Hilary Beckles**, President of *Universities Caribbean* and Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies
-  **Padre D. Ramón Alfredo de la Cruz Baldera**, Rector of Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Dominican Republic
-  **Dr. Jorge Haddock-Acevedo**, President of Universidad de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico
-  **Professor Eustase Janky**, President, Université des Antilles, Guadeloupe and Martinique (Represented by Dr. Dominique Aurelia)
-  **Dr. Francis de Lanoy**, Rector Magnificus, University of Curaçao (UC), Curaçao
-  **Dr. Myriam Moïse**, Secretary General of *Universities Caribbean* (ex-officio member)
-  **Dr. Elmo Bell Smythe**, Rector of Universidad Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Venezuela (ULAC), Venezuela

The general mandate given *Universities Caribbean* is to integrate the regional university sector and enhance its quality and regional impact. *Universities Caribbean* will bring the region in line with other parts of the hemisphere and world where similar regional university organizations exist to support and direct the effective planning and networking of Higher Education programmes and research. The approved strategic plan [Triple R] is built upon three pillars: to improve the Reputation of the sector; to enhance the Resilience of the member universities; and to increase the Revenue position of members and sector.

In order to achieve such mandate, *Universities Caribbean* has strategically aligned itself with other major international associations and is now a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU), an affiliate of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

*Universities Caribbean* will be the region's voice in the areas of quality, globalization, resilience, and financial sustainability.



# ONE CARIBBEAN SOLUTIONS


## CONTEXT

“One Caribbean Solutions” is a yearly symposium convened by *Universities Caribbean*, the Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes (formerly UNICA). The main objective of this forum is to create awareness among rectors and presidents of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and other stakeholders of the important role that universities play in the advocacy for finding practical solutions to challenges faced by the Caribbean and Latin American (LAC) region.

The 2019 edition of the symposium “One Caribbean Solutions” is organized in collaboration with The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) which seeks to develop sub-regional policy dialogue on science, technology and innovation. This collaboration between the regional organization of universities and the development bank offers an exchange platform to economic, political and academic leaders across the Caribbean and Latin America to discuss their role in developing innovative entrepreneurship in the Caribbean and facilitate sustainable development in small nation states.

The symposium will allow participants to discuss the concept of the Caribbean as one space with a focus on significant issues to the region: Education and Access to Accreditation and Recognition, Cultural Economy, Science and Technology, Regional Security, Public Health, Entrepreneurship, among other relevant topics. *Universities Caribbean* aims to create more opportunities for academics to engage with practitioners in order to build strategies to implement One Caribbean solutions.

# PROGRAMME

<b>PART 1- ONE CARIBBEAN: THE ONLY SOLUTION</b>	
<b>8:45-9:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>9:15-9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> Dr. Myriam Moïse, Secretary General of <i>Universities Caribbean</i>
<b>9:30-10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, UWI Vice Chancellor and President of <i>Universities Caribbean</i>
<b>10:30-11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 -12:00 P.M.</b>	<p><b>Panel - One Caribbean Solutions: <i>The Role of Higher Education Institutions</i></b> <u>Moderator:</u> Dr Dominique Aurelia, Vice-President, Université des Antilles, Martinique and Executive Member of <i>Universities Caribbean</i></p> <p> <b><i>Towards One Quality Assurance System in Latin America and the Caribbean</i></b> Dr. Patricia Del Pilar Martinez-Barrios, Coordinator of CRECES (Regional Center for Higher Education Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean), Simon Bolivar University, Colombia</p> <p> <b><i>The Role of Higher Education Institutions: Solutions for the Advancement of Technology and Innovation</i></b> Ing. José Armando Tavarez, Vice President of Caribbean Region Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE) and President of Las Americas Institute of Technology (ITLA), Dominican Republic.</p> <p> <b><i>Creating Cultural Capital: Reggae Studies at The University of the West Indies</i></b> Professor Emerita Carolyn Cooper, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus</p>
<b>12:00-12:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>
<b>12:15-13:15 P.M.</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>

<b>PART 2- FRAMING THE ONE CARIBBEAN ECOSYSTEM FOR DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<b>13:15-13:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Introductory Remarks</b> Dr Fritz Deshommes, President of Haiti State University, member of <i>Universities Caribbean</i>
<b>13:30-14:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> Ms Donna Duncan-Scott, Group Chief Culture & Human Development Officer, JMMB Group, Jamaica
<b>14:30-15:30 P.M.</b>	<p><b>Panel - <i>One Caribbean Ecosystem for Development</i></b> <u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Leighton Ellis, Deputy Dean of Quality Assurance, UWI Mona</p> <p> <b><i>One Caribbean Solutions to Insecurity and the Contribution of Caribbean Universities</i></b> Professor Anthony Harriott, Director of Institute of Criminal Justice and Security, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus</p> <p> <b><i>Promoting Industry-University Collaboration</i></b> Mr. Jose Jorge Saavedra, Lead Operations Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank</p> <p> <b><i>Public Health - an Essential Ingredient in Caribbean Growth and Development</i></b> Dr. James Hospedales, Executive Director of Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Trinidad and Tobago</p>
<b>15:30-15:45 P.M.</b>	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>
<b>15:45-16:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks</b> Dr. Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Director of Development, UWI St-Augustine Campus