

18th Annual
US-Caribbean Business Roundtable Forum

INVEST CARIBBEAN

... Farm the Future

Harvesting the Agriculture Value Chain

Food to Fish to Fuel Farma: Untapped Potential of the Caribbean Agribusiness Sector
Food, F(ph)arma, Fisheries, Forestry, Fuel (Bio)



Hosted by:

Institute of Caribbean Studies

November 17 – 18, 2016

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington DC

The 18th Annual Invest Caribbean Agri-Business Roundtable Forum – will continue its tradition of excellence as stakeholders come together to share information and explore emerging opportunities for sustainable growth in the USA-Caribbean agribusiness sectors.

Program

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Under the Auspices of Congresswoman Stacy Plaskett, US Virgin Islands and
Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, New York

Chairperson: Mr. Oscar Spencer, Vice President, Institute of Caribbean Studies

8:00 am–9:00 am **CAPITOL HILL BREAKFAST** ***By Invitation Only***

ROUNDTABLE I

CAPITOL HILL

9:00 am–11:00 am **Legislative Issues for Trade and Investment in Agribusiness in The Caribbean**

SPEAKERS: Dr. Samuel Crowell, Economic and Business Affairs Bureau
U.S. Dept of State
Andrea Ewart, Esq, DevelopTradeLaw, LLC
Katie Farrin, USDA
Robert Scott, JAMPRO

MODERATOR: **Dr. Joyce Cacho, Agribusiness Consultant**

11:15 am–12:00 pm **Policies and Practices addressing issues on Climate Change and its Impact on Agribusiness & Tourism Industries**

SPEAKERS: John Hensen, USAID
Jan Yves Remy, Sidley Austin, LLC
Eli Weiss, World Bank

MODERATOR: **Dr. Paula Lockhart, ICS Research Council and Co-Chair**

12:30 pm–2:30 pm **LUNCH (WORKING SESSION)** ***By Invitation Only***

TOPIC: Issues and Options for Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis

SPEAKERS: Michael Bowman, US Hemp Association
Sterling Crockett, AgriMed Industries
Eric Steenstra, Vote Hemp

MODERATOR: **Dennis Ramdahin, Founder, Vihara Foundation**

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Hosted by the Office of the Executive Director for Caribbean States at the
Inter-American Development Bank

3:00 pm

WELCOME REMARKS:

Cheryl Morris-Skeet, Alternate Executive Director, IADB

ROUNDTABLE II

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

3:15 pm–5:15pm **Research and Development Resources for Increased Efficiency in
Agribusiness Value Chain**

SPEAKERS: Dr. Michael Casson, Delaware State University
Barton Clarke, CARDI
Ambassador Godfrey Eneas,
Bahamas Agriculture & Marine
Science Institute
Paul Guenette, ACDI/VOCA

Dr. Moses Kairo, UMES
Dr. Sabine O’Hara, UDC
Dr. Louis Petersen,
University of the Virgin Islands
Dr. Waldaba Stewart,
Medgar Evers College

MODERATOR: Oscar Spencer, Vice President - ICS

ROUNDTABLE III

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

5:30 pm–7:30 pm **Positioning Youth as Drivers of Caribbean Agricultural Transformation**

SPEAKERS: Valerie Lorena – Young Americas Business Trust

MODERATOR: Oscar Spencer, Vice President - ICS



Friday, November 18, 2016

Chairperson: Dr. Nsombi JaJa, Board Member, Institute of Caribbean Studies

8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 am OPENING REMARKS: Dr. Claire Nelson, President, ICS

ROUNDTABLE IV HYATT REGENCY HOTEL (On Capitol Hill)

9:30 am–10:30 am Market Opportunities in Food, “Farmaceuticals”, Fisheries, Forestry and Fuel (Bio)

SPEAKERS: Janice Hall, Natural Network International
Ramash Ramsumair, Tableland Pineapple Farmers Assoc of T&T
Robert Scott, Jamaica Trade and Investment (JAMPRO)

MODERATOR: Dave Filsaime, Political and Economic Affairs Consultant, Embassy of Haiti

10:30 am–10:45 am COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am–12:30 pm Capitalizing on Emerging Opportunities in the Agribusiness Value Chain

SPEAKERS: Dr. Daniel Fabricant, Natural Products Association
Dennis Knock, Frontier Products Co-Op
Ron Tanner, Specialty Foods Association

MODERATOR: H.E. Dr. Riyad Insanally, Ambassador of Guyana

12:30pm–2:30pm LUNCH (WORKING SESSION) Stories from the Field: Case Studies

SPEAKERS: Neil Curtis, FarmUp Jamaica
Jason Martin, Dalgety Teas
Wayne Miller, Grace Kennedy Foods

MODERATOR: H.E. Dr. Thelma Phillip-Browne, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis

2:30pm–4:00pm Financing the Deal in the Caribbean

SPEAKERS: Gabriel Abed, Bitt
Alejandro Escobar, MIF IADB
Michael K. Jackson, US Exim Bank
Douglas Midland, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

MODERATOR: Dave Filsaime, Political and Economic Affairs Consultant, Embassy of Haiti

4:30pm–5:00pm Wrap-up & Closing Remarks