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ECLAC - UWI Development Partner Forum

*“Investing in Higher Education to Build More Diversified
and Resilient post-COVID Economies”*

Wednesday 14th October 2020

9:00am – 1:00pm EST

PROGRAMME

- 9:00am – 9:15 am **Opening of the Forum**
- Call to Order and Introduction of the Chairman of the Forum
- Dr. Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Director, University Office of Global Partnerships and Sustainable Futures, The University of the West Indies.
- Opening Remarks
- the Honourable Andre Fahie, Premier of the British Virgin Islands and Vice Chair of the ECLAC Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.
- 9:20am – 9:40 am **Presentation on the Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Caribbean**
- Dr. Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, Caribbean Sub-regional Headquarters, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- 9:45am – 10:05am **Presentation on the Report “The Inequality Crisis”**
- Mr. Matias Busso and Mr. Julian Messina Granovsky, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- 10:10am – 10:30am **Safeguarding the Caribbean’s Human Capital: Implications and Opportunities for Higher Education**
- Mr. Shawn Powers, The World Bank



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| 10:35am – 10:55am | Fixing the Broken Links: Crisis in higher education, research, international competitiveness and inclusive economic development
- Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor, The University of the West Indies and President of Universities Caribbean |
| 11:00am – 11:45am | Ministerial dialogue
Country representatives are invited to share national priorities for higher education investment |
| 11:45am – 12:30pm | Development Partner dialogue
Development partners are invited to speak to priority projects and opportunities for collaboration. |
| 12:30pm – 12:50pm | Open discussion
This session invites wider dialogue on regional initiatives that would strengthen synergies and support increased investment in higher education. |
| 12:50pm – 1:00pm | Closure of the Forum |