REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM:
VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE
- THE CRIME CHALLENGE
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 17-18 APRIL 2023

Port of Spain Ballroom,
Hyatt Regency Trinidad
17 - 18 APRIL 2023

PROGRAMME
National Anthem

Prayer
Babba Neal Rawlins
Representative of the Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) of Trinidad and Tobago

Welcome Remarks
Dr. Carla N. Barnett
Secretary-General, Caribbean Community

Chair’s Remarks
Honourable Philip Davis, KC
Prime Minister of The Bahamas and Chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Welcome Address
Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley
Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Lead Head with responsibility for Energy and Security

CULTURAL ITEM

COFFEE BREAK

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

VIOLENCE IN OUR REGION
- The Trinidad and Tobago Experience
- The Bahamas Experience
- The Jamaica Experience
- The Saint Lucia Experience

REMARKS
Honourable Philip J. Pierre
Prime Minister of Saint Lucia and Chair of CONSLE

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REMARKS
Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew
Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis and Lead Head with responsibility for Human Resource Development, Health & HIV/AIDS

VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE – THE CRIME CHALLENGE

Keynote Speaker (virtual)
His Excellency Dr. Izben Williams
Psychiatrist and Former Ambassador to the USA & the Organization of American States (OAS)

Overview of Violence and Health
Mr. Dean Chambliss
Subregional Programme Director, Caribbean PAHO

Crime and Violence: A Public Health Approach
Dr. Joy St. John
Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

Violence as a Public Health Issue
The Bahamas Experience
Dr. David Allen
Psychiatrist and Consultant
Office of the Prime Minister of The Bahamas

Accident and Emergency Experience: Root Causes
Dr. Robin Sinanan
Ministry of Health Trinidad and Tobago

Mental Health
Dr. Hazel Othello
Ministry of Health Trinidad and Tobago

Plenary Session
Moderator
Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne
Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs Trinidad and Tobago
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REMARKS
The Most Honourable Andrew Holness
Prime Minister of Jamaica and Lead Head with responsibility for External Trade Negotiations

TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME: CHALLENGES WITH SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Trans-Border Crime
The French Caribbean Experience
His Excellency Serge Letchimy
President of the Collectivity of Martinique

Transnational Organized Crime: Challenges with Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Caribbean
Lt. Col. Michael Jones
Executive/Director, CARICOM
Implementation for Crime and Security (IMPACS) and RSS

Public Security Policies in Mexico
General Luis Rodriguez Bucio
Undersecretary for Security, Mexico

Country of Origin – Gun Manufacturers Corporate Social Responsibility - The Mexican Experience
Mr. Miguel Reyes
Deputy Legal Adviser
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Using Litigation to Prevent Gun Violence - The Mexican Experience
Mr. Jonathan Lowy
Global Action on Gun Violence

Plenary Session
Moderator
Honourable Justice Gillian Lucky

REMARKS
Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves
Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Lead Head with responsibility for Transport

ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Economic Inequalities as the Driver of Crime and Violence
Dr. Randy Seepersad
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Economic Cost of Crime and Violence
Professor Andres Rengifo
School of Criminal Justice
Rutgers University, Newark

SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Overview from Trinidad and Tobago
Senator the Honourable Donna Cox
Minister of Social Development and Family Services Trinidad and Tobago

Gang Activity
Dr. Wendell C. Wallace
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Social Determinants
Professor Anthony Harriott
Criminologist (Retired)

Plenary Session
Moderator
Dr. Rohit Doon
Former CMO, Trinidad and Tobago
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REMARKS
Honourable Dickon Mitchell
Prime Minister of Grenada and Lead Head with responsibility for Science and Technology

EDUCATION AND YOUTH
Ms. Renee Atwell
Dean
CARICOM Youth Ambassador Corps

Dr. Malisa Neptune-Figaro
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

National Parent Teachers Association
Trinidad and Tobago
Ms. Zena Ramatali
First Vice President

Plenary Session
Moderator
Dr. Acolla Lewis-Cameron
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THE JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE
Perspectives of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ)
Honourable Justice Jacob Wit

Plenary Session
Moderator
Ms. Hasine Shaikh
Chief Public Defender, Trinidad and Tobago

LUNCH

REMARKS
Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit
Prime Minister of Dominica and Lead Head with responsibility for Labour

COMMUNITY APPROACHES
Restorative Justice
Honourable Delroy Chuck
Minister of Justice, Jamaica (Virtual)

Honourable Corey Lane
Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General with the responsibility for Crime Prevention, Barbados

Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds
Minister of National Security
Trinidad and Tobago

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Priority Action Plan- Identification of Priority Actions for a Public Health Response to Crime and Violence
Professor Anthony Harriott
Criminologist (Retired)

Regional Political Statement of Commitment for Crime Prevention

Closing Remarks
Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley
Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Lead Head with responsibility for Energy and Security