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Regional Seminar for Parliaments of the Caribbean

Accelerating parliamentary action on climate change for a resilient and sustainable region

Organized jointly by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago
and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

27–29 May 2024, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 26 May 2024

ALL DAY

Arrival of delegates
Registration of delegates in the hotels

Monday, 27 May 2024

10:00

Departure of delegates from their hotels to the Parliament

10:15–10:30

Registration continues at the Parliament

10:30–11:00

Opening session

National anthem of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Welcoming remarks by the IPU

Remarks by Ms. Bridgid Annisette-George, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago

Introduction to the Seminar

11:00–13:00

Session I: The state of climate change impacts in the Caribbean, and making loss and damage and climate finance a reality to support the achievement of climate and sustainable development goals

This session will provide an overview of the state of climate change in the Caribbean. It will highlight the key impacts of climate change on sustainable development in the region, and the ongoing efforts at the national and regional level to address them while taking into account related economic and social impacts. The session will also discuss how climate finance and funding for loss and damage can be scaled-up to address the needs of small island developing States (SIDS), including those in the Caribbean, that are on the frontlines of climate change.

Breakout sessions

The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

13:00–14:30

Group photo and lunch break (Members' Dining Room – Red House)

14:30–16:30

Session II: People on the move: Addressing climate-induced migration and displacement

Forced migration and disaster displacement are among the most devastating consequences of climate change. This session will explore migration and displacement trends linked to climate change in the region, especially in relation to increasing climate-related disasters and sea-level rise. It will discuss how parliaments can use their powers to address the root causes of climate-induced migration and displacement, while also ensuring protection for those that have already migrated or been displaced due to climate change and disasters. Special attention will also be given to the needs and specificities of those that are particularly in vulnerable situations. Parliaments will have the opportunity to share promising practices on addressing mobility and climate issues, including in terms of displacement management.

Breakout sessions

[The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.](#)

17:00–19:00

Welcome reception hosted by the Presiding Officers of the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (Red House Rotunda)

19:15

Departure of delegates from the Parliament to their hotels

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

9:30

Departure of delegates from their hotels to the Parliament

10:00–10:30

Summary of Day 1: Insights and outcomes

10:30–12:30

Session III: Ensuring health for all across the Caribbean in the face of climate change

The effects of climate change, including increased temperatures, more extreme weather events and flooding, have detrimental direct and indirect impacts on health. As climate change intensifies, disease patterns and human health will be increasingly impacted, and health systems will be put under growing pressure, particularly in highly vulnerable island nations. This session will provide a platform for discussing the key health challenges emerging in the Caribbean region due to climate change, and identify opportunities for parliaments to ensure positive health outcomes, including by strengthening health legislation, supporting funding for resilient health systems and ensuring equitable access to quality health services.

Breakout sessions

[The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.](#)

12:30–13:30

Lunch (Members' Dining Room – Red House)

13:40–15:30

Session IV: Climate change and technology: The potential of artificial intelligence to tackle the climate crisis

New technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), are gaining traction as a possible solution to help address the climate crisis and enable progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This session will discuss how safe, secure and trustworthy AI can be used to support climate action, including by better predicting weather patterns, processing large amounts of data related to climate change, and monitoring climate-related consequences such as sea-level rise. It will also explore possible negative impacts of AI in the context of climate change, including the potential for greater misinformation on the climate crisis, an increasing demand for energy to power AI systems and a growing digital divide within and across countries. Participants will discuss the role of parliaments

in ensuring the deployment of responsible AI to address climate change, and identify options for more equitable and inclusive technologies that benefit people most vulnerable to climate change.

Breakout sessions

The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

15:30–17:30

Session V: Building a climate-resilient and prosperous Caribbean: Boosting adaptation efforts and ensuring livelihood security

Building on the insights from Day 1, this session will include a deeper discussion on how parliaments in the region can advance adaptation efforts to build resilience and ensure economic and social well-being despite growing climate impacts and climate-related disasters. Particular attention will be paid to promoting livelihood security amongst coastal populations. Participants will share national efforts of Parliaments to promote inclusive and resilient livelihoods that address the needs of frontline communities.

The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion

17:30

Departure of delegates from the Parliament to their hotels

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

10:00

Departure of delegates from their hotels to the Parliament

10:30–10:45

Summary of Day 2: Insights and outcomes

10:45–12:00

Session VI: Opportunities for knowledge-sharing and innovation on climate solutions among islands – embracing island leadership

Parliaments will hear about ongoing initiatives, through the [Blue Planet Alliance Fellowship](#), for island-island learning on climate action, particularly in relation to accelerating the clean energy transition from an island perspective.

The panelist presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

Climate tools spotlight: Strengthening legislation and oversight for effective climate action

A short presentation of essential climate tools that can support parliaments in advancing legislative and oversight efforts on climate will be given.

12:00–13:00

Closing session:

- Round of final reflections from national delegations
- Presentation of the Seminar conclusions
- Closing remarks

13:00–14:15

Lunch (Members' Dining Room – Red House)

14:30

Departure for field trip to Caroni Bird Sanctuary

15:30

Arrival at the Caroni Bird Sanctuary

16:00–18:00

Tour of the Caroni Bird Sanctuary

18:00

Departure from Sanctuary to hotels