



The Caribbean Employers' Confederation
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The International Labour Organisation
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Forum for Senior Representatives of Employers' Organisations in the English- and Dutch-Speaking Caribbean

FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF CARIFORUM CIVIL SOCIETY IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION PROCESSES¹

Accra Beach Hotel, Barbados

22-24 June 2015

OPENING CEREMONY

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Leanna Conference Room

Ms. Gabrielle Johnson

Master of Ceremonies

National Project Officer, Caribbean Employers' Confederation

Ms. Joyce Martin

Invocation

Executive Secretary, Antigua and Barbuda Employers' Federation

Welcome Remarks:

Mr. Ian Gooding-Edghill

President, Barbados Employers' Confederation

Remarks:

Ms. Anne Knowles

Senior Specialist, Employers' Activities,
International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Remarks

Mr. Wayne Chen

President, Caribbean Employer's Confederation

Remarks:

His Excellency Mikael Barford

Ambassador, Head, European Union (EU) Delegation
to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

Remarks:

Ms. Gladys Young (TBC)

Officer in Charge, CARICOM Single Market and Economy Unit

Keynote Address:

Senator Dr. the Honourable Esther Byer-Suckoo

Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource
Development, Barbados

Vote of Thanks:

Ms. Gabrielle Johnson

¹ An activity under the project **Challenges to CARIFORUM Labour, Private Sector and Employers to fulfil their EPA Obligations: Caribbean Employers' Confederation (CEC) and the Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL) Component of the Support to Facilitate Participation of CARIFORUM Civil Society in Regional Development and Integration Process** funded by the European Union.

MEETING AGENDA

Day One : Monday, 22 June 2015	
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Overview of EU-Funded Project - Challenges to CARIFORUM Labour, Private Sector and Employers to Fulfil their EPA Obligations: CEC Component of the Support to Facilitate Participation in Regional Development and Integration Processes. Presentation: Mr. Wayne Chen, President, Caribbean Employers' Confederation
3:00 p.m.– 3:15 p.m.	Coffee break
3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Country Presentations of Identified Issues for Regional Focus. Presentations: Participants
<p style="text-align: center;">EVENING FREE</p>	

Day Two: TUESDAY, 23 June 2015	
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Country Presentations of Identified Issues for Regional Focus (cont'd) Discussion on Prioritisation and Development of Work Plan Ms. Anne Knowles, ILO Senior Specialist, Employers' Activities
9:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	International Trends Affecting Employers and Their Organisations. Presentation: Ms. Deborah France-Massin, Director, Bureau of Employers' Activities, ILO
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Report on Study Tour to Brussels on Regional Tripartite Good Practices and Strategies for National Input Presentation: Mr. Ruben Mc Sween and Other Study Tour Delegates Discussion on Status/Challenges to National Social Dialogue Forums

