

# The Caribbean Employers' Confederation in collaboration with The International Labour Organisation Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean



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 PROCESSES<sup>1</sup>

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. lan 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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

#### **EVENING FREE**

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	

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Launch of the Caribbean Employers' Confederation New Logo and Website  Presentation: Ms. Gabrielle Johnson,
	National Project Officer, Caribbean Employers' Confederation
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Migration and Free Movement of Labour – Issues for Business
	Presentations:
	His Excellency Robert Morris, Ambassador of Barbados to CARICOM
	Mr. Steven Mac Andrew, Director, Suriname Trade and Industry Association
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Caribbean Employers' Confederation Annual General Meeting
	Separate Agenda Circulated
7:00 p.m.	DINNER – FIG TREE RESTAURANT

#### Day Three: Wednesday, 24 June 2015

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Building Enterprise Resilience for the Impact of Climate Change

Presentation: Dr. Ulric Trotz,

Deputy Director and Science Adviser,

Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre

10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Productivity and Competitiveness Improvements for Small and

**Medium Enterprises – Practical Initiatives** 

Presentation: Mr. Anthony Sobers,

Chief Programme Manager, Barbados Productivity Council

12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. Closing, Evaluation and Wrap-up

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Participants depart