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▶ **CARIBBEAN
RESILIENCE
SYMPOSIUM**
18-20 MAY 2021

AGENDA



DAY 1 - Tuesday 18 May

▶ **Thematic focus: Skills development / social protection / OSH**

Parallel sessions	09:00 – 09:45h	Workers Group meeting (Workers' representatives only)
	09:00 – 09:45h	Employers Group meeting (Employers' representatives only)
▶ Opening Ceremony - From recovery to resilience - Decent Work for a resilient Caribbean		
	10:00 – 10:45h	Introduction and remarks from Representatives of ILO Regional Office for the Americas, the ILO DWT and Office for Caribbean Office, Ministers of Labour, and Regional Workers' and Employers' Organizations
Parallel sessions	11:00 – 12:45h	<p>▶ Social protection responses to the COVID-19: Strengthening resilience through universal social protection</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social protection floors - progress in the context of the pandemic ▶ Responses from social security - a perspective from the Caribbean ▶ Labour market contingency plans and post-disaster needs assessments - tools for proactive preparation and efficient response <p><i>Live panel discussion</i></p>
	11:00 – 12:30h	<p>▶ High Level Ministers Roundtable - Meeting of Ministers responsible for Labour on Caribbean Resilience</p> <p>Priorities and key issues for discussion / representation at 109th International Labour Conference (https://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/109/WCMS_713239/lang-en/index.htm)</p>
	13:00 – 15:00h	<p>▶ TVET transformation for a resilient future of work</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Standards development process and procedure. The role of NTA/TVET Institutions, and employers to build back better - Q & A ▶ The digitalization of skills development – From COVID to a new normal TVET <p><i>Live panel discussion - Regional and National TVET leaders</i></p>
	15:10 - 15:30h	▶ End and recap of day 1 and preview of day 2

DAY 2 - Wednesday 19 May

► Thematic focus: Policy framework (Labour market information; employment services; PEPs)

Parallel sessions	08:30 – 09:15h	Workers Group meeting (Workers' representatives only)
	08:30 – 09:15h	Employers Group meeting (Employers' representatives only)
	11:00 – 12:45h	<p>► Challenges and opportunities – Research and data collection contribution to comprehensive disaster preparedness and recovery processes</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Socio-economic academic research linked to crisis situation in the region ► IADB - International Development Partners' support and future collaboration for data collection in post hurricane situations ► Labour market information and research - importance for disaster preparedness and recovery, national challenges and trends in context of COVID-19 <p><i>Live panel discussion</i></p>
	13:00 – 15:30h	<p>► Labour market policies for recovery, the role of public employment services and public employment programmes</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Role of employment services (ES) in responses to natural disasters and opportunities for ES contribution in post-pandemic recovery ► DEVINVEST- PEPs as a key tool for building an employment-centered recovery <p><i>Live Panel Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Public employment programmes (PEPs) and improved public employment services (PES) for an employment and livelihood-centred recovery: The integration of decent work in the economic response/ recovery plans developed in the context of COVID-19
	15:40 - 16:00h	► End and recap of day 2 and preview of day 3

DAY 3 - Thursday 20 May

► Thematic focus: Social dialogue / just transition / enterprise development

	9:00 – 11:00h	<p>► Assessment of the impacts of disaster and crisis preparedness, response and recovery actions on trade unions in the Caribbean</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Presentation of research findings on the impacts of disasters, crisis situations and COVID-19 on Trade Unions in Saint Lucia and Dominica <p>► Trade unions' executive roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► The role of trade unions in disaster and crisis preparedness, response and recovery ► Examination of lessons learned and presentation of emerging strategies for greater social partner contribution to policy, planning and implementation responsibility in national disaster response, recovery and resilience building.
	13:00- 14:40h	<p>► From policy to practice - ensuring a 'Green Recovery' as a pillar of the Caribbean Resilience Framework</p> <p><i>Expert technical presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Unveiling of ILO research - Green business case studies: documenting the political, legal and statutory frameworks and current practices for the transition to green/ environmentally sustainable businesses / sectors in Saint Lucia, Dominica and Guyana <p>► Private sector / Employers' executive roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Proactive corporate responsibility and involvement in engineering a resilient economy and society
	15:00 - 16:00h	<p>► Decent work for peace and resilience - Concluding tripartite discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Highlights of the main issues, commitments, requests etc. under main thematic areas over the 3-days
		► End of Symposium