



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Workshop for Caribbean Parliamentarians *Better Practices in Legislation, Policy, and Financing Subsidised Care Systems: Using the “5R” Approach and Principles*

April 16-17, 2026 | St. George's, Grenada

Thursday, April 16, 2026

08:30 Registration in meeting room

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening remarks**

09:30 – 09:45 **Group photo**

09:45 – 11:30 **Panel and dialogue: Understanding care and the 5R approach**

This session will provide an introduction to core concepts on the care economy, data on paid and unpaid care, and relevant international agreements and frameworks to provide a foundation for meeting discussions.

Presenters:

- **Isiuwa Iyahen**, Head of Office a.i., UN Women Multi-Country Office - Caribbean
- **Miosotis Rivas Peña**, Director, ECLAC Sub-Regional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- **Claudia Nicholson**, economist and socioeconomic researcher

11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 13:15 **Presentation and parliamentary exchange: Current national care laws and policies**

This session will provide an understanding of the current state of legislative and policy frameworks in the Caribbean region on care. Following an expert presentation, a representative from each parliamentary delegation in attendance will be invited to provide a brief overview of the core laws and policies in place in their country on care themes.

Presenter:

- **Camille Bennett-Campbell**, attorney-at-law specialising in labour and employment law

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 17:00 **Panel and dialogue: Emerging good practices in care policy and legislation**

This panel will feature representatives from parliament, government, multilateral organizations, and the private sector sharing concrete good practices and tools to support the provision of care and related laws and policies, as well as strategies that were effective in facilitating their adoption.

- 17:00 **Close of day 1**
- 18:30 **Reception hosted by the Parliament of Grenada**

Friday, April 17, 2026

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Overview of key takeaways from day 1**
- 09:30 – 11:30 **Presentation and dialogue: Fiscal space analysis and budgeting for the care economy**
Recognizing the importance of mobilizing resources to support the implementation of comprehensive care measures, this session will focus on strategies for opening fiscal space for public investment in childcare, eldercare, and care for persons with disabilities and other financing options, with content oriented to inform parliamentarians' legislative and budgetary responsibilities.
- Facilitator:
- **Mahalia Jackman**, UN Women Technical Expert and Head of the Department of Economics, The University of the West Indies - Cave Hill Campus
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Break**
- 11:45 – 13:15 **Presentation and dialogue: Care service delivery**
This session will provide insight into the delivery of social assistance services and opportunities for strengthening the delivery of care and other services in support of parliamentarians' legislative and oversight work, providing greater insight into effective implementation of measures to be included in policy and legislative frameworks.
- Facilitator:
- **Kimberly-Ann Gittens-Baynes**, UN Women Technical Expert and researcher in social protection, health policy, and economic evaluation
- 13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 15:45 **Working session: Parliamentary actions to strengthen care legislation and policy**
In this session, participants will engage in thematic small-group discussions to outline strategies for parliamentarians' contributions to strengthening national level action on care, including through legislation, public education, and budgetary and policy oversight.
- 15:45 – 16:45 **Report-back and dialogue on working session outcomes**
- 16:45 – 17:30 **Closing session**
- Review of outcome document
 - Vote of thanks and closing remarks