



Agenda

Building a coordinated position for Caribbean negotiations on Beijing +25

February 10-11, 2020 | Bridgetown, Barbados

Hilton Barbados – Needham’s Point, St. Michael

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Sunday, February 9, 2020 - Arrivals

All day Participant arrivals and transfers from the airport to the official hotel

Monday, February 10, 2020

08:45-09:30 **Inauguration**

Welcoming Remarks

- Ms. Alison McLean, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean
- Dr. Letnie Rock, Acting Head, Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit, The University of the West Indies – Cave Hill
- Ms. Sophia Fernandes, Commonwealth Programme Director at Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- Ms. Ann-Marie Williams, Deputy Programme Manager - Gender and Development, CARICOM
- Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph, President, Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWIL)
- His Honour Arthur E. Holder, Speaker of the House of Assembly, Barbados and member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors

09:30-09:50 **Keynote Address by the Honourable Cynthia Forde, J.P., M.P., Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, Barbados**

09:50-10:05 **Group Photograph and Break**

10:05-10:15 **Introduction and Participant Expectation, Objectives, and Community Agreements**

10:15-11:15 **Session 1: Introduction to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**

This session will provide participants with a historical perspective on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in order to provide context on the importance of this agenda, especially in light of the many regional and global fora organized around its anniversary.

11:15-11:30 **Briefing on Generation Equality Forums and Action Coalitions**

11:30-12:30 **Session 2: Overview of Caribbean Progress: From Beijing's Pillars to Generation Equality's themes**

This session will provide an introduction to the 12 action areas of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and how they correspond with the six themes identified under Generation Equality. This will provide context for the discussions and negotiating priorities on Day 2.

- Poverty and its links to women's education
- Cross-cutting reflection: Youth engagement
- Gender-based violence
- Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Session 2 continued: Overview of Caribbean Progress**

- Feminist action for climate justice
- Technology and innovation for gender equality
- Feminist movements and leadership
- Cross-cutting reflection: Caribbean institutions and networks

Q&A and dialogue

15:30-16:30 **Session 3: Introduction to Negotiations**

This session will provide background information on how to engage effectively in regional and global forums, as the negotiations on Beijing +25 occur throughout this year. This will include discussions on what participants should expect at these meetings, the roles of the specific groups of actors in shaping and advancing negotiations and their national positions, and how to work effectively in these spaces. The importance of negotiating as a CARICOM bloc will also be emphasised, including as it relates to future funding opportunities (ex: Action Coalitions).

16:30-17:00 **Recap of the Day and Santiago Declaration and Political Declaration on the 25th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

09:00-09:10 **Introduction to Working Groups**

09:10-09:30 **Briefing on ECLAC Regional Conference on Women and CSW Process**

09:30-12:30 **Session 4: Establishing Caribbean Priorities in Regional and Global Negotiating Spaces**

During this session, participants will work in groups on one of the key issues for discussion identified the previous day as requiring further dialogue, with the goal of developing common

sub-regional positions. Each group will have representation from the various sectors of stakeholders and from the different countries participating in the meeting to ensure a range of diverse perspectives. The draft positions developed by each working group will then be presented in plenary to provide an opportunity for further feedback and consensus-building.

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Session 5: Developing Common Ground on Issues of Concern**

This session will focus on the selection of common priorities for negotiation at CSW64, Generation Equality Fora, and UN General Assembly, among others. These will form the core of sub-regional asks, reflecting areas of unique importance or concern to the Caribbean.

15:30-16:30 **Session 6: Process and Next Steps for Input into the Political Declaration**

In this session participants will work in roundtables to strategize around advocacy entry points and messaging related to the agreed-upon positions and approaches developed over the two meeting days. These will then be shared and discussed in plenary, in order to inform an outcome document.

16:30-16:45 **Evaluations**

16:45-17:00 **Vote of Thanks and Concluding Remarks**

18:00-19:30 **“Women Works” Reception Hosted by the International Women’s Forum (IWF) – Barbados and UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, in Collaboration with CIWiL and ParlAmericas**

Please note: The reception will take place at UN House, Marine Gardens.



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