



**SHAPING A TRADE AGENDA TO PROMOTE REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND
COMPETITIVENESS FOR CARICOM: THE EPA AND OTHER NEGOTIATING CHALLENGES**

May 17, 2007

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Castries, Saint Lucia, W.I.

PROGRAMME

- 9:00 – 9:45 **Welcome** *Paul Spencer, OAS Representative in Saint Lucia*
- Opening remarks** *The Honourable Speaker Sarah Flood-Beaubrun,
Speaker of the House of Representatives of Saint Lucia*
- Senator the Hon. Guy Mayers, Minister for Trade,
Industry and Commerce of St. Lucia*
- Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary
General, OAS*
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Coffee Break**
- 10:15 – 11:30 **Session 1: Understanding the Economic Development Challenges of the
Caribbean**
- Economic characteristics of CARICOM member states which make them vulnerable
 - Transitional possibilities: drivers of economic transformation
 - Possible development frameworks
- Amb. Havelock R. Brewster*
Paul Brenton, World Bank
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Session 2: The Changing Global Economy: Implications for the
Caribbean**
- Moving from preferences to global competitiveness
 - The CSME as a tool to achieving global competitiveness
 - The role of S&D in the development of SVE(s)

Geza Feketekuty, Distinguished Professor, Monterey Institute of International Studies
Randy Cato, Director, Economic Affairs Division, OECS Secretariat

13:00 – 14:30 **Luncheon**

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: Engaging the EU and the US: The Role of FTA(s)**

- How do FTA(s) fit into the development agenda
- Examining the CARIFORUM-EU EPA
- Examining the possibility of a CARICOM-US FTA

Amb. René León, Ambassador of El Salvador to the United States
Claudius Preville, Trade Policy Advisor, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (RNM)

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 17:30 **Roundtable on the Way Forward**

Moderator: Sherry Stephenson
Department of Trade, Tourism and Competitiveness, OAS

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