

Tentative Programme (as of 17 August 2010)

Japan-CARICOM Public Symposium on Climate Change and Biodiversity

Co-organized by

United Nations University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Inter-American Development Bank

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Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation

Date: Thursday, 2 September, 2010

Time: 14:00 – 17:00

Venue: U Thant International Conference Hall, UNU Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Purpose: To provide information to Japanese audience, including academic circles, and to increase awareness on issues related to climate change and biodiversity in the Caribbean region as well as to Japan-Caribbean Community (CARICOM) cooperation.

MC: Yoshihiro Natori, Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, United Nations University

14:00 – 14:15 **Opening Remarks**

- Shuji Kira, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, United Nations University
- Yoshihisa Ueda, Representative, Office in Asia, Inter-American Development Bank

14:15 – 15:35 **Keynote Addresses**

Session 1: Introduction of the Caribbean Region and CARICOM

- “Caribbean Region in General: Caribbean Culture and Society, and its Diversity” (Tentative)

Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

– “Economy, Trade and Investment in the CARICOM Region” (Tentative)
Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados

Question and Answer Session with the Speakers

Session 2: Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Caribbean Region

– “Climate Change and Disaster Management in the CARICOM Region”
(Tentative)

Charles Peter David, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Grenada

– “Biodiversity and Marine Governance in the CARICOM Region” (Tentative)
Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Guyana

Question and Answer Session with the Speakers

15:35 – 15:50

COFFEE BREAK (Coffee will be served in 2nd floor Reception Hall)

15:50 – 17:00

PANEL: “CARICOM-Japan: For Further Cooperation for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development”

Moderator: Nobuo Mimura, Director, Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University (Japan)

Panelists:

- “Disaster Risk in the Caribbean and JICA’s Cooperation for Disaster Reduction”
Hidetomi Oi, Former-Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- “Impacts and Measures Against Climate Change in Small Islands”
Nobuo Mimura, Director, Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University
- “Conservation of the Biological Diversity in the Caribbean”
Yoshio Kaneko, Professor, Iwate Prefectural University (Japan)

- “Biodiversity Hotspots – Caribbean: Possibilities for Sustainable Development”
Tetsuji Ida, Senior Staff Writer, Environment, Energy and Development, Kyodo News

Comments by *Charles Peter David, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism of Grenada* and *Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guyana*

Summary, Responses, Open Floor

17:00

Closing