

## ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS) AND COLLECTIVITÉ TERRITORIALE DE MARTINIQUE (CTM)

### 1<sup>st</sup> CONNECTIVITY CONFERENCE OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN

October 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Sainte-Luce, Martinique

*Theme: "One Sea, Sky and a Single Market: An integrated approach towards enhancing connectivity in the Greater Caribbean"*

### **DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</b>	
<b>7:30am – 9:00am</b>	Accreditation
<b>9:00am – 9:45am</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
<b>9:45am – 10:30am</b>	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH: Theme: Regional Hubs for Regional Integration</b>
<b>10:30am - 10:45am</b>	COFFEE BREAK/ VISIT TO EXHIBITION AREA
<b>10:45am – 12:00pm</b>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE 1: Theme: Understanding the Supply Chain in the Greater Caribbean</b></p> <p><b><i>From Sourcing to Consolidation</i></b></p> <p>This round table is intended to provide an in-depth understanding of the impact of different factors and policy instruments on different nodes of the supply chain process from sourcing to containerized consolidation. It will offer participants the chance to unpack, inter alia, the provisions of various regional trade agreements, trade facilitation practices and mechanisms, product certification and regional and international standards and how they all collectively contribute to regional trade logistics performance. Panellists would explore the various opportunities for improving trade logistics in the region through these agreements and policies as well as consider the role of transport in improving trade logistics in the region.</p>
<b>12:00pm – 1:45pm</b>	LUNCH

<p><b>2:00pm – 3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE 2:</b> <b>Theme: Understanding the Supply Chain in the Greater Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>From Consolidation to Final Customers</i></p> <p>This round table is a continuation of Round Table 1 and will focus on another critical node of the supply chain: consolidation to delivery to the final customer. This will cover the shipping process, last mile delivery and the factors that impact performance in these areas. Given the lack of economies of scale in the Greater Caribbean, panellists will be invited to share innovative ideas and approaches to profitably operate in such an environment. In so doing, regional solutions for transport operators to provide more services in the Caribbean and potential hubs for consolidation, transformation and distribution can be identified.</p>
<p><b>3:30pm – 3:45pm</b></p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK/ VISIT TO EXHIBITION AREA</p>
<p><b>3:45pm – 5:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE 3:</b> <b>Theme: Solutions for Enhanced Logistics Performance and Economic Prosperity</b></p> <p>Apart from fragmentation, the regional transport system has severe infrastructural gaps that hinders efficiency and greater connectivity. Updating and advancing infrastructure is necessary to enable logistics performance, regional value chain development, and overall increasing trade logistics performance. As such, the aim of this discussion is to demonstrate how to improve infrastructure and operations through innovative approaches. The discussion will also explore the importance of regional hubs and the role of these hubs in enhancing regional connectivity.</p>
<p><b>7:30pm – 10:00pm</b></p>	<p>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</p>

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</b>	
<b>9:00am – 10:30am</b>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE 4:</b> <b>Theme: Green and Digital Caribbean Corridors</b></p> <p>This round table will deep dive into the need for interoperability between information systems at ports and sustainable transport infrastructure. The objective is to accelerate the deployment of low- and zero-carbon emission solutions, identify digital shipping programmes, and develop green fuel sources for bunkering to support efficient cargo movement. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the green and digital shipping corridor aims to catalyse investment in green infrastructure, including zero-carbon energy hubs.</p>
<b>10:30am – 10:45am</b>	COFFEE BREAK
<b>10:45am – 12:30pm</b>	<p><b>ROUND TABLE 5:</b> <b>Theme: Air and maritime transport within the Greater Caribbean</b></p> <p><i><b>Challenges and Opportunities</b></i></p> <p>In this discussion, panellists will evaluate regional maritime and air transport networks in the Greater Caribbean. The discussion will also offer participants an oversight of the challenges to efficiency of the regional maritime transport system and various strategic actions that can help mitigate these challenges. Additionally, the discussion will identify the opportunities present for the regional maritime transport system and ways to leverage these opportunities to advance of the regional transport ecosystem.</p>
<b>12:30pm – 12:50pm</b>	<p><b>SCIENTIFIC REVIEW</b></p> <p>Transport experts from leading academic institutions will be invited to present cutting-edge research on practical, informed transport solutions.</p>
<b>12:50pm – 1:00pm</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>

<b>1:00pm – 2:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2:00pm – 5:30pm</b>	<b>32<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE ACS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT (CLOSED)</b>  Only nominated officials from ACS Member States and Associate Members will attend.
<b>7:30pm – 10:00pm</b>	<b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</b>	
<b>8:00am – 1:00pm</b>	Site visits to airports and ports in Martinique/ Visit to Free Zones
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>