The goal of this conference is to ensure the Caribbean growth challenge is addressed simultaneously with fiscal and debt sustainability objectives.

**Wednesday, September 18: Evening**

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
**Registration and Opening Reception**  
The Café in the Great Hall of Water, Atlantis Hotel

**Thursday, September 19: Morning**

8:00 a.m. onward  
**Continental Breakfast**  
Prince of Wales Room, Atlantis Hotel

8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Conference Convenes with the National Anthem**  
The Crown Ballroom, Atlantis Hotel

**Welcome Remarks:**
IMF – Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department  
CDB – President Smith  
IDB – Vice-President Vellutini  
IFC – Vice-President Prosper  
World Bank – Vice-President Tuluy

Official Opening: The Right Hon. Perry G. Christie, M.P.  
Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, The Bahamas

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
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10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
PRESS DEPARTS; COFFEE

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**LEAD SESSION**

Session Moderator: Warren Smith, President of the CDB

- **What we know about Growth and how it can be useful for the Caribbean**  
  Jose de Gregorio, former Governor, Central Bank of Chile

- **Global and Regional Context for the Caribbean**  
  Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, IMF

- **Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions**
  Dr. Ashni Kumar Singh, Minister of Finance, Guyana  
  Dr. Alvin Hilaire, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
Thursday, September 19: Afternoon

Luncheon hosted by the IDB
Prince of Wales Room, Atlantis Hotel
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kenny Anthony, Prime Minister, St. Lucia
Role of Regional Integration in Mitigating Vulnerabilities

2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.
PILLAR I. Private Sector Development: Key Channels
This session will focus on the findings on the regional Growth Forum, and the implications for the structural reform needs of the region.

Session Moderator: Sophie Sirtaine, World Bank
- Interim Takeaways from the Growth Forum
  Andrea Gallina, World Bank, Inder Jit Ruprah, IDB, Carl Howell, CDB
- PPPs: Prerequisites, Experience, and Opportunities
  Vice-President Jean-Philippe Prosper, IFC, Maria Florencia Attademo-Hirt, IDB
- Tourism
  Maria Angelica Sotomayor, World Bank
- Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions
  Hon. Peter D. Phillips, Minister of Finance, Jamaica

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Focus: DFATD’s Priorities for Caribbean Growth
Louise Clement, DFATD, Canada

COFFEE

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
PILLAR I. Private Sector Development: Competitiveness
This session will focus on the main competitiveness challenges and policies to address them.

Session Moderator: Hon. Sir K. Dwight Venner, K.B.E., Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
- Compete Caribbean and Other CDB Support: Achievements and Challenges
  Lisa Harding, Caribbean Development Bank
- Labor Market Issues
  Wendell Samuel, IMF
- Trade Integration Reforms
  Paolo Giordano, IDB
- Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions
  Michael Halkitis, M.P., Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, The Bahamas

Thursday, September 19: Evening

Cocktails hosted by the Government of The Bahamas
Buses leave The Cove at 7pm for the Old Fort Bay Club
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Cultural Reception: Government of The Bahamas
### Friday, September 20: Morning

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The Crown Ballroom, Atlantis Hotel |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | **PILLAR II. Sustainability and Growth**  
This session will discuss strategies for restoring sustainability while minimizing the impact on growth and protecting vulnerable groups.  
**Session Moderator:** Therese Turner-Jones, IDB |
|               | **Adjustment Options**                                                  |
|               | - Report of OECS Expenditure Commission  
*Marius St. Rose, Chairman of the Expenditure Commission* |
|               | - Tax Policy Reforms — Regional Efforts and Priorities  
*Valerie Mercer-Blackman, IDB* |
|               | - Can Active Exchange Rate Policies Be Effective in Small States?  
*Aliona Cebotari, IMF* |
|               | - Seychelles—A Retrospective on Reforms  
*Hon. Pierre Laporte, Minister of Finance of Seychelles* |
|               | - Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions  
*Timothy Antoine, Permanent Secretary, Grenada  
Reginald Darrias, Permanent Secretary, St. Lucia* |
| 10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. | **Focus: DFID's Priorities for Caribbean Growth**  
*Tessa MacArthur, DFID, United Kingdom* |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. | **PILLAR III. Mitigating Vulnerabilities**  
This session will focus on best approaches for mitigating vulnerabilities to natural disasters and financial shocks.  
**Session Moderator:** John Rolle, Financial Secretary, The Bahamas |
|               | - Disaster Risk Management for Debt Sustainability  
*Niels Holm-Nielsen, World Bank* |
|               | - Financial Market Development  
*Andrew Cross, IFC* |
|               | - Report on Financing Climate Change  
*Selwin Hart, CDB* |
|               | - Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions  
*Wendy Craigg, Governor, Central Bank of the Bahamas  
Charles Castel, Governor, Central Bank of the Republic of Haiti* |
| 12:50 p.m. – 1:00 pm | **Focus: EU Priorities for Caribbean Growth**  
*Claudio Salinas, European Union* |
Friday, September 20: Afternoon

Luncheon hosted by the World Bank

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Nemat Shafik, Deputy Managing Director, IMF
Caribbean Challenges and Progress with the Small States Initiative

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PILLAR IV. Managing High Debt
This session will discuss options for high-debt countries with a view to securing debt sustainability.

Session Moderator: Alejandro Werner, Director, IMF

- Successful Management of a Debt Overhang
  Sona Varma, World Bank
- Regional Experience with Debt Restructuring & Commentary by Country Authorities/Questions
  Hon. Dr. Harold Lovell, Minister of Finance and Economy, Antigua and Barbuda
  Brian Wynter, Governor, Bank of Jamaica
  Glenford Ysaguirre, Governor, Central Bank of Belize

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CONCLUDING SESSION: Round Table—Main Takeaways from the Conference

Session Moderator: Adrienne Cheasty, Deputy Director, IMF
Hon. Peter D. Phillips, Minister of Finance, Jamaica
Hon. Michael Halkitis, Minister of State of Finance, The Bahamas
Hon. Dr. Harold Lovell, Minister of Finance and Economy, Antigua and Barbuda
Hon. Wilson Laaleau, Minister of Economy and Finance, Haiti
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4:30 p.m.
Closing Remarks: Government of The Bahamas

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