Wednesday, October 22: Evening
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  Registration and Opening Reception

Thursday, October 23: Morning
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Welcome Remarks: Min Zhu, Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Official Opening: The Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, ON, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica

Remarks: Dr. the Honourable Peter Phillips, MP
Minister of Finance and Planning

Remarks: Dr. Warren Smith, President, Caribbean Development Bank

Remarks: Jorge Familiar, Vice President, World Bank

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  PHOTOS
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  PRESS DEPARTS; COFFEE

10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  SESSION I: Energy—Reliability and Costs

Session Moderator: Dr. Warren Smith, President, CDB

- Improving energy efficiency and lowering costs in the Caribbean Ramon Espinasa, IDB
- Leveraging Caribbean oil and gas resources for regional benefit Michael John, PetroTrin
- Renewable energy in the Caribbean: opportunities and challenges Karl Nassief, CEO, Energy Management Systems Limited
- Commentary: Hon. Ashni Singh, Minister of Finance, Guyana; Honorable Dr. Vin Lawrence, Chairman of the Electricity Sector Enterprise Team, Jamaica

Plenary discussion
Thursday, October 23: Afternoon

Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Hosted by Min Zhu; Speaker: Taking Stock and Setting a Course for the Way Ahead: Alejandro Werner, Director, Western Hemisphere Department, IMF

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION II: A Tax Regime for Investment

Session Moderator: Inder Jit Ruprah, Regional Economic Adviser, IDB

- A tax system for investment: The Case of Mauritius
  Ali Mansoor, former Mauritius Financial Secretary
- Do investors need tax incentives?: Sebastian James, Senior Tax Policy and Tax Administration Specialist, IFC
- Strategies for regional tax incentive reform: cross-country lessons and experiences Russell Krelove, IMF
- Commentary: Joseph Matalon (Jamaica), John Rolle (Bahamas)

Plenary discussion

Thursday, October 23: Evening

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Reception at Rose Hall
Hosted by Dr. the Honourable Peter Phillips, Minister of Finance and Planning
Friday, October 24: Morning

**Breakfast 8:15 – 9:00**


9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **SESSION III: Building Financial Sector Resilience**

**Session Moderator:** Sophie Sirtaine, Caribbean Regional Director, World Bank

- Challenges for financial stability: risks and rewards: Ewart Williams, University of the West Indies
- Financial Interconnectedness in the Caribbean: Elie Canetti, IMF
- Strong banks: a Canadian perspective: Bruce Bowen, Senior VP, Caribbean, Scotiabank
- International Financial Centers in the Global Economy Angelo Nikalokakis, Ernst & Young LLP
- Commentary: Patrick Hylton, Group Managing Director, National Commercial Bank of Jamaica

Plenary discussion

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **COFFEE**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **CLOSING SESSION: Reflections and Looking Ahead**

**Session Moderator:** [Serge Dupont, Executive Director, IMF]

- Panel Discussion on Main Takeaways and Agenda Going Forward
  Min Zhu, Deputy managing Director, IMF
  Dr the Honourable Peter Phillips, Minister of Finance and Planning, Jamaica
  Dr. Warren Smith, President, Caribbean Development Bank
  Gerard Johnson, Caribbean Country Director, IDB

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks:** IMF and Government of Jamaica

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