

Caribbean Development Bank and Inter-American Development Bank

**The Food Price Shock and the Caribbean: Analysis and Response
CDB Conference Centre, Wildey, St. Michael, Barbados
June 16, 2008**

Agenda

8:45 – 9:15 am

Opening Remarks

Chairman: Mr. Desmond Brunton, Vice-President (Operations), Caribbean Development Bank

Mr. Otaviano Canuto, Vice-President, Countries, Inter-American Development Bank
Dr. Compton Bourne, President, Caribbean Development Bank
Hon. Haynesley Benn, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Barbados

9:15 – 10:30 am

The Food Price Shock, International Trade and Regional Implications

Moderator: Ms. Desiree Field-Ridley, CARICOM Secretariat

Presentation: Mr. Andrew Powell, Lead Research Economist, Research Department, IDB

Commentators:

Dr. Carl Greenidge, Deputy Senior Director, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery
Ms. Benu Bidani, Lead Economist for the Caribbean, The World Bank

10:30 – 10:45 am

C O F F E E B R E A K

10:45 – 12:00 pm

Inflation and Fiscal Consequences

Moderator: Dr. Garth Nicholls, Director, Research Department, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank

Presentation: Mr. Kelvin Dalrymple, Chief Research Economist, CDB

Commentators:

Ms. Christina Daseking, Mission Chief for Barbados, International Monetary Fund
Mr. Claremont Kirton, Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm Effects and Potential Responses for the Vulnerable

Moderator: Mr. Carlisle Pemberton, Lecturer, Department of Agriculture, St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies

Presentation: Suzanne Duryea, Senior Advisor, Social Sector, IDB

Commentators:

Dr. Carla Barnett, Consultant, Barnett & Company, Belize

Dr. Wesley Hughes, Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Mr. McDonald Thomas, Social Analyst, CDB

1:15 – 2:15 pm

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2:15 – 4:30 pm

The Agricultural Sector: Perspectives on Food Security, Short-Term Response and Medium-Term Solutions

Moderator: Dr. Dindyal Pernaut, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana

Presentation: Dr. H. Arlington Chesney, Executive Director, CARDI

Commentators:

Mr. Hector Malarin, Chief, Division of Environment, Rural Development and Disaster Risk, IDB

Mrs. Ena Harvey, Hemispheric Specialist – Agrotourism, IICA, Barbados

Mr. Ballayram, Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute of UWI

Mr. Hesdie Grauwde, Policy Office, Food and Agriculture Organisation

Mr. Rodinald Soomer, Head, Macroeconomic & Social Policy Unit, OECS Secretariat

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Ideas into Action

Co-Chairs: Dr. Compton Bourne, President, CDB

Mr. Otaviano Canuto, Vice-President for Countries, IDB

A Cocktail Reception will be held at the Savannah Hotel at 7:00 pm