



Caribbean Community
Climate Change Centre

Caribbean Launch: The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)

What does it mean for the Caribbean?

Speakers Guide

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Chairman and Moderator

Notes



Dr. Kenrick Leslie

Dr. Kenrick Leslie, CBE, OD is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC).

Prior to joining the Climate Change Centre he was a Senior Principal Scientist in the Applied Physics Laboratories of AlliedSignal Corporation, now Honeywell International, in Morristown, New Jersey, United States. During his 22 year tenure at AlliedSignal Corporation, he was awarded 10 United States Patents in the fields of laser and infrared technologies.

Dr. Leslie established the National Meteorological Service of Belize and served as its first Director from 1972 to 1981. Regionally, he served as a meteorologist in the meteorological services of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and the Bahamas, and also on the Board of Governors of the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) from 1972 until 1981.

Keynote Speaker



Dr. the Honourable Denis Lowe, M.P

Dr. the Honourable Denis Lowe, M.P., is the Minister of the Environment and Drainage in Barbados since June 2011. He has also held the portfolio of Water Resources and served as Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Urban Development.

Before assuming ministerial duties, he was Managing Director and Principal Consultant with Life View International. Dr. Lowe has worked extensively with the University of Cincinnati (his tertiary alma mater) and in the state of Ohio in varying capacities, all with a focus on social development.

Dr. Lowe is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in Barbados and a Certified HIV and AIDS Educator with the American Red Cross at the Drew University School of Medicine.

Speakers



Leon Charles

Mr. Leon Charles of Charles and Associates, Grenada, is one of the Caribbean region's experienced climate change professionals.

He has over thirteen years experience in the UNFCCC negotiations, and has served in many different capacities during that period. He was the Lead Negotiator for AOSIS from 2007 to 2011 and in that capacity played an instrumental role in the negotiations in Bali (2007), Poznan (2008), Copenhagen (2009), Cancun (2010) and Durban (2011). He has also played a leading role in other UNFCCC processes, including as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) in 2007. He is currently one of the co-chairs of

the Joint Contact Group that is responsible for conducting the 2015 Review of whether the long term global goal should be strengthened to 1.5°C from 2C.

He is also active at a technical level in climate change activities outside of the UNFCCC negotiations and has worked on national communications, capacity assessments, vulnerability analyses, monitoring and evaluation systems and development of national strategic plans on climate change, to name a few.

He is currently the Climate Finance Adviser to the CDB.



Dr. Warren Smith

Dr. William Warren Smith is the fifth President of Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the regional development finance institution based in Barbados. He was elected at a special meeting of the CDB Board of Governors held on Friday, October 29, 2010, and assumed office on May 1, 2011.

At the time of his election, Dr. Smith was acting in the capacity of Vice-President (Operations) at CDB. His substantive position on taking up that acting appointment from August 16, 2010, was Director, Finance and Corporate Planning.

Dr. Smith first joined CDB in 1985 and was seconded by the Bank in 1987 to set up the corporate planning function at the regional airline, LIAT (1974) Limited. He subsequently served as Chief Executive Officer of LIAT, before returning to CDB in 1998. He has also held high-level positions at a number of other institutions in the Region including Director of the Economics and Planning Division at the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica; and Vice-President, Investments at Life of Jamaica Limited.

Dr. Smith, is an alumnus of Cornell University in the United States of America, and graduated *magna cum laude* with an AB in Economics (Hon) in 1974. He went on to read for a M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics, and for a Ph.D. in Resource Economics and Public Policy. Dr. Smith is a national of Jamaica.



Selwin Hart

Mr. Selwin Hart is the Director of the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Change Support Team (CCST). Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Hart served as the Climate Finance Advisor in the Office of the Vice-President (Operations) of the Caribbean Development Bank.

Mr. Hart has also served as a Senior Foreign Service Officer in the Barbados Foreign Service and Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations, where he was responsible for Economic and Financial Affairs.

Mr. Hart also served as the Chief Climate Change Negotiator for Barbados as well as the Coordinator and Lead Negotiator on Finance for the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS), a coalition of 43 Islands and low-lying coastal states in the Caribbean, Pacific, Africa, Indian Ocean and South China Sea.

He was a member of the Kyoto Protocol Adaptation Fund Board from 2009 to 2010 and was elected by the UN General Assembly to serve as Vice-Chairman of the 2nd Committee of the UNGA (Economic and Financial) during its 60th Session.



Mr. Patrick McCaskie is a career Public Servant with over 20 years of Service and an Academic. He is Director of the Research and Planning Unit in the Economic Affairs Division of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, a position he has held since 2008. Mr. McCaskie previously served as manager of the Public Investment Unit in the same Ministry. He also served as Chief Economist in both the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Mr. McCaskie has acted as Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Budget Section of the Ministry of Finance and in the Ministry of Commerce and Trade (2009 and 2011).

Patrick McCaskie

Mr. McCaskie is also a researcher, successfully producing a number of published research papers in International Journals and Working Paper Documents. Three of his most noted papers were on: the Prices and Incomes Protocol; Asymmetric Information and Moral Hazards in the Barbadian Banking Industry and; Real Wage Resistance and Competitiveness in a Small Open Economy with Fixed and Flexible Exchange rates.

In addition, he prepared a paper on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and their Implication for Market Access of Barbadian Exports. He has also researched and presented on Economic Vulnerability at the National Consultation on the Barbados National Assessment on the Barbados Programme of Action (BPOA).

Panellists



Dr. Leonard Nurse is a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados, where he coordinates the Masters and PhD programs in Climate Change.

Dr. Leonard Nurse

He has been a Lead Author with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since 1992, and has written and published widely on the impact of Climate Change on small island states. He is the Coordinating Lead Author for the chapter “small Islands” in the recently released Fifth Assessment Report of Working Group II of the IPCC.

He is currently the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, which is headquartered in Belize.



Professor Chris Field is the founding director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology and Melvin and Joan Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies at Stanford University. Field's research emphasizes field and laboratory studies of impacts of Climate Change, from the molecular to the global scale.

Professor Christopher Field

He is co-chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which led the effort on the IPCC Special Report on “Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation” (2012) and Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (2014).

Field's research has been recognized with several American and international awards, including the Max Planck Research Award and the Roger Revelle Medal, and with election to learned societies, including the US National Academy of Sciences (2001).

Field received his PhD from Stanford in 1981 and has been at the Carnegie Institution for Science since 1984.



Ms. Priyadarshni Rai is a Disaster Management Officer at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Caribbean Representation Office in Trinidad and Tobago. In this capacity she provides technical support to 13 Red Cross National Societies in the Caribbean to integrate climate change into community disaster risk reduction.

Priyadarshni Rai

She holds a Master's degree in Natural Resources Management and Climate Change from the University of the West Indies. She has worked in the Red Cross Movement for the last 10 years, starting out at the Guyana Red Cross Society, where she managed the implementation of community disaster risk reduction programmes.

She is very passionate about disaster risk reduction and community resilience, working with Red Cross National Societies to look at innovative approaches and evidenced based results.