

46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MONETARY STUDIES

**CENTRAL BANK OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
November 18th to 20th 2014**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Theme:

“MACRO-PRUDENTIAL SUPERVISION, FINANCIAL STABILITY AND MONETARY POLICY”

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2014

OPENING SESSION

08.30 am - 08.35am	Chairperson	Head of Research
08.35 am - 08.45 am	Opening Remarks	<i>Professor Compton Bourne</i> Executive Director Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
08.45 am - 09.00am	Welcome Remarks	<i>Mr. Jwala Rambarran</i> Governor Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
09.00 am - 09.20am	Feature Address	<i>The Honourable</i> <i>Minister of Finance and the Economy</i> Government of Trinidad and Tobago
09.20am - 09.25 am	Vote of Thanks	Head of Research
09.25 am - 10.00 am	Photography Session	
10.00 am - 10.30 am	Registration Coffee Break	

10.30 am - 12.15 pm

SESSION 1

SUB-THEME: INVESTIGATION OF MACRO-FINANCE INTER-LINKAGES

Chairperson: Tarron Khemraj
New College of Florida and Caribbean Centre for
Money and Finance

Presenters:

- 1. MACRO-FINANCIAL LINKAGES IN THE ECCU**
Garfield Riley
Research Department
Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
- 2. DETERMINING A DEBT THRESHOLD FOR SURINAME**
Albert Mungroo and Peggy TjonKieSim-Balker
Central Bank of Surinam
- 3. Financial Stability the Business Cycle & Macro-Prudential Regulations**
Amar Ramlogan
Republic Bank
- 4. The Effects of Loan Portfolio Diversification on Commercial Banks' Performance over the Business Cycle**
Shane Lowe, Kester Guy and Tiffany Grosvenor
Central Bank of Barbados

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

12.15 pm - 01.30 pm

LUNCH

01.30 pm - 03.15 pm

SESSION 2

SUB-THEME: MACRO PRUDENTIAL POLICY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chairperson: Jason Cotton
Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

Presenters:

- 1. AN ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL STABILITY IN SURINAME**
Nancy Ong A Kwie-Jurgens and Ansjela-Devi Bhagwandin
Central Bank of Suriname
- 2. MACRO PRUDENTIAL POLICY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Ravi Rambarran
Sagicor

3. Developing a Comprehensive Regional Financial Stability Architecture for the Caribbean

Dave Seerattan
Institute of International Relations and Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

03.15 pm - 03.30 pm

COFFEE BREAK

03.30 pm - 05.00 pm

SESSION 3

SUB-THEME: MACRO PRUDENTIAL POLICY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chairperson: Avinash Ramlogan
Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

Presenters:

1. THE EVOLUTION OF EXPLICIT DEPOSIT INSURANCE SYSTEMS IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN OVER THE PERIOD 1986-2011

Denis Cox
Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

2. CONTAGION RISK IN THE JAMAICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Toni-Anne Milwood
Financial Stability Department
Bank of Jamaica

3. SYSTEMIC RISK AND SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE – AN INSURERS PERSPECTIVE

Paul Traboulay
Group Risk Management
Guardian Holdings Limited
Trinidad and Tobago

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

END OF DAY 1

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2014

09.00 am - 10.30 am

SESSION 4

SUB-THEME: MACRO PRUDENTIAL POLICY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chairperson: Darin Downes
Central Bank of Barbados

Presenters:

- 1. NOOSE OR REINS: RISK-WEIGHTED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE BANKING SECTOR – IMPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**
Avinash Ramlogan, Alon Dhanessar and Akeem Rahaman
Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
- 2. EXAMINING THE BANKING SECTOR'S EXPOSURE TO THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET**
Wendy Ho Sing and Avinash Ramlogan
Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
- 3. The Role of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission in Reducing Systemic Risk and Formulating Macro-Prudential Policy**
Ronald Phillips
Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

10.30 am - 10.45 am

COFFEE BREAK

10.45 am - 12.30 pm

SESSION 5

Sub-Theme: MACRO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chairperson: Dave Seerattan
Institute of International Relations and CCMF
UWI, St. Augustine

Presenters:

- 1. INFLUENCE OF OIL PRICES UPON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S EXCHANGE RATES**
Roger Hosein and Don Charles
Department of Economics

The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

**2. PASS THROUGH OF INFLATION RATES IN HURRICANE HIT
CARICOM SMALL ISLAND STATES**

Anthony Birchwood and Jeetendra Khadan

Department of Economics
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

Eric Srobl

Ecole Polytechnique

**3. MACROECONOMIC FLUCTUATIONS UNDER NATURAL DISASTER
SHOCKS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Patrice Borda

Université des Antilles and CREDDI

Allan Wright

Central Bank of Barbados, Caribbean Centre for Money
and Finance and CEMLA

**4. Exploring the Formation of Inflation Expectations in
Jamaica: A Pragmatic Approach**

Ralston Henry

Bank of Jamaica

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

12.30 pm - 01.40 pm **LUNCH**

01.40 pm - 03.25 pm **SESSION 6**

**Sub-Theme: MACRO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL
STABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Chairperson: Patrick Watson
SALISES, UWI, St. Augustine

Presenters:

**1. HOW TO AVOID A DARKENING DEBT STORM IN THE CARIBBEAN:
LESSONS FROM THE BANKING UNION FRAMEWORK IN THE EURO
AREA**

Andrew Hughes Hallet

School of Public Policy
George Mason University
United States of America

Svend E Hougaard Jensen

Department of Economics
Copenhagen Business School

Denmark

2. ESTIMATING THE CYCLICALITY OF REMITTANCE FLOWS TO JAMAICA FROM THE USA

Kirsten Roach

International Economics Department
Research and Economic Programming Division
Bank of Jamaica

3. EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF FISCAL POLICY ON THE HOUSEHOLD SECTOR IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN A STATIC COMPUTABLE GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM FRAMEWORK

Carlos Hazel and Patrick Kent Watson

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

4. THE APPLICATION OF THE TWIN DEFICIT HYPOTHESIS TO A SMALL ISLAND ECONOMY: THE CASE OF BARBADOS

Anthony Birchwood and Soliel Fredrick

Department of Economics
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

03.25 pm - 03.40 pm **COFFEE BREAK**

03.40 pm - 05.40 pm **SESSION 7**

Sub-Theme: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FINANCIAL INTEGRATION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

Chairperson: Anthony Birchwood
Department of Economics
UWI, St. Augustine

Presenters:

1. DO JAMAICAN DOMESTIC SYSTEMICALLY IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE A DEPOSIT RATE ADVANTAGE?

Kacian Lewis, Andrene Senior and Rasheeda Smith Yee

Bank of Jamaica

2. THE UNIVERSAL BANK MODEL: SYNERGY OR VULNERABILITY

Michael Brei, Laurence Scialom and Xi Yang

University of Paris Ouest
Nanterre La Défense

3. Current Account and Real Exchange Rate Dynamics in Jamaica and Latin America Compared to the G7

Andre Haughton
UWI, Mona

4. FINANCIAL INTEGRATION WITHIN CARICOM – HOW INTERCONNECTED ARE WE?

Julia Jhinkoo

Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

END OF DAY 2

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2014

09.00 am - 10.45 am **SESSION 8:**

**Sub-Theme: THE INTERACTION BETWEEN MONETARY AND
MACRO-PRUDENTIAL POLICIES**

Chairperson: Alwyn Jordan
Central Bank of The Bahamas

Presenters:

**1. FINANCIAL LIBERALIZATION AND CAPITAL ADEQUACY IN MODELS
OF FINANCIAL CRISES**

Dilruba Karim

Department of Economics and Finance
School of Social Sciences
Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex

**2. THE COMPENSATION HYPOTHESIS: A MONETARY TRANSMISSION
MECHANISM FOR EXCHANGE RATE AND FINANCIAL STABILITY**

Tarron Khemraj

New College of Florida and Caribbean Centre for Money and
Finance

**3. Foreign Exchange Market Microstructure and Volatility
in Select Caribbean FX Markets**

Dave Seerattan

Institute of International Relations and
Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
University of the West Indies
St. Augustine Campus

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

10.45 am - 11.00 am **COFFEE BREAK**

11.00 am - 12.30 pm **SESSION 9:**

**Sub-Theme: DATA DEVELOPMENT AND THE FINANCIAL STABILITY
MONITORING FRAMEWORK**

Chairperson:

Presenters:

**1. HURRICANE STRIKES AND FISCAL VULNERABILITY IN THE
CARIBBEAN: EVIDENCE FROM HIGH FREQUENCY DATA**

B Ouattara

University of Manchester
Eric Strobl

Ecole Polytechnique and Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies

J Mermeeiren

Kinetic Analysis Corporation

S Yearwood

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2. CREDIT CARD RISK MODELLING USING ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK

Dorian M Noeland Robert Stewart

Department of Management Studies

The University of the West Indies

St. Augustine Campus

3. DETERMINANTS OF NON-PERFORMING LOANS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: A GENERALIZED METHODS OF MOMENTS (GMM) APPROACH USING MICRO LEVEL DATA

Akeem Rahaman, Timmy Baksh, Reshma Mahabir and Dhanielle Smith

Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

4. THE CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: AN EVALUATION OF ITS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Yohance Nicholas

Kairi Consultants Limited

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

12.30pm -01.30pm

LUNCH

01.30pm -03.15 pm

SESSION 10

Sub-Theme: DATA DEVELOPMENT AND THE FINANCIAL STABILITY MONITORING FRAMEWORK

Chairperson: Compton Bourne
CCMF, UWI, St. Augustine

Presenters:

1. USE OF LOAN-TO VALUE RATIO AS A MACROPRUDENTIAL TOOL IN THE MITIGATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PRICE VOLATILITY

JANELLE AWAI, DARCELLE BOWRIN, MICHELLE MAJID AND CHARISSA MOOTERAM

Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago

2. Measuring Financial Stability in The Bahamas

Alwyn Jordan and **Latoya Smith**
Central Bank of The Bahamas

3. A Framework for Constructing a Housing Price Index in Barbados: A Progress Report

Tiffany Grosvenor, Shane Lowe and Anton Belgrave
Central Bank of Barbados

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

03.15 pm - 03.25 pm **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Dave Seerattan

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Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance
University of the West Indies

St. Augustine Campus

6.00 pm

ADLITH BROWN MEMORIAL LECTURE

“SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION: LABOUR MARKET POLICIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CARIBBEAN”

Professor Andrew Downes

Pro Vice Chancellor Planning and Development
The University of the West Indies
Cave Hill Campus
Barbados

07.00 pm

CLOSING PARTY