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IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIFTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

Agenda

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8:00am	Registration
9:00 – 9:30am	Welcoming remarks Hazel Brown, Coordinator, Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women Racquel Smith, Project Manager, Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL) David Morris, Director, OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat Arthur Gray, Special Advisor, National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
9:30 – 10:00 am	Opening presentation: The role of the OAS in the Americas and opportunities for civil society participation. Irene Klinger, Director of the OAS Department of International Affairs
	Discussion on human prosperity
10:00 - 10:45am	Renwick Rose, Coordinator, Windward Islands Farmers Association Andrea Ewart, Trade Consultant, OECS Secretariat <i>Moderator:</i> Robert Guiseppi, Former President, National Trade Union Centre of Trinidad and Tobago
10:45 - 11:20am	Dialogue
11:20 - 12:30pm	Compilation of civil society recommendations

- 12:30 - 2:00pm **Working Lunch**
- Discussion on environmental sustainability and energy security**
- 2:00 - 2:45pm Zakiya Wadada, Executive Director, Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development
Louis Guy, Caribbean Forestry Association
Joseph Prosper, Treasurer, Environmental Awareness Group
- Moderator:* Eden Shand, Chair, Greenleaf Foundation
- 2:45 – 3:30pm Dialogue
- 3:30 – 4:30pm Compilation of civil society recommendations
- 4:30 – 5:30pm Wrap-up session: Final compilation of recommendations for human prosperity, environmental sustainability and energy security

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Discussion on strengthening democratic governance

- 8:15 – 9:00am Tarik Perkins, Regional Manager, Inclusive Governance, CUSO
Cecelia Babb, Executive Coordinator, Caribbean Policy Development Centre
Boyd Reid, Secretary, Trinidad and Tobago Transparency International
- Moderator:* Flavia Cherry, President, Civil Society Network of St. Lucia
- 9:00 – 9:30am Dialogue
- 9:30 – 10:00am Compilation of civil society recommendations
- 10:00 – 10:30am** Address by Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General, OAS
- Address by the Honorable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Discussion on public security

- 10:30 – 10:45am Laurie Knop, Director, Quisqueya International Organization for Freedom & Development (QIFD)
- Folade Mutota, Coordinator, Women’s Institute for Alternative Development
- Bevon Currie, Secretary, National Youth Development Network
- Moderator:* David Silvera, Director, Jamaicans for Justice

10:45 – 11:25 am	Dialogue and Compilation of civil society recommendations Discussion on strengthening the Summits of the Americas, Follow-Up and Implementation Effectiveness
11:25 – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kris Rampersad, Director, Lobby, Advocacy, Research, and Public Relations, Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women• Judy Williams, Executive Director, Grenada Community Development Organization (GRENCODA)• Amsale Maryam, Chairperson, Association of Development Agencies <p><i>Moderator:</i> Racquel Smith, Project Manager, FOCAL</p>
12:30 - 1:30pm	Working Lunch
1:30 - 2:30pm	Dialogue
2:30 - 4:00 pm	Consolidation and drafting of civil society recommendations
4:00 - 5:00pm	Discussion – FOCAL and the Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago