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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE CHAIRS:

THE HON. MR JUSTICE WINSTON ANDERSON
THE HON. MME JUSTICE CHANTAL ONONAIWU

25 NOVEMBER 2025

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

REGISTRATION

DAY ONE - 26 NOVEMBER 2025

DAY CHAIR

The Hon. Mme Justice Maureen Rajnauth-Lee

7:00 am - 8:30 am

REGISTRATION

8:55 am - 9:00 am

HOTEL SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING CEREMONY

9:00 am - 9:03 am

NATIONAL ANTHEM

9:03 am - 9:07 am

CELEBRATING CARICOM (THE CARICOM SONG)

**9:07 am -
9:12 am**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The Hon Mme Justice Chantal Ononaiwu
 Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Deputy Chair of the CCJ Academy for Law & Conference Co-chair

9:12 am - 9:17 am

Lisa Shoman SC
 General Counsel of CARICOM

**9:17 am -
9:22 am**

Senator the Honourable John Jeremie, SC
 Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago

**9:22 am -
9:32 am**

GREETINGS FROM SPONSORS

The European Union – Her Excellency Cécile Tassin, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago

The Inter-American Development Bank - Mr Anton Edmunds, General Manager, Caribbean Country Department

The Caribbean Development Bank – Dr Isaac Solomon, Vice President of Operations

**9:32 am -
9:42 am**

TRIBUTE TO MR JUSTICE JACOB WIT

The Hon. Mr Justice Winston Anderson
 President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Chairman of the CCJ Academy for Law

9:42 am -

DECLARING CONFERENCE OPEN

9:47 am	The Hon. Mr Justice Winston Anderson President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Chairman of the CCJ Academy for Law
9:47 am - 9:52 am	Video Tribute of the swearing in of the inaugural bench of the CCJ
9:52 am - 10:00 am	Launch of 20th Anniversary Publication
CULTURAL ITEMS	
10:00 am - 10:05 am	Poem Rhea Manley
10:05 am - 10:15 am	Steel pan and Moko Jumbie Performance Joshua Regrello and Jaiso Mokos
END OF OPENING CEREMONY	
BREAK	
10:35 am - 11:00 am	Address: 'Uncharted Territory: Constitutionalism Re-imagined' Dr Timothy Affonso, Lecturer in Law, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
11:00 am - 11:25 am	Address: 'Separation of Powers in Constitutional Litigation: Savings Law Clauses' Dr Kenny D. Anthony, Former Prime Minister of St Lucia & Former Lecturer in Law, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
11:25 am - 11:35 am	Q & A
11:35 am -12:50 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS</p> <p>Moderator: The Honourable Mr Justice Arif Bulkan, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honourable Mr Justice Navindra Singh, Chief Justice (Ag) of Guyana 2. The Honourable Mr Justice Nolan Bereaux, Justice of Appeal, Trinidad and Tobago 3. Douglas Mendes, SC 4. Gabrielle Elliott-Williams, Lecturer in Law, The University of the West Indies, Mona
LUNCH	
1:50 pm - 2:20 pm	Address: The Criminal Justice Reform Journey in Saint Kitts and Nevis The Honourable Garth Wilkin, Attorney General and Minister of Justice & Legal Affairs of Saint Kitts & Nevis
2:20 pm - 3:35 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM</p> <p>Moderator: The Honourable Mr Justice Ronnie Boodoosingh, Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honourable Mme Justice Louise Blenman, Chief Justice of the Senior Courts of Belize 2. The Honourable Justice Lisa Ramsumair-Hinds, Judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago 3. The Honourable Justice Georgis Taylor-Alexander, Judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

	4. Jason LaCorbiniere, Cluster Lead, Poverty, Governance and Monitoring and Evaluation, UNDP Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Multi-Country Office
BREAK	
3:50 pm - 4:20 pm	<p>Focus Session: Asset Forfeiture</p> <p>Moderator: Guillermo Lagarda Cuevas, Senior Sector Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honourable Justice Gillian Lucky, Justice of Appeal, Trinidad and Tobago 2. Kisha Sutherland, Director of the Asset Recovery Unit of the Regional Security System (RSS)
4:20 pm - 4:40 pm	Presentation on the Digital Dashboard for Implementation of the Needham's Point Declaration
4:40 pm - 4:45 pm	CLOSING REMARKS
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION</p> <p><i>hosted by the Office of the Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago</i></p>

DAY TWO – 27 NOVEMBER 2025	
<p>DAY CHAIR</p> <p>The Hon. Mr Justice Denys Barrow</p>	
9:00 am - 9:05 am	INTRODUCTION BY DAY CHAIR
9:05 am - 10:20 am	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON DEVELOPING CARIBBEAN JURISPRUDENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF MULTIPLE LEGAL SYSTEMS</p> <p>Moderator: The Honourable Mr Justice Chile Eboe-Osuji, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Kenny D. Anthony, Former Prime Minister of St Lucia and Former Lecturer in Law, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill 2. The Honourable Mme Justice Sandra Nanhoë-Gangadin, Senior Judge of the Court of Justice of Suriname 3. Professor Justice (Ret.) Courtney Ashton Abel, University of Guyana 4. Dr Asya Ostroukh, Senior Lecturer, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
10:20 am - 10:50 am	<p>Address: From <i>Nevsun</i> to <i>Maya</i>: Importing Justice Through Public International Law as a Mechanism to Determine Domestic Rights in Canada and the Caribbean</p> <p>The Honourable Mr Justice Patrice Abrioux, Justice of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia</p>

BREAK

11:10 am - 11:35 am	Address: Seminal Jurisprudence of the CCJ on Family Law The Honourable Mme Justice Maureen Rajnauth-Lee, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice
11:35am - 12:50pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON FAMILY LAW</p> <p>Moderator: Master Alana J. Jameson, Master of the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, Family and Children Division</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honourable Justice Jacqueline Cornelius Thorne, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Judiciary of Barbados 2. Marguerite Woodstock Riley, KC 3. Lynette Seebaran-Suite, SC, President of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago 4. Ignacio Goicoechea, Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean -Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
LUNCH / CULTURAL ITEM (Riddim Section - D.R.A (D' Rhythm Army))	
1:50 pm - 2:20 pm	Address: The Magnificent, Modern World of Estates and Probate Practice Mr Ian Wilkinson, KC
2:20 pm - 2:45 pm	Address: The CCJ's Original Jurisdiction and the Development of Caribbean Community Law The Honourable Mme Justice Chantal Ononaiwu, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON COMMUNITY LAW</p> <p>Moderator: Professor David Berry, Professor of International Law and Regional Integration Law, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symone M. Mayhew, KC 2. Gladys Young, Assistant General Counsel of CARICOM 3. Dr Taimoon Stewart, Adjunct Lecturer, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill and Consultant in Competition Law
BREAK (VIDEO FOOTAGE OF FIRST ITINERANT SITTING OF THE COURT)	
4:15 pm - 4:55 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON THE ROLE OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION</p> <p>Moderator: Professor David Berry, Professor of International Law and Regional Integration Law, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Mikael Rask Madsen, Professor of Law and Director of iCourts, Centre of Excellence for International Courts, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen 2. Dr Salvatore Caserta, Associate Professor of Sociology of Law and International Law and the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen

4:55 pm - 5:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS
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DAY THREE - 28 NOVEMBER 2025

DAY CHAIR

Hon Mr Justice Chile Eboe-Osuji

9:00 am - 9:05 am	INTRODUCTION BY DAY CHAIR
9:05 am - 9:30 am	Address: Reflections on the Legacy of the CCJ Sir Dennis Byron, Former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice
9:30 am - 10:50 am	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON LAW AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN: ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE</p> <p>Moderator: Senator Anthony Vieira, SC, Independent Senator</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Sharon Le Gall, Senior Legal Consultant and Attorney at Law 2. Rueanna Haynes, Director of Climate Analytics Caribbean and Head of Diplomacy at Climate Analytics 3. Dr Justin Koo, Senior Lecturer, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine 4. Zachary A. R. Phillips, Crown Counsel, Attorney General's Chambers of Antigua and Barbuda <p>Floor Contribution from Tennesa Lawrence, Legal Counsel, Caribbean Development Bank</p>
BREAK	
11:10 am - 11:40 am	Address: The Approach to the Construction of Commercial Agreements B. St. Michael Hylton, KC
11:40 am -12:40 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARIBBEAN JURISPRUDENCE</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs Gabrielle Figaro-Jones, Registrar and Chief Marshal of the Caribbean Court of Justice</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Justice Ivor Archie, ORTT, Chief Justice (Retired) of Trinidad and Tobago 2. The Honourable Mr Justice Westmin James, Judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago 3. Bevil Wooding, Executive Director, The Caribbean Agency for Justice Solutions 4. Ian McDougall, President of LexisNexis Rule of Law Foundation
LUNCH	
1:40 pm - 2:10 pm	Address: Approaches to Adjudication: Some Evolving CCJ Methodologies The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Jamadar, Judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice and Chairman of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO)

2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	Q & A
2:20 pm - 3:20 pm	<p>STRUCTURED CONVERSATION ON THE ROLE OF OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN DEVELOPING CARIBBEAN JURISPRUDENCE</p> <p>Moderator: The Honourable Garth Wilkin, Attorney General and Minister of Justice & Legal Affairs of Saint Kitts & Nevis</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Honourable Mohabir Anil Nandlall, SC, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs of Guyana 2. Dr Timothy Affonso, Lecturer in Law, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine and Director of the Caribbean Centre for Human Rights 3. Gladys Young, Assistant General Counsel of CARICOM 4. Francesca Hawkins, Producer, Multimedia Content and Public Interest Communications Strategy
BREAK	
3:35 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>The Hon Mr Justice Winston Anderson President of the Caribbean Court of Justice</p>
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	CULTURAL ITEM
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	SOCIAL EVENT