



**Regional Caribbean Parliamentary Workshop to Promote Ratification and Implementation  
of the Biological Weapons Convention and Implementation of United Nations Security  
Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**

Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain

29-30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

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**PROGRAM**

**DAY 1**

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

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| 9:30am  | <i>Registration</i>   |
| 10:00am | Opening Remarks by Senator Wade Mark, Chair of PGA National Group                                 |
| 10:10am | Remarks by High Commissioner of Canada to Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Carla Hogan Rufelds            |
| 10:15am | Remarks by High Commissioner of United Kingdom to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Tim Stew               |
| 10:20am | Remarks by Ambassador Aad Biesebroek, Head of Delegation of European Union to Trinidad and Tobago |

*Master of Ceremonies: Hon. Rodney Charles, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago*



10:30am *Group Photo and Coffee Break*

10:50am *Discussion of Object and Purpose of Workshop*

Mr. O’Neil Hamilton, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540  
Coordinator for CARICOM

Ms. Amanda Cowl, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Regional  
Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and  
the Caribbean (UNLIREC) (Lima, Peru)

Ms. Ngoc Phuong van der Blij Political Affairs Officer, United Nations –  
BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU) – UNODA, Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Scott Spence, Expert, Group of Experts, UN Security Council  
Resolution 1540 Committee – United Nations, New York

*Moderator: Hon. Rushton Paray, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago*

12:00pm *Interactive Dialogue*

12:45pm *Lunch*

1:45pm *Prepared Remarks by Participants*

Hon. Pearnel Charles, Speaker of House of Representatives, Parliament  
of Jamaica

Hon. Barton Scotland, Speaker of the National Assembly of the  
Parliament of Guyana

Hon. Jomo Sanga Thomas, Speaker of House of Assembly, St. Vincent  
and The Grenadines

Hon. Andy Glenn Daniel, Speaker of the House of Assembly, St. Lucia

Hon. Alincia William-Grant, President, Senate of Antigua and Barbuda

*Moderator:*

*Interactive Dialogue*

2:45pm *Coffee Break*

3:00pm

*Prepared Remarks by Participants (Contd.)*

Hon. Caleb Desrameaux, Vice President, Chamber of Deputies, Haiti

Hon. Julio César Valentín Jiminián, Senator, Senate and former Speaker of Chamber of Deputies, Dominican Republic

Hon. Patrick Kensenhuis, Member of Parliament of Suriname

Senator Dr. Romel Singer, Barbados

Hon. Anthony Boatswain, Member of Parliament of Grenada

*Moderator: Senator Saddam Hosein, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago*

*Interactive Dialogue*

3:45pm

*Day 1 Concluding Summary and Remarks*

4:15pm

*Close of Day 1*

## DAY 2

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

- 10:00am
- Presentation by Mr. Shawn Kirk, National Contact Point, Biological Weapons Convention, Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago
- Presentation by Ms. Sacha Wallace-Sankarsingh, Bio-Risk Manager, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) – Trinidad and Tobago
- Presentation by Mr. Rickard James Kerwin, Project Leader, Biological & Chemical Security, UNSCR 1540 Programming, Weapons Threat Reduction Program, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa, Canada)
- Moderator: Senator Khadijah Ameen, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago*
- Interactive Dialogue*
- 11:30am
- Coffee Break*
- 11:45am
- Introduction and Discussion of Port of Spain Plan of Action*
- Mr. Peter Barcroft, Director, Peace & Security Programme, PGA
- Interactive Dialogue*
- 12:45pm
- Closing Remarks by Senator Taharqa Obika, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago*
- 1:00pm
- Lunch*
- 1:30-2:45pm
- Visit to Session of Senate of Trinidad and Tobago and Recognition of PGA Delegation by President of Senate
- 3:00pm
- Close of Day 2*

