

**COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT
AND ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC RESILIENCE OF SMALL STATES**

**Padila Vidal Conference Room, OAS
Washington D.C
September 18, 2007**

OPENING CEREMONY-		
CHAIR - Cletus I Springer, Chief, Caribbean Division, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS		
9.00 – 9.05a.m	Welcome Remarks by Chairman	
9.05 – 9.10a.m	Remarks by Ambassador Alfonso Quinonez, Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, OAS	
9.10 - 9.25a.m	Address by Mr. Ransford Smith, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat	
9.25 – 9.40a.m	Address by Secretary-General of the OAS, H.E Dr. Jose Miguel Inzulza	
9.40 – 9.45a.m	Vote of Thanks – Chair	
SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES		
CHAIR: H.E. Ambassador Michael King, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the OAS		
9.50 – 10.20a.m	Macro-Economic Stability and Resilience in Small States	Dr. Larry Schembri, Bank of Canada
10.30 -11.00a.m	COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 1: CONTINUED		
11.00 -11.30a.m		Dr. Paul Sutton, University of Hull, U.K
11.45 – 12.15p.m	Economic Resilience and Social Development Nexuses and Challenges	Mr. Naren Prasad, UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
12.15 – 12.45p.m	Environmental Governance and Economic Resilience	Dr. John Roberts, Indian Ocean Commission
1.00 – 1.30p.m	LUNCH	
SESSION 2: ECONOMIC RESILIENCE INDEX – DESIGN AND METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES		
CHAIR: H.E Ambassador Ellsworth John, Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the OAS		
1.30 -2.15p.m	Conceptual Issues Associated with Vulnerability and Resilience	Dr. Gordon Cordina University of Malta
2.30 – 3.00p.m	Methodological Approaches to Assessing Risks from Economic Vulnerability	Professor Lino Briguglio, University of Malta
3.15 – 3.45p.m	Composite Index Construction	Nadia Farrugia and Stephanie Vella – University of Malta
4.00 – 4.30p.m	Discussion	
4.30 – 5.00p.m - Closing Ceremony		
Closing Remarks – Deputy Secretary - General, Commonwealth Secretariat – Mr. Ransford Smith		
Closing Remarks – Ms. Sherry Tross, Chief of Staff Office of the Assistant- Secretary-General of the OAS		

