Final Progress Report

OAS Department of Sustainable Development Project "Understanding and Improving Walkable Caribbean Urban Heritage: Willemstad, Paramaribo, Bridgetown, St. George's, and East Port-of-Spain"

Submitted by Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management (CNULM/blueSpace) at the University of the West Indies, Jeffrey Soule (US/ICOMOS), and Gregory Scruggs (Columbia University), May 19, 2014

Outputs	Indicator
(1) Assessment of historic sites, existing literature, current preservation policies and practices, conservation and management plans, and history of four historic Caribbean cities as they relate to Valletta Principles and HUL guidelines.	(1) Final report entitled "The Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) in the Caribbean: UNESCO World Heritage Cities as Models for Sustainable Urban Development to Promote Walking and Cycling"
(2) Create and disseminate policy recommendations to reduce car usage, improve walkability and cycling, and stimulate potential for economic development; present them to academia, planning professionals, and land use policymakers at the municipal, national and regional level.	(2) Final report entitled "The Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) in the Caribbean: UNESCO World Heritage Cities as Models for Sustainable Urban Development to Promote Walking and Cycling," which will be distributed to academia, planning professionals, and land use policymakers at the municipal, national and regional level
(3) Project management and reporting	(3) Internal communications and communications with OAS
Activities	Indicator
(1a) Desktop review of existing literature, current preservation policies and	(1a) Final report entitled "The Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) in the Caribbean: UNESCO World Heritage Cities as Models for Sustainable

practices, conservation and management plans, education and skills training in urban heritage and culture, and history of each locality as it relates to Valletta Principles and HUL guidelines. Urban Development to Promote Walking and Cycling"

- (1b) Site visits to Willemstad, Paramaribo, East Port of Spain, Bridgetown for interviews, photo documentation and visual analysis of preservation standards
- (1b) Final report entitled "The Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) in the Caribbean: UNESCO World Heritage Cities as Models for Sustainable Urban Development to Promote Walking and Cycling" and attached press releases and media coverage as proof of site visits
- (1c) Detailed assessment of East Port of Spain as it relates to the criteria necessary for achieving UNESCO Heritage status
- (1c) Report entitled "Assessment of East Port of Spain in achieving UNESCO Heritage Status"
- (2a) Creation of technical and policy papers and academic papers for presentation at workshop, CARICOM Council of Economic Trade and Development (COTED) and in academic journals
- (2a) Ongoing outcome of final report entitled "The Historic Urban Landscape (HUL) in the Caribbean: UNESCO World Heritage Cities as Models for Sustainable Urban Development to Promote Walking and Cycling"
- (2b) Hosting of workshop session on built and cultural heritage as it relates to economic development to obtain stakeholder feedback as part of Caribbean Urban Forum 3.
- (2b) Jeff Soule's paper "Heritage Management Tools and What We Can Learn from Historic Cities" and presentation at Caribbean Urban Forum 3 / Gregory Scruggs' participation in community symposium "Sustainable Development and Mobility of East Port of Spain: Reflections from National and International Experiences" / Gregory Scruggs' moderated panel at Caribbean Urban Forum 4 on historic Bridgetown
- (2c) Dissemination of information via the blueSpace website www.bluespacecaribbean.com
- (2c) Forthcoming, but in the interim see attached media coverage and dissemination at CTS Embarq's Congreso de Transporte Sostenible (October 2013), Trinidad Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development's "Sustainable Development and Mobility of East Port of Spain:
- (3) Assignment of project manager, narrative and financial reporting

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Climate Change Expert, Jeff Soule, to Visit Trinidad and Tobago On Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., 28 February 2013 – Jeff Soule, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling March 9th through March 17th to participate in meetings and events in Trinidad and Tobago including the Caribbean Urban Forum which will discuss urban and land-management issues. Mr. Soule works at the American Planning Association as the Director of Outreach and International Programs.

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Mr. Soule is an expert in sustainable urban planning and development. During his exchange to Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Soule will be meeting with a wide variety of organizations and government officials, including the East Port of Spain Development Corporation, The President of Trinidad and Tobago's International Committee on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the Ministry of Planning and Spatial Development. Mr. Soule will also present an outline on the value of cultural heritage and historic city centers in guiding new development and redevelopment at a session of the Caribbean Urban Forum. He is Treasurer of the United States Committee of ICOMOS and on the Executive Bureau of the Scientific Committee on Cultural Towns and Cities.

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Sustainable Development Expert, Jeff Soule, to Visit Suriname on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., March 22, 2013– Jeff Soule, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling March 25th- April 1st to Suriname to examine the current challenges of urbanization in the historic city of Paramaribo, a <u>World Heritage Site</u>. Mr. Soule works at the <u>American Planning Association</u> as the Director of Outreach and International Programs.

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Mr. Soule is an expert in sustainable urban planning and development and will work in collaboration with government agencies, university members, and local NGO's to investigate the environmental impact of new commercial developments on the local river and green spaces in the city. He will take into account Paramaribo's port, transportation systems, and multi-cultural community to ensure that future strategies are sustainable and long lasting. During his exchange, Mr. Soule will meet with the Commission for Monuments, representatives from the Anton de Kom University, the Secretary-General Suriname National Commission for UNESCO, Paramaribo Conservation Foundation, and the Director of Culture in Suriname.

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Gregory Scruggs

Consultant on Latin American and the Caribbean

American Planning Association

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I am pleased to cordially invite you to participate in the initial experts meeting of the project "Expanding the Socio-Economic Potential of Cultural Heritage in the Caribbean. Phase I: Needs Assessment and Project Selection," which will be held at the Amaryllis Beach Resort in Bridgetown, Barbados, on May 7-9, 2013.

This project is coordinated by the Office of Education and Culture (DHDEC/SEDI) of the Organization of American States, in collaboration with technical partner Coherit Associates, LLC, experts in the field of cultural heritage protection and promotion.

The goal of this project, which began to be executed in October 2012, is to contribute to expanding the socio-economic benefits of regional cultural heritage as valuable, non-renewable public resources through a new paradigm of public engagement. Its focus is on the OAS member states of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. The project enjoys financial support from the U.S. Permanent Mission to the OAS.

The first major project activity, which has recently been completed, is an online survey to assess needs and priorities regarding the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage and its incorporation into development strategies in the region. Based on the responses received, we have selected a small group of experts to participate in this meeting based on their knowledge of heritage conditions in their countries and the region, the relevance of their professional experience, and their insightful responses on the needs-assessment survey.



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The agenda of the meeting will focus on a review of the conclusions of the survey, the formulation of recommendations for a regional framework on heritage protection and promotion, aspects related to the creation of a project consultative group, and discussion of criteria for selecting pilot projects for a possible future phase of the project.

If you are able to accept our invitation, we would greatly appreciate your confirmation by <u>May 3</u>. Unfortunately, given the limitations of our project budget, our organization is not in a position to fund the expenses related your participation. However, the hotel will make available its special negotiated rate for your lodging.

Please send your confirmation, regrets, or any questions you may have to Marisa Garcia by email at MGarciaL@oas.org. To confirm your participation, we would appreciate your completing and sending the (attached) registration form to this same email or by fax (202) 458-3167 by the above-mentioned date. Further details about the meeting's programme and other details will follow soon.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in Bridgetown for this important meeting and look forward hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Lenore Yaffee Garcia

Director

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Sustainable Development Expert, Jeff Soule, to Visit Barbados on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., June 20, 2013 – <u>Jeff Soule</u>, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling June 22nd-27th to participate in meetings and events in Barbados including Heritage Month activities. Senior ECPA Fellow Jeff Soule works as the Director of Outreach and International Programs at the American Planning Association and is representing the Sustainable Communities in Central America and the Caribbean Initiative.

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Mr. Soule is an expert in historic cities and sustainable urban planning and development; he has a long-standing commitment to historic preservation through U.S. ICOMOS and has reviewed several UNESCO World Heritage Site applications. Jeff will be visiting Barbados on the occasion of its two year anniversary since receiving a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation, and will be discussing how historic city centers can serve as models of sustainable and energy-efficient urban development in Caribbean countries. While in Barbados, Mr. Soule will meet with town planners, tourism officials, the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth, the Barbados National Trust and the Barbados Museum and Historical Society. He will deliver a public lecture at the Barbados Museum entitled "Historic Core Cities: Lessons for contemporary sustainability." He will also participate in Heritage Month activities designed to mark the second anniversary of Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Sustainable Land Use and Policy Planning Expert, Jeff Soule, to Visit Barbados on Behalf of ECPA Senior Fellows



Washington, D.C., May 7th, 2014 – Jeff Soule, a Senior Fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), will be traveling May 7th to May 11th to participate in meetings and events in Barbados including the <u>Caribbean Conference of National Trusts</u>. Senior ECPA Fellow Jeff Soule works at American Planning Association as the Director of Outreach and International Programs.

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During his visit to Barbados, Mr. Soule will deliver a keynote presentation at the Caribbean Conference of National Trusts and will participate in meetings with stakeholders from various Caribbean conservation agencies, local ministers and the U.S. Embassy. This series of events is the direct result of <u>earlier support that ECPA Fellows Program</u> lent to organize a conference that shared ideas, solutions, and resources for greater <u>urban preservation in Barbados</u>. This year Mr. Soule will facilitate a discussion between regional governments and international investors on improving the living standards in cities and increasing energy conservation through better urban planning.

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Senior ECPA Fellow Presents at Caribbean Conference of National Trusts in Barbados

Written by Jeff Soule, Senior ECPA Fellow

Over 15 national Trusts and heritage organizations from around the Caribbean met for the first time to share ideas, tools and techniques for cultural and natural conservation. I presented a Keynote talk on the importance of preserving and enhancing historic city centers as a key means of energy conservation and sustainability. Through adaptive reuse of buildings, compact settlement patterns, walkability and mixed use, the historic places show how we need to develop new areas and focus on infill.



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One of the historic buildings in Bridgetown adaptively re-used by the Power and Light Company

Each country presented their current situation and there were many similarities. One area everyone agrees needs more effort in citizen involvement. By educating the public about the value of reusing and preserving the built environment we can gain more political support for the investments and government rules and regulations needed to encourage conservation as opposed to green-field development. The greenest building is the one that is already built.

At the conclusion of the program, a declaration was drafted to which I successfully added the following:

"Noting an urgent need to carefully use our land resources, we commit to promote the value of historical settlement patterns and traditional building techniques in new development and redevelopment."

I also mention that land conservation is the flip side of center city revitalization in my address. If we make it hard for builders and investors to redevelop and make it easy for them to develop in the agricultural land, it's no surprise that the historic city centers decay and decline. We saw many case studies of revitalization and the change in thinking especially of the young generation, for instance the Woodbrook neighborhood in Port of Spain is a vibrant commercial, residential area adjacent to the center city. If the governments and international entities are serious about climate change and energy conservation, they need to pay attention to investments and support for historic cities and towns.

To learn more about the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) program, click here.

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ne of the many missions of the NGO Citizens for Conservation is to change the public perception of natural and built heritage.

According to the group's president, architect Rudylynn Roberts, "Every village in Trinidad has something special."

Another architect and executive member Geoffrey MacLean said. "There's a public perception that built heritage is symbolised by the Magnificent Seven and these great houses that belonged to the colonial masters, but there are so many other aspects that need to be examined."

There are many places MacLean mentioned that fall under this category, from the area of Belmont and the many gingerbread houses that still exist there to the Shiva Mandir in Reform Village.

Both Roberts and MacLean were speaking at an interview during a Citizens for Conservation meeting in Coblentz Gardens, Port-of-Spain where around 15 passionate individuals had gathered to plan and prepare for more of the group's outreach activities.

Citizens for Conservation was founded quite dramatically in 1985 after a group of concerned citizens, artists, architects and engineers got together to save the historic George Brown house on Stanmore Avenue. As founding member Christine Millar describes it, "when we started people thought we were mad."

"We were at a function and someone mentioned that the George Brown house was being demolished in the morning and we immediately organised to stop it from happening. Every artist was there and then (Peter) Minshall put on a whole show where he was the ghost of George Brown and they went round and round the Savannah and that is how it started. Right there in the Savannah there was a resolution taken under a tree," she said.

Since then one of the group's major accomplishments has been the advocacy work that resulted in the passing of the National Trust Act in 1991. Roberts explained that Citizens for Conservation began lobbying for a restoration committee within the government soon after their founding. The committee was the foundation block of what has become the National Trust.

Roberts said Citizens also lobbied for the Historical Restoration Unit within the Ministry of Works. The act was meant to provide legal protection for heritage sites. Yet, even though the trust has been active since 1999, there remain no legally protected sites.

This remains a low point for the organisation-many of their members have held positions on the National Trust board.

Other accomplishments noted by Roberts included publication of books and studies on heritage, public outreach programmes such as the Day of 1000 Trees and ongoing work with school children through providing resources, information and even correcting research papers. MacLean also noted the restoration of the grave of 19th century painter Michel Jean Cazabon in Laperyouse Cemetery as extremely important to the history of T&T.

Citizens for Conservation has also offered technical support to many restoration projects and at one point occupied and carried out restoration work on Stollmeyer's Castle.

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'Every village in T&T is special'

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In the ongoing restoration of the George Brown house which is now being carried out by UK architectural firm Donald Insall Associates, Citizens for Conservation is also a technical advisor.

There seemed to be a general consensus among Citizens for Conservation members that the National Trust has suffered from being a government organisation. According to Roberts, the trust was modelled after several similar organisations such as those in Barbados and the UK which are run through public membership.

"A major obstacle to the work of conservation in T&T has been a lack of political interest," said MacLean. However, political interest alone may not be enough to drum up support from the general public.

Another expert who Citizens for Conservation may soon be working with is conservationist Jeffrey Soule. For the remainder of the year, Soule will be working with various NGOs and the Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management on a joint Unesco/OAS project looking at historic Caribbean cities.

A report will be written on each city detailing findings on the meaning of cultural heritage and the use of heritage in development. Whether the reports are put to use will be up the communities studied, however. "If the community decides they want to do something with UNESCO one of the prime requirements is that they have a functioning preservation system, without that there's no point in talking about world heritage," said Soule.

Part of the problem according to MacLean is not only the absence of laws but also a lack of education. Even as Roberts admits that the trust has not



worked the way it was meant to, she says Citizens for Conservation still supports the organisation.

Most recently, Citizens has begun a series of meetings with Minister of National Diversity and Social

Integration, Clifton DeCoteau to discuss many of the issues facing heritage protec-tion in T&T. The group has now engaged the International National Trusts Organisation to lend expertise to reorganising the trust. The work does not stop with the reorganisation of the trust, however. Next, Roberts said Citizens for Conservation would reopen a campaign for tax incentives for people working on restorative projects.

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Sustainable Development and Mobility of East Port of Spain: Reflections from National and International Experiences

SYMPOSIUM IN PORT OF SPAIN
Date: Tuesday 25th March, 2014
Place: Laventille Community Complex, Laventille.

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OPENING SESSION

[10:00-10:30AM] Introduction, Gilberto Chona, Inter-American Development Bank [10:30-10:45AM] Remarks, Representative, Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING PLANNING IN T&T

[10:45-11:15AM] Dr. Perry Polar, Caribbean Network for Urban and Land Management (BlueSpace), University of the West Indies

INTRODUCTION TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDIO PROJECT

[11:15-11:45AM] Dr. Clara Irazábal, Latin America and Caribbean Lab, Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (GSAPP)
[11:45-12:00PM] Questions & Discussion

[12:00-1:30PM] LUNCH BREAK

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN RIVER REVITALIZATION AND LINEAR PARKS Moderator: Rachel Levy, Columbia University GSAPP

[1:30-2:00PM] Case Studies: San Antonio River and Los Angeles River, Erica Mollon and Alexandria Fiorini, Columbia University GSAPP

[2:00-2:15PM] Response: Mr. Mark Raymond, Trinidad and Tobago Institute of Architects

[2:15-2:30PM] Questions & Discussion

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN CABLE CARS AS URBAN MASS TRANSIT

[2:30-3:00PM] Case Studies: Medellín, Colombia and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jihyeon Jeong and Meagan Aaron, Columbia University GSAPP

[3:00-3:15PM] Response: Ms. Margaret McDowall, Trinidad and Tobago Society of Planners

[3:15-3:30PM] Questions & Discussion

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

[4:00-4:30PM] Case Studies: New Orleans, USA and Cuba, Xuzheng Wong and Franziska Grimm, Columbia University GSAPP

[4:30-4:45PM] Response: Mr. Rubadiri Victor, Council for the Arts and Mr. Geoffrey MacLean, Citizens for Conservation

[4:45-5:00PM] Questions & Discussion

A BRIEF SURVEY OF CARIBBEAN PLANNING PROJECTS

[5:00-5:30PM] Gregory Scruggs, Latin Lab, Columbia University GSAPP [5:30-5:45PM] Questions & Discussion / Closing Remarks

Caribbean Urban Forum 2014 Conference Agenda

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9:30 a.m. –	OPENING CEREMONY – KHAIROON (MAIN ROOM)		
11:00 a.m.	Feature <i>F</i>	Address – Hon. Freundel Stuart, Q.C. M.P, Prime Mir	nister of Barbados
11:15a.m. –		PRESS BRIEFING	
11:45 a.m.		Coffee Break	
11:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Conference Sign-In		
2:00 pm. –	TECHNICAL MOBILE WORKSHOP (Urban Housing Solutions)		olutions)
4:30 p.m.		Bus Leaves Accra at 2:00 pm	
1:00 p.m. –	Business Meeting 2 – Khairoon Room	Christopher Room	Business Meeting 1 – Karissa Room
5:00 p.m.	Caribbean Planners Association (CPA) Dialogue 1:30pm-2:45pm	CARILED Workshop (By Invitation Only)	CNULM/BlueSpace Business Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm
	Business Meeting 3 – Khairoon Room CARICOM Representatives Technical Meeting 3:00pm-4:30pm		
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Mix & Mingle Reception		
		END OF DAY 1	

		DAY 2 - Thursday May 15 2014	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conference Sign in & Registration		
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	PLENARY & KEY	NOTE SPEAKER (Mr. Alan Jones – Consultant for Commo	onwealth Local Government Forum)
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session 1 – Khairoon Room Conserving Heritage Session Moderator: Deborah Thomas The Shaping of a Livable and Democratic Heritage City through Social –Cultural Productive Processes – Marciano Rilano Dasai Placemaking of "Freetown-Belmont". Community participatory mapping of cultural heritage sites in the Belmont community of East Port of Spain Capital, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago - Jalaludin A. Khan	 Breakout Session 2 – Christopher Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Carolyn Trench Theoretical formulation for urban place making in the Caribbean (case of Jamaica) – Earl Bailey Towards Safe Placemaking: Demonstrating the Use of Urban Design Elements to Enhance Safety in a University Town, Papine, Jamaica - Jacqueline Douglas Brown, Rennai Byfield, Rupert Green, Yanique Powell-Green and Wayneworth Hamilton 	Breakout Session 3 – Leanna Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Ancil Kirk Emergency Relief Planning: Creating a safe space for women - Kimberley Fils-Aimé Sustainability and Place Making Approaches for The Development of Tourist Resorts in The Caribbean: Baha Mar Resort Case Study - Roberta Bosfield
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.		Morning Coffee Break	
10:45 am. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 4 – Khairoon Room Conserving Heritage Session Moderator: Ryan Dharmanie The Emerging "Emerald Necklace" of Bridgetown - Kevin Talma Landmarks, Cultural Legacy and the Utility of Public Space in Jamaica's Parish Capitals Zaneta Scott	Breakout Session 5 – Christopher Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Carol Archer A review of the EIA process in Barbados - Melony A. Shoye and Janice Cumberbatch Tenantries, Development and the Tenantries Freehold Purchase Act in Barbados – Joy Best	Breakout Session 6 – Leanna Room Resilient Communities Session Moderator: Jacqueline Dacosta Place making + Climate Change Resilience: Case studies from Grenada and Canada – Rory Basksh Learning from the Past to Plan for the Future – Tracy Marshall

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.		Lunch Special Presentation by TCL in Khairoon 12:30pr	m – 1:00pm
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 7 – Khairoon Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Michel Frojmovic Panel Presentation: Emerging Practices in National Land Use Planning in the Caribbean – Moderator: Mr. Michel Frojmovic Presenters: Annie Edwards: Physical Planner in the Physical Planning Division (Dominica) Marie Hinds: Assistant Coordinator at the Town and Country Planning Division, Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development (Trinidad & Tobago) Carolyn Trench-Sandiford: C.Trench- Sandiford and Associates (Belize) Rory Baksh: Associate at Dillon Consulting Limited (Canada)	Breakout Session 8 – Christopher Room Conserving Heritage Session Moderator: Denis Ricard Panel Presentation: Bridgetown: A Case Study in UNESCO World Heritage Sites as Models for Sustainable Urban Development – Moderator: Mr. Gregory Scruggs Presenters: – Mrs. Sharon Christie: Chairperson for The Revitalisation of Bridgetown Initiative (Barbados) – Dr. Karl Watson: President of the Barbados National Trust (Barbados) – Kevin Farmer: Deputy Director of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society (Barbados)	Breakout Session 9 – Leanna Room Resilient Communities Session Moderator: Perry Polar Place making in the management of coastal resources: The case of the La Guira Bay, Tobago – Ben Maharaj Sustaining Strong and Resilient Communities - Grenville Phillips II Placing Disaster Vulnerability Reduction at the heart of Planning and Placemaking – Steve Kemp
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.		Afternoon Coffee Break	

3:00 p.m. –	Breakout Session 10 – Khairoon Room	Breakout Session 11 – Christopher Room	Breakout Session 13 — Leanna Room
4:15 p.m.	Local Economic Development	Resilient Communities	Professional Planning Practice
	Session Moderator: Perry Polar	Session Moderator: Lennox Austin	Session Moderator: Janice Cumberbatch
	 Panel Presentation and Film Leveraging Built and Cultural Heritage for Economic Development in East Port of Spain, Trinidad RDI Project —	 Green Mapping in the Caribbean: A Tool for Community Vulnerability Assessment and Capacity Building - Samantha Page; Carianne Johnson and Dr. Danika van Proosdij Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility – CCRIF, Nicholas Grainger Flooding: A case study of the Diego Martin Watershed in Trinidad and Tobago - Marissa McMillan 	 Layers of the Land – Integrating the Foundation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles into the Planning Process - Christian Jattan and Victoria Gibson Developing & Maintaining Sustainable Communities: Managing the output focus of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) - Derek Johnson, Victoria Gibson and Emma Stevens Urban Design and Renewal, Its Impact on Crime, Safety and the Perception of Safety in Downtown Kingston, Jamaica – Jacqueline Douglas Brown
4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.		Break (End of Sessions)	
4:15 p.m. –		Press Briefing	
4:45 p.m.		i ress briefing	
6:00 p.m. –	Cultural	Night Out – Harrison's Cave (Buses Leave Accra Bea	ch Hotel at 6:00 pm)
10:00 p.m.	Sponsored by the Division of De	fence and Security, Prime Minister's Office, Barbado	os Tourism Authority and Barbados Port Inc.
		END OF DAY 2	

		DAY 3 - Friday May 16 2014	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. –	Conference Sign in & Registration		
9:15 a.m.	PLENARY & KEYNOT	E SPEAKER (Mrs. Christine Platt – President of Commonwealth	n Association of Planners)
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Breakout Session 13 – Khairoon Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Michel Frojmovic Panel Presentation: An interactive Workshop to Design a Regional Program for Continued Professional Learning – Presenters: Representatives of Caribbean Planners Association BlueSpace Caribbean Commonwealth Association of Planners UN Habitat	 Breakout Session 14 – Christopher Room Local Economic Development Session Moderator: Deborah Thomas An audit of the city of Bridgetown as a potential site for the implementation of a cultural evening economy – Stacia Bryan Infrastructure and Local Economic Development in Urban Communities: Case Study of Cecil Charlton Park, Manchester, Jamaica – Mr. Phil Rodriques Infrastructure and Local Economic Development in Urban Communities - Mayor Darrel Bradley (Belize) 	 Breakout Session 15 – Leanna Room Involving Communities Session Moderator: Janice Cumberbatch Placecheck: Actively Involving Stakeholders and Communities in Placemaking - Steve Kemp Seeing the Environment Through Residents' Eyes – A Planning Tool - Giovana Beltrão. Sustainable Community Essentials for Developing Countries – Lester King
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Morning Coffee Break		
11:00 am. – 12:15 p.m.	Breakout Session 16 – Khairoon Room Involving Communities Session Moderator: Carol Archer Participatory Planning in Belize: Exploring Opportunities from the Belize Municipal Development Project (BMDP) - Keisha Rodriguez and Gina Young Mapping, assessing, engaging: promoting participatory planning processes towards climate adaptation in the urban Caribbean - Dr. Felix Aponte-Gonzalez	Breakout Session 17 – Christopher Room Local Economic Development Session Moderator: Perry Polar Cultural Festivals and Pop Retail in Small States: Case Study of Point Fortin, Trinidad & Tobago - Ms. Jillian Quashie Cultural Festivals and Pop Retail in Small States: Case Study of Carriacou Seafood Festival - Mr. Jeffrey Izzaak Before the pavements: Situating street-dwelling and vagrancy in the residential histories of the homeless – Priya Kissoon	Breakout Session 18 – Leanna Room Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Andrew Sacret Panel Presentation: Building Capacity for Planning in the Caribbean Region – Mr. Andrew Sacret: Canadian Institute of Planners Dr. Asad Mohammed: BlueSpace Caribbean Ms. Jennifer Graeff: American Planners Assoc. Dr. Larry Wolfe: Canadian Institute of Planners and Vice-President, Americas (Co-opt)

	Participatory Neighbourhood upgrading in Port au Prince - Rodrigo Melo and Simon Degrez	
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 19 – Khairoon Room Involving Communities Session Moderator: Lennox Austin The Making of a University Town: The Role of The University of Technology, Jamaica in Shaping Papine and its Environs - Carol Archer and Nadine Freeman-Prince Cultural Heritage Planning – Engaging Residents" - Dr. Robert Shipley, Dr. Copeland Stupart, and Dr. Rob Feick Slow Planning: The Mirebalais Planning Initiative and the Construction of Resilient Cities in Haiti – Enrique R. Silva, Jacky Wiggin, Asad Mohammed Breakout Session 20 – Chris Local Economic Development Strategy in Extractive Industries - Roger Hose Business leadership and sustainabe study of SME hotels in Jamaica - One Development of a Place Branding Competitiveness: A Case of the Chamansingh	Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Larry Wolfe A review and analysis of Guyana's hinterland housing initiative (2009-2014): opening spaces for development partnership with remote Amerindian communities - Rawle Edinboro, Donell Bess-Bascom and Gabriel Arboleda Approach for City Professional Planning Practice Session Moderator: Larry Wolfe A review and analysis of Guyana's hinterland housing initiative (2009-2014): opening spaces for development partnership with remote Amerindian communities - Rawle Edinboro, Donell Bess-Bascom and Gabriel Arboleda Multi-criteria decision making in selecting
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Coffee	Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	PLENARY & CLOSING I	REMARKS
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Break (End of Sess Press Briefing (4:00 –	
7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Closing Gala/Entertainment/Keynote Speaker (Prof. Henry Fraser — Archite Hand Over to Host of	•
	END OF DAY 3	

	Day 4 - Saturday May 17 2014	
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Tour Activity 1 – Historic Bridgetown & its Garrison: Bus and Walking Tour (Bus 1 Leaves Accra Beach Hotel 8:45 am)		
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tour Activity 2 – Barbados Blue Catamaran: West Coast Tour	
	END OF DAY 4	

^{*} Cost of Tours is not included in Conference fees.

