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Innovation Policy Forum

**Growing the Caribbean Innovation Economy**

A symposium organized in cooperation with the CARICOM Science, Technology and Innovation Committee, the Organization of American States, and the Inter-American Development Bank

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The Lecture Room  
National Academy of Sciences  
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC



**AGENDA**

9:00 AM **Welcome**  
David Hart, *Co-Chair, Innovation Policy Forum*

9:10 AM **Keynote: The Grande Anse Initiative and its Objectives**  
The Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, *Prime Minister of Grenada*

9:30 AM **Panel I: S&T Opportunities for the Caribbean**  
Moderator: David Hart, *Co-Chair, Innovation Policy Forum*

Science and Innovation Cooperation for Development  
Vaughan Turekian, *Department of State*

**Innovating in the Caribbean: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Arnoldo Ventura, *Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology*

**Universities as Drivers of Knowledge-based Development**  
Luz Longsworth, *University of the West Indies*

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

10:45 AM **Panel II: New Dynamics in Innovation**

Moderator: Kathleen Kingscott, *IBM*

**Sparking the Entrepreneurial Impulse**

Ingrid Riley, *Start-Up Jamaica*

**Leveraging the Caribbean Diaspora**

Cardinal Warde, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

**Broadband as a Tool for Innovation**

Ignacio de León, *Inter-American Development Bank*

**Delivering Accelerator Services Online**

Charles Maynard, *ACI Avantor Commercial Incubators*

12:00 Noon **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Luncheon Keynote: Driving Innovation and Competitiveness in the Caribbean**

H. E. Dr. Neil Parsan, *Organization of American States*

1:50 PM **Panel III: Cooperation on Research and Development**

Moderator: E. William Colglazier, *AAAS*

**Meeting the Caribbean's Resilience Challenge**

José Holguín-Veras, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*

**The Islands Energy Program**

Leslie Labruto, *Clinton Climate Initiative*

**Securing Innovation through Trade and IP**

César Parga, *Organization of American States*

3:00 PM **Coffee Break**

3:15 PM

**Panel IV: Fostering Innovation Ecosystems**

Moderator: Maryann Feldman, *National Science Foundation*

**Elements of Innovation Ecosystems: Lessons for the Caribbean**

Jean-Louis Racine, *World Bank*

**Growing an Innovation Ecosystem in the U.S. Virgin Islands**

Gillian Marcelle, *University of the Virgin Islands Research & Technology Park*

**Financing Green Ecosystems for Innovation**

Doug Lawrence, *5 Stone Green Capital*

4:15 PM

**Panel V: Moving the Agenda Forward**

Moderator: The Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, *Prime Minister of Grenada*

**Innovation Benchmarks, Assessments, and Learning**

Sandra Wint, *Independent Consultant*

**Perspectives from the On-Line Generation**

Gillian Marcelle, *University of the Virgin Islands*

Charles Maynard, *ACI Avantor Commercial Incubators*

Ingrid Riley, *SiliconCaribe*

**Next Steps for Grande Anse**

Arnoldo Ventura, *Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology*

5:30 PM

**Adjourn to Reception**