

China-Caribbean Business Dialogue
Draft Agenda
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Sponsors: Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)
China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)

Venue: Hilton Hotel Barbados

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Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:50 **Opening Ceremony**

Mr. Philip Williams, Executive Director of Caribbean Export
Mr. Songgen Dong, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and Head of Delegation.
His Excellency Mr. Qiang Wei, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Barbados
Signing of Agreement of Cooperation between Caribbean Export/CCPIT

10:00 - 10:40 **Promoting Growth amidst Global Financial Crisis**
Chinese and Caribbean companies can also feel the pain caused by global economic crisis, which started from developed countries. Invited speakers will introduce the current business trends of both China and the Caribbean and share their vision about the future of China-Caribbean economic cooperation.

Dr. Denny Lewis-Bynoe, Director of Economics Department, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
Mr. Xu Yingxin, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Textile Sub-Council

10:40 – 11:00 **Break**

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Discover Caribbean: Important Steps to Expand China's Investment

Due to the geographical distance and cultural differences, the Caribbean still remains mysterious for Chinese businessmen. Key information about industry competitiveness, business environment and investment incentives will be helpful for potential Chinese investors.

Mr. Robert Gregory, Chairman of the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA)

Mr. Russ Jones, Partner Tax, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Barbados

12:00 – 14:00

Introduction of Feature Speaker: Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Ambassador Designate, People's Republic of China

Luncheon - Feature Address:

Dr. the Hon. David C. Estwick, M. P.

Minister of Economic Affairs, Empowerment, Innovation, Trade, Industry and Commerce, Barbados

14:00 – 15:30

Partnerships to Facilitate Trade and Promote Tourism

Trade fairs, business fora, exchange of trade missions are proven to be effective to increase trade. Rich tourism resources will attract more Chinese visitors to the Caribbean with proper promotion. Speakers will share their insights with attendees.

Mr. Vincent Philbert, Head of the OECS Export Development Unit (EDU)

Mrs. Susan Springer, Executive Vice President, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA)

Mr. Xu Shan, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Zhejiang, Sub-Council

15:30 - 16:30

Open Discussion on Enhancing Relations between China and the CARIFORUM States

Moderator: Mr. Desmond Brunton, Vice President, Operations, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

16:30 – 17:00

Closing session