

**The United Nations  
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)  
Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and the UNFCCC COP 21 Meeting in Paris**

***What these mean for the Caribbean?***

**A High Profile Climate Change Exchange**

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Good evening!

At this time kindly stand for the National Anthem of Belize.

**Opening remarks**

In December one hundred and ninety five sovereign states will be meeting in Paris, France in an attempt to conclude a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change. *The theme of the Paris UNFCCC COP is: for a Universal Climate Agreement.*

We will start the program with a short video entitled five things to know about Climate Change in the Caribbean

At this time I am especially pleased and happy to welcome our special guest speakers and panellists and other speakers:

Professor Chris Field and Dr, Katharine Mach of Stanford University

Dr. Leonard Nurse of the University of the West Indies

Mr. Selwin Hart of the UN Secretary General Climate Change Support Team

Ms. Nellie Catzim of the Alliance of Small Island States in New York, and

Dr. Ulric Trotz, Dr. Mark Bynoe, Mr. Carlos Fuller, Mr. Joseph McGann and Mr. Kenneth Reid of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre

Also, I would like to extend a special welcome to His Excellency, Sir Colville Young, Governor General of Belize, His Worship, the Chief Justice, Mr. Kenneth Benjamin and Mrs. Benjamin, Ministers and Members of Government, the members of the diplomatic corps, members of the Non-Governmental Organizations, Members of the media in general, but especially to the Caribbean Media Corporation from Barbados and the CVM Television from Jamaica who have joined us in Belize to broadcast tonight's program to the rest of the Caribbean Community. The local TV and Radio stations: KREM, LOVE, Channel 5 and Channel 7 for agreeing to broadcast the program across Belize.

Finally, I would like to welcome all those listeners who are joining us via the internet using the live stream, those following on social media including Twitter and Face book and to members of the audience present. The official hash tag for this event is Caribbean Cop 21.

Before starting the programme, I would like to acknowledge the support, financially and otherwise, provided to the 5Cs by our collaborative partners: The European Union through its Global Climate Change Alliance Program (EU-GCCA), the Government of the United Kingdom through the Department for International Development (DFID) and KREM radio and TV for broadcasting the program at no cost.

During the next two hours you will hear presentations from our guest speakers and panellists on the findings of the latest Scientific Assessment of the state of earth's climate and in particular the implications to our Region's long-term socioeconomic development. A brief biography of each speaker is provided in the speaker's guide.

It is our expectation that we will have full participation from the audience during the panel discussion. As such we will devote forty five minutes for that segment of the program.

### **Segment 1: Presentations on the IPCC and COP Negotiating Processes**

**At this time I will call on our first speaker,** Professor Chris Field

Professor Chris Field is the founding director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology and Melvin and Joan Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies at Stanford University. He is co-chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

### **The Second Speaker is Dr. Katharine Mach**

Dr. Mach is Director of Science for the IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit.

### **The Third Speaker is Mr. Carlos Fuller**

Mr. Carlos Fuller is the International and Regional Liaison Officer of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre. His primary responsibility is to coordinate the Caribbean Community in the international Climate Change negotiation process at the UNFCCC Meetings.

### **Segment 2: The Panel discussion**

I will now ask the Dr. Leonard Nurse, Dr. Ulric Trotz, and Ms. Nellie Catzim to join the previous speakers for the Panel Discussion.

Dr. Leonard Nurse's is also a Member of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He has been a member of the IPCC's research and author team for four of the global assessment reports.

Dr. Ulric Trotz is the Deputy Executive Director of the 5Cs. He has been involved with the Region's Climate Change program since 1997 and was a review editor of the IPCC.

Ms. Nellie Catzim is a Fellow with the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) based at the Belize Mission to the United Nations in New York.

### **Segment 3: Activities of the 5Cs**

### **Segment 4: Q & A Session**

Closing remarks