



# 7th Annual Growth and Resilience Dialogue

**An appropriate and sustainable model for health care in the  
ECCU/OECS**

**Agile Infrastructure, Traditional Medicine and Medicinal Cannabis**

**FREE VIRTUAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE  
AND  
TECHNOLOGIES EXPO**



**8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
(AST)**



**25 – 26 April 2023**



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## Agenda- Day One

Tuesday  
25 April 2023

8:30 a.m.

**Prayer: Mr Samora Cherebin, Economic Statistician II, ECCB**  
**Opening Session**

- **The Honourable Dr Terrance M. Drew**, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, National Security, Citizenship and Immigration, Health, Social Security
- **Timothy N. J. Antoine**, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)
- **His Excellency Dr Didacus Jules**, Director General, OECS Commission
- **Ms Lilia Burunciuc**, Country Director, Caribbean Region, The World Bank

9:10 a.m.

### Panel Discussion I

Theme: **An optimal model for the ECCU/OECS health care infrastructure**

Moderator: Dr Aman Quadri, Chief Strategy Officer, AMSYS Group

Topics & Speakers:

- **Innovations in health care**  
Richie Etwaru, Chair and Chief Creative Officer, Mobeus, USA
- **Emerging issues in health care policy to address pandemics and other health challenges**  
Michael Dershem, Founder & CEO, MAPay
- **Socioeconomic impacts of public respiratory health shocks on the Caribbean region**  
Odessa M. Elie-David, Consultant, Data Science at capSpire, Inc.
- **Addressing the impact of antimicrobial resistance**  
Dr Pilar Ramon-Pardo, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), USA

10:25 – 10:37 a.m.

Ergonomic Break & Mindfulness Session: Music Therapy

10:42 a.m.

### Panel Discussion II

Theme: **Exploring the potential of traditional medicine as a game changer in Caribbean health promotion, disease prevention and treatment**

Moderator: Cyril Browne (Indigenous Bushman) Herbalist, Holistic Health Educator, Researcher

Topics & Speakers:

- **The tradition of healing in the Caribbean – A look into traditional, folk and alternative medicine**  
The Rt. Hon Priest Kailash Leonce, CEO, Mount Kailash Rejuvenation Centre, Saint Lucia



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- **Advantages and disadvantages to traditional medicine usage**  
Dr Valma Jessamy, Resident Scientist, Grenville Vale Tropical Botanic Garden, Grenada
- **How can we advance research in traditional medicine to inform guidelines, policies and procedures in order to integrate traditional medicine into our national health care systems?**  
Dr Guido Marcelle, Climate Smart Agriculturist, Ethnobotanist and Pharmacognosist, Dr G's Garden, Grenada

11:45 a.m.

### Panel Discussion III

Theme: **Developing the Caribbean medicinal cannabis industry**

Moderator: Machel Emanuel, Msc., PhD (Botany/Horticulture)

Lecturer & Botany Garden Coordinator, Department of Life Sciences,  
Faculty of Science and Technology, The UWI, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica

Topics & Speakers:

- **Cannabis and Health Tourism- Differentiating the tourism product in an ever-competitive marketplace**  
Mr Kelly John Glass, CEO, K-Group, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- **Cannabis and the Agriculture Industry - Opportunities and Risks**  
Dr K'adamawe K'nife, Lecturer and Researcher in the Mona School of Business and Management, The UWI, Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Thinking and Practice (CETP)
- **Case Study: St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cannabis Industry Act**  
Mr Terral Mapp, Chief Operations Officer, Medicinal Cannabis Authority

1:05 p.m.

Mentimeter online short survey <https://www.menti.com/>

1:10 p.m.

KEY TAKEAWAYS/THE WAY FORWARD AND CLOSE OF DAY ONE



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Wednesday  
26 April 2023

### VIRTUAL HEALTH EXPO – NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN HEALTH CARE

8:30 a.m. Announcement of the start of day two  
• Brief recap of day one and introduction of speaker for the Opening Address

8:35- 8:42 a.m. **Opening Address:**

Mrs Gaile Gray-Phillip, Head  
The University of the West Indies Open Campus  
St Kitts and Nevis

8:43 -8:49 a.m. **Overview of Day 2:**  
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8:50 a.m. **Mobeus, USA**

8:53 -9:17 a.m. Theme: **Virtual Reality – The Game Changer**  
Richie Etwaru, Chair and Chief Creative Officer

9:18 – 9:45 a.m. Q&A

9:50 a.m. **Medial Health**

9:52 -10:12 a.m. Theme: **Digitisation in Health Care**  
Stephen Felix, Founder & CEO

10:14 -10:48 a.m. Q&A

10:50– 10:58 a.m. Ergonomic Break

11:00-11:07 a.m. Mindfulness Session – 7- Minute Meditation



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**Adtalem Global Education**

11:13- 11:33 a.m.

Theme: **Technology in Healthcare Education: New Developments in Medical Simulation and Digital Anatomy**

- Dr Rhonda McIntyre MBBS, FAAP, FRCP(C), Senior Associate Dean of External Affairs, Ross University School of Medicine
- Dr David Pryluck, Senior Associate Dean, American University of the Caribbean, School of Medicine, Sint Maarten
- Dr Hedda G. Dyer MB CHB Ed, MRCS Ed, MBA, MPH, Professor and Chair, Department of Clinical Foundations, Ross University School of Medicine
- Maryna Al-Fauri, Associate Professor of Basic and Clinical Sciences at American University of Caribbean, School of Medicine
- Magdalena Kwiatkowska, MD, PhD, Professor of Orthopedic and Trauma Surgery, chair of the clinical medical sciences department, and Interim Associate Dean of Curriculum, American University of the Caribbean, School of Medicine, Sint Maarten
- Dr Marcin Kwiatkowski, Professor of Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging at the Department of Clinical Medical Sciences at the American University of the Caribbean

11:35 a.m. -12:05 p.m.

**Q&A**

12: 08 -12:14 p.m.

**Early Bird Registration Prize Draw**

12:15 -12:20 p.m.

**Summation of Health Expo highlights, Event Host**

12:22 p.m.

**Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks, Dr Valda F. Henry  
Deputy Governor, ECCB**



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