



LOCAL GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

University of the West Indies, Mona
Kingston, Jamaica

Graduate Lecture Theatre 3 (GLT3)
Sir Alister McIntyre Building

January 8-9, 2009

Local Governance and Intergovernmental Relations in the Caribbean

*Examining the Past, Assessing the Present
and Predicting the Future*

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Thursday, January 8, 2009

8:30–9:00 am

REGISTRATION

OPENING PLENARY – Venue GLT3

9:00 – 9:30am

Welcome & Overview

Chairperson: Professor Neville Duncan

Director

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI,
Mona

9:30 – 10:15am

Remarks

Hon. Robert Montague

Minister of Local Government

Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica

10:15 – 10:30am

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 11:30am

Keynote Address:

Professor Gerry Stoker

University of Southampton, United Kingdom

“The Micro foundations of Governance: why psychology rather than economics could be the key to better intergovernmental relations”

11:30 – 12:00pm

Question & Answer

12:00 – 1:00pm

LUNCH BREAK

ISSUES INFORMING LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUTURES – Venue GLT3

1:00 – 1:30pm

Professor Joyce Liddle

Multi-Spatial Strategic Partnership in the UK: New Forms of Organisation and Emerging Issues

1:30 – 2:00pm

Dr. Eris Schoburgh

Is Subsidiarity the Panacea for Local Government Problems in the Caribbean?

2:00 – 2:30pm Ms. Tamará Brown *Local Governance and Regional Political Integration: Obsolete or Essential, A Case for the Local State*

2:30 – 2:45pm **Question & Answer**

2:45 – 3:00pm **COFFEE BREAK**

3:00 – 4:30pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS PART 1**

Panel: Alternatives in Local Governance Structure and Organisation – Venue GLT3

Chair: Professor Anthony Harriott, Head of the Department of Government, UWI, Mona

Paper 1: Dr. Ann Marie Bissessar *Local Governance Structures in Trinidad and Tobago: Muddling Through*

Paper 2: Dr. Bishnu Ragoonath *Local Government Reform in Trinidad, St. Lucia and St. Vincent: Propositions for Participatory Democracy and Governance or merely Local Administrative Schemes?*

Paper 3: Mr. Keith Miller *Local Government Reform in Jamaica Lessons for the Caribbean: Hope for Social and Political Transformation in the Region*

Round Table: Local Service Delivery and Performance – Venue GLT1

Chair: Professor Ian Boxill, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona

The Manchester Parish Experience in Jamaica: Looking In and Out
Messrs Sam Miller, Sean Rowe, Phil Rodrigues, Ryan Wallace, Winston Palmer

An Analysis of Service Provision at the Local Level: A Case Study of Jamaica
Dr. Carol Archer

CLOSING COMMENTS – Venue GLT3

PROGRAMME

DAY 2: Friday, January 9, 2009

8:00–8:45am **REGISTRATION**

OPENING PLENARY – Venue GLT3

8:45 – 9:00am **Opening Remarks**
Chair: Professor Neville C. Duncan
Director
Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI,
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9:00 – 9:45am Professor Edwin Jones *Competition, Networks and Partnerships
in Local Governance: Bold Jamaican
Programme, Cautionary Tales*

9:45 – 10:15am Dr. Philip Osei *The Community Leadership Model and
Country Ownership in Local Development
in Jamaica*

10:00 – 10:15am **Question & Answer**

10:15 – 10:30am **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 – 12:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS PART 2 – Venue GLT1**

Panel: Managing Competition, Partnerships and Networks in Local Governance

Chair: Professor Rupert Lewis, Department of Government, UWI, Mona

Paper 1: Ms. Nishka Waite *Assessing the Sustainability of Municipal
Councils: A Case Study of the Portmore
Municipal Council in Jamaica*

Paper 2: Mr. Victor Cummings *The Evolving Role of Community-based
Organisations in Jamaica*

Paper 3: Ms. Tameca Brown *Revisiting the Parish Development
Committee: Implications for Improved
Local Governance and Development*

Panel: Organisational Change – Venue GLT3

Chair: Dr. Patricia Northover. SALISES

- Paper 1:** Ms. Sandra O’Meally *Exploring the Significance of Strategic Planning in the Public Sector*
- Paper 2:** Ms. Wendy Quamenà–Yorke *Organisational Change and Human Resource Planning An Investigation into Local Government Reform in Trinidad*
- Paper 3:** Ms William Fong *Local Service Delivery and Performance*
- Paper 4:** Ms. Tanzia Saunders *A Critical Evaluation of the Institutional Arrangements Governing Human Resource Management in Local Government Authorities in Jamaica: In search of a “goodness of fit” model*

12:00 – 1:00pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 – 2:30pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS PART 3 –Venue GLT3**

Panel: Local Democracy and Local Development

Chair: Dr. Leith Dunn, Senior Lecturer & Head
Centre for Gender & Development Studies– Mona Unit

- Paper 1:** Mrs. Linnette Vassell *The Conversation on Gender in the Local Government Reform Process: 1998–2008*
- Paper 2:** Ms. Natasha Mortley & Dr. Mark Figueroa *Gender and Development*
- Paper 3:** Mr. Paul Ward *Participatory Development – does it work in practice?*

Panel: Local Government and National Development – Venue GLT1

Chair: Dr. Michael Witter, Department of Economics, UWI, Mona

- Paper 1:** Mrs. Gloria Davis–Cooper *Poverty Reduction by 2015: The Role of Local Government Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago: The Case of Tobago*

Paper 2:	Dr. Amani Ishemo	<i>Local Government's Capacity and Communities Vulnerability to Hazards in Jamaica</i>
Paper 3:	Mr. Nyan Whittingham	<i>Local Government as the Engine of Development: towards a theory of a Local Government Development Model (LGDM) A review of the literature</i>
Paper 4:	Dr K'adamawe A. K'nife	<i>Good Governance and Planning – Can Foresighting and Scenario Planning Offer a More Robust Platform for Establishing Sustainable Development Strategies in Jamaica?</i>
2:30 – 2:45pm	COFFEE BREAK	
	CLOSING SESSION – Venue GLT 3	
2:45 – 3:45pm	Towards a framework for systematic study of subnational issues	
3:45pm	Acknowledgements	

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