



The Commonwealth

Official Launch

Legislative Drafting and Law Reform Exchange Programme for OECS Member States

Tuesday 22 June 2021, 1300 to 1430 BST

This programme will address the shortage of legislative drafting and law reform capacity in the Commonwealth Caribbean region, particularly in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean Member States (OECS) to begin with, in a more holistic and sustainable manner by facilitating the exchange of legislative drafting and law reform skills.

The programme is designed, amongst other things, to ensure more resilient, effective and efficient legal frameworks in participating countries in the Caribbean region for the effective and efficient delivery of legal services necessary to promote and maintain the rule of law in accordance with the Commonwealth Charter; to strengthen participating member countries' ability to develop fit for purpose legislation, and provide an opportunity for the member countries involved to foster peer to peer co-operation within the Commonwealth.

Opening remarks

Dr Tawanda Hondora, Adviser and Head, Rule of Law Section, Commonwealth Secretariat

Prof Luis Franceschi, Senior Director, Governance and Peace Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat

Speakers

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Ambassador Irwin La Rocque, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Hon Faris Al Rawi, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago

Dr Didacus Jules, Director General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

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