



Commonwealth Ministerial Debt Sustainability Forum

The World Bank, 1818H Street NW, Washington, DC 20433, USA
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DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 22nd April 2009

- 08:30-09:00 *Registration*
- 09:00-09:10 Introductory remarks
Mr Ransford Smith, Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General
- 09:10-09:20 Introductory remarks from the Chair of the CMDSF, *Hon Dr Ashni Singh*, Minister of Finance, Guyana
- SESSION I Debt vulnerabilities in light of the economic and financial crisis**
- 09:20-09:35 Debt vulnerabilities - *Economic Affairs Division*, Commonwealth Secretariat
- 09:35-10:20 Country experience and concerns – Presentation by countries
- 10:20-10:50 *Group photograph for Heads of Delegation – Tea/Coffee Break*
- 10:50-11:30 Impact, policy response, financing options and minimising debt vulnerability- *Carlos Braga*, Director, PRMED, Economic Policy and Debt Department, The World Bank; *Hugh Bredenkemp*, Deputy Director, Strategy, Review and Policy Department, IMF
- 11:30-12:15 **Discussion**
- 12:15-13:30 *Lunch*

SESSION II	Commonwealth Secretariat Assistance
13:30-13:45	Adding resilience to public debt management: Issues and the role of the Commonwealth Secretariat - <i>Special Advisory Services Division</i> , Commonwealth Secretariat
13:45-14:05	Up-date on the HIPC legal clinic and proposed future role - <i>Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division</i> , Commonwealth Secretariat
	Lessons learned from litigation experience – <i>Janet Legrand</i> , Partner, DLA Piper UK LLP
14:05-14:30	Discussion
SESSION III	Enhancing information exchange on creditor participation and litigation under the debt relief initiatives
14:30-14:50	Latest information and prospects for information sharing – <i>Matthew Martin</i> , Debt Relief International
14:50-15:10	Discussion of next steps
15:10-15:30	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
SESSION IV	Debt strategy capacity building
15:30-15:45	Analysis of needs in member countries - <i>Debt Relief International, BCEAO-BEAC Pole-Dette, CEMLA, MEFMI, WAIFEM</i>
15:45-16:00	International efforts to build debt management capacity- <i>Doerte Doemeland</i> , Acting Program Manager, Debt Management Facility, The World Bank
16:00-16:20	Discussion
SESSION V	Conclusion
16:20-17:00	Agreement on Ministerial Statement
17:00-17:10	Closing remarks by outgoing Chair
17:10-17:20	Address by incoming Chair
18:00-20:00	<i>Cocktail Reception hosted by Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Ransford Smith and Secretary-General of the Francophonie, Mr Abdou Diouf</i>