

**Japan-CARICOM Public Symposium on Climate Change and Biodiversity*****programme***

**MC:** Yoshihiro Natori, Consultant, United Nations University

14:00 – 14:15            **Opening Remarks**

- Shuji Kira, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, United Nations University
- Yoshihisa Ueda, Representative, Office in Asia, Inter-American Development Bank

14:15 – 15:35            **Keynote Addresses**

***Session 1: Introduction of the Caribbean Region and CARICOM***

– “Caribbean Region in General: Caribbean Culture and Society, and its Diversity” (Tentative)

*Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines*

– “Economy, Trade and Investment in the CARICOM Region” (Tentative)

*Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados*

Question and Answer Session with the Speakers

***Session 2: Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Caribbean Region***

– “Climate Change and Disaster Management in the CARICOM Region” (Tentative)

*Charles Peter David, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Grenada*

– “Biodiversity and Marine Governance in the CARICOM Region” (Tentative)

*Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Guyana*

Question and Answer Session with the Speakers

15:35 – 15:50 **COFFEE BREAK (Coffee will be served in 2nd floor Reception Hall)**

15:50 – 17:00 **PANEL: “CARICOM-Japan: For Further Cooperation for Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development”**

*Moderator: Nobuo Mimura, Director, Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University (Japan)*

Panelists:

- “Disaster Risk in the Caribbean and JICA’s Cooperation for Disaster Reduction”  
*Hidetomi Oi, Former-Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*
- “Impacts and Measures Against Climate Change in Small Islands”  
*Nobuo Mimura, Director, Institute for Global Change Adaptation Science, Ibaraki University*
- “Conservation of the Biological Diversity in the Caribbean”  
*Yoshio Kaneko, Professor, Iwate Prefectural University (Japan)*
- “Biodiversity Hotspots – Caribbean: Possibilities for Sustainable Development”  
*Tetsuji Ida, Senior Staff Writer, Environment, Energy and Development, Kyodo News*

Comments by *Charles Peter David, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Grenada and Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Guyana*

Summary, Responses, Open Floor

17:00 **Closing**

(Note, this programme will be updated if any change.)