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Social Contract, Transparency and Accountability in Governance

Essential Qualities for Sustainable Good Governance in the 21st Century



CRID Conference

15 - 17 December, 2015

Montego Bay, Jamaica

PRESENTS

International Conference on Setting Standards for Social Contract, Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms in Governance

Qualities too Significant to Ignore for Sustained Good Governance in the 21st Century

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA**15 - 17 DECEMBER, 2015**

Conference Briefing

The Centre for Regional and International Development presents the conference in Montego Bay, Jamaica by December 2015, where we will hear from key speakers involved in developing, implementing and reviewing public sector transparency and accountability mechanisms in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Pacific and Caribbean. Good governance is an essential practice that supports governments, businesses, and civil societies to fight corruption and for sustainable growth and development.

Corruption can be curbed by systematic changes in governance through the introduction of participation, transparency, accountability and probity schemes in national, regional and local administrations. The right to good governance is an essential part of the citizen's rights that is expected from all government stakeholders. The conference will discuss practical transparency and accountability tools that governments across the globe have adopted, giving an understanding of what handling the control of accountability standards is and how they have been able to market the schemes to their citizen, without losing the objectives.

The event will offer an opportunity for a scholastic and practical review of issues or challenges in emerging economies, and strategies for developing realistic implementation tools for persons in businesses, civil society organisations and government, especially parliamentarians and public sector administrators.

Proposed Keys Speakers (TBC)

- **Paul Clark**
Director, Gateway Associates, UK and former MP and Transport Minister, UK
- **Her Excellency Ambassador Rosalyn E. Hazelle**
Renowned Diplomat and the first female Ambassador for the Fed. of St. Kitts & Nevis
- **David Webb**
Programme Director, CRID UK and former Associate Lecturer, University of Kent, UK
- **Senator Khairat Abdul-Razaq Gwadabe**
Legal Professional, Senator, Health Awareness Activist, Human Rights Activist and Chairperson, Nigerian Senators Forum
- **Dirk Harrison**
Current Contractor-General of Jamaica, Office of the Contractor General, Kingston, Jamaica

Please note that these and speakers will be confirmed in the weeks/months preceding the start of event.

Conference Sub-Themes

The Conference will provide an international platform to all stake holders to address contemporary issues pertaining to accountability and transparency in governance, with special reference to the emerging economies. It will deliberate on the following sub-themes:

1. Right to Information Activism
2. Social Contracting and Social Indebtedness to Electorates
3. The Parliamentary Standards and Accountability
4. Implications of the Ombudsman in line with Transparency and Accountability on Governance
5. Citizen's Charter on Public Services
6. Whistleblower Protections Schemes and Quality of Governance
7. Implications of the e-Governance on Transparency and Accountability in Governance; the need for revision?
8. Hearings on Public Interest Matters, Transparency and Accountability in Governance

Above themes are only illustrative but not exhaustive. Paper presenters may select related topics covered under the main theme.

More Information and Registration

Date: Tuesday, 15th to Thursday, 17th December, 2015 (10:00am - 4:45pm, daily)

Venue: Hilton Rose Hall Resort and Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica

Fees: £325 for individual bookings, £275.00 each for group bookings (min of 10 persons)

Early Bird Fees: Less £25.00

How to Register: Either email jamaicaoffice@crid.co.uk requesting for a [booking form](#), or register online at www.crid.co.uk/conferences

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| Early Bird Registration Opens: | 7th April, 2015 |
| Early Bird Registration Closes: | 31st August, 2015 |
| Registration Closes: | 10th December, 2015 |

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Conference Agenda

- **Monday, 14th December, 2015**
Optional pre-conference tour (pre booked during registration) in collaboration with Glamour Destination Management, Kingston, Jamaica
- **Tuesday, 15th December, 2015**
Arrival, registration, conference briefing and welcome dinner
- **Wednesday, 16th December, 2015**
Full day conference session
- **Thursday, 17th December, 2015**
Full day conference session and gala night / dinner
- **Friday, 18th December, 2015**
Optional post-conference tour (pre-booked during registration) in collaboration with Glamour Destination Management, Kingston, Jamaica

Please visit the conference website for a detailed conference agenda and regular updates - www.crid.co.uk/conferences.

Hilton Rose Hall Resort and Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica



SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Hilton Rose Hall Resort is an all-inclusive Jamaica resort with 7 upscale restaurants, bars and grills. Its beachfront setting is located on the 400-acre historic Rose Hall Plantation with a private beach, water sports center and Sugar Mill waterfalls. Its distinctive facilities include, world-class soothe spa, championship cinnamon hill golf course, and many more in a unique setting.