

Caribbean regional seminar on the “Future for Decolonization in the Non-Self-Governing Territories. What are the Prospects?”

**National Insurance Services Headquarters,
Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
16 – 18 May, 2017**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 15 May

4:30 – 6:00 pm Registration of participants (Beachcombers Hotel)

Tuesday, 16 May

9:00 – 9:45 am Continuation of registration (National Insurance Services Headquarters)

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OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening of the seminar by the Chairman of the Special Committee,
Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations,
H.E. Mr. Rafael Darío Ramírez Carreño**

**Welcome address by the Honourable Prime Minister of St. Vincent and
the Grenadines
H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves**

Message from the United Nations Secretary-General

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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FIRST MEETING (Tuesday, 16 May)

10:45 – 11:00

Organization of the seminar:

- Agenda of the seminar
- Officers of the seminar
- Programme of work

11:00 – 11:20

Role of the Special Committee in the future for decolonization in the Non-Self Governing Territories on a case by case basis: Review and assessment of the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, with a view towards strengthening the work of the Committee (item 1(a))

- H.E. Mr. Rafael Darío Ramírez Carreño, Chairman of the Special Committee,
- Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Expert

11:20 – 12:15

Discussion

12:15 – 12:25

The role of the Special Committee in the future for decolonization in the Non-Self Governing Territories on a case by case basis: What are the prospects for decolonization in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the remaining years of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism? (item 1(b))

- Mr. Carlyle Corbin, Expert

12:25 – 13:00

Discussion

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch break

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SECOND MEETING (Tuesday, 16 May)

15:00 – 16:00

Perspectives of the administering Powers, territorial Governments, concerned Member States and other stakeholders, as well as views of experts on the decolonization process: Political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean region, Pacific region and other regions (item 2(a))

- Mr. Dan Aga Tapaau (American Samoa)
- Mr. Manuel Terai (French Polynesia)
- Ms. Amanda Francel Blas (Guam)
- Mr. Michael Victor Summers (Falklands Islands (Malvinas))¹
- Mr. Joseph Bossano (Gibraltar)
- Mr. Ahmed Boukhari (Frente Polisario) (Western Sahara)

16:00 – 16:30

- Mr. Carlyle Corbin, Expert
- Ms. Jessica Byron, Expert
- Mr. Micheal Lujan Bevacqua, Expert
- Ms. Judith Bourne, Expert

16:30 – 18:00

Discussion

18:30

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¹ A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

THIRD MEETING (Wednesday, 17 May)

- 10:00 – 11:00 **Strengthening cooperation with the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories, concerned Member States and other stakeholders on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, according to the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, especially its economic dimension, taking into account the indivisible nature of the Sustainable Development Goals: In the Caribbean region, Pacific region and other regions (item 2(b))**
- Ms. Wilma Reveron-Collazo, Expert
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Coffee Break**
- 12:15 – 13:00 **Discussion**
- 13:00 – 15:00 p.m. **Lunch break**

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FOURTH MEETING (Wednesday, 17 May)

15:00 – 16:10

Role of the United Nations system in providing development assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories taking into account the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, and in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions: presentations by the funds and programmes, specialized agencies, regional economic commissions and others. (item 3)

- Mr. Stephen O'Malley, United Nations Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representatives, Barbados and the OECS
- Ms. Muriel Mafico, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office
- Mr. Dale Alexander, Focal Point for Associate Member Territories, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters in the Caribbean

General discussion

16:10 – 18:00

Recommendations for advancing decolonization. (item 4)

- General discussion

*After 18:00

Free time/Dinner

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FIFTH MEETING (Thursday, 18 May)

9:00 – 11:00

Informal Consultations on Seminar's conclusions and recommendations
[Closed] – Attendance limited to C-24 members

[Plenary Reconvenes]

11:05 – 11:20

Presentation of the draft report of the seminar by the Rapporteur

11:20 – 11:30

**Adoption of resolution on expression of appreciation to the
Government and People of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

11:30 – 12:00

Closing statements

- High-level representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (tbc)
 - Chair of C24
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After 12:00**Host Country Activity**