

3rd UWI Sargassum Symposium 2023

Agenda

Thursday March 9, Day 1 (9:00 am – 4:30 pm)		
At Courtyard Marriott, Christ Church, Barbados		
Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 am	Welcome	Dr Janice Cumberbatch, CERMES, UWI
9:10 am	Opening Remarks	Professor Winston Moore, Deputy Principal The UWI, Cave Hill Campus
9:20 am	Featured Remarks	Ms. Sonia Foster, Permanent Secretary Blue Economy Division, Ministry of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy
Coffee Break (9:30 – 10:00 am)		
Session 1: Focus on SargAdapt Research (10 – 11:30 am)		
10:00 am	Overview of SargAdapt Project	Video presentation
10:05 am	Biodiversity onshore/offshore	Kristie Alleyne, WMU PhD student
10:15 am	Providing forecasts	Dr Hazel Oxenford, CERMES, UWI
10:25 am	Figuring out sargassum growth	Makeda Corbin, CERMES MPhil student
10:35 am	Hazard mapping	Micaela Small, CERMES postgraduate RA
10:45 am	Economic impacts on tourism	Jeanelle Irvine, CERMES postgraduate RA
10:55 am	Discussion	All participants
Session 2: Focus on SargAdapt Capacity Building (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)		
11:30 am	Community-based participatory approach to vulnerability analysis and adaptation planning for sargassum influxes. <i>Presentation and Film</i>	Bethia Thomas, CERMES PhD student
12:00 pm	Drone training to monitor sargassum beaching events	Dr Kim Baldwin, MarSIS
12:15 pm	Regional Action Learning Group and Darwin SSM project	Yasa Belmar, CANARI
12:30 pm	Discussion	All participants
Lunch (1:00 – 2:00 pm)		
Session 3: Focus on Uses (2:00 – 4:00 pm)		
2:00 pm	UNDP Panel Discussion - Real talk or hype: can we use this sargassum landing on our shores?	Dr Mohammad Nagdee (UNDP) Crystal Drakes (Senator/Economist) Mark Hill (Export Barbados) Dr Hazel Oxenford (CERMES)
3:00 pm	Open dialogue with panellists	All participants
3:30 pm	Films	
Afternoon Tea and Networking (4:00 – 4:30 pm)		

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Friday March 10, Day 2 (9:00 am – 4:30 pm) At Courtyard Marriott, Christ Church, Barbados		
Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 am	Welcome and recap of Day 1	Dr Janice Cumberbatch, CERMES, UWI
Session 4: Focus on Management (9:10 – 10:00 am)		
9:10 am	Sargassum Adaptive Management Strategies (SAMS): challenges and opportunities	Dr Patrick McConney, CERMES Richeda Speede, CERMES Tanbaje Sealy, Blue Economy Division, Barbados Aria St Louis, Environment Division, Grenada
Coffee Break (10:00 -10:30 am)		
Session 5: Synergies with other Projects (10:30 am – 12:30 pm)		
10:30 am	SarTRAC, SargSNAP and SARCAP	Dr Bob Marsh (University of Southampton) Romario Anderson (Mona Geoinformatics Inst.)
11:30 am	Improving National Sargassum Management Capacities in the Caribbean	Karima Degia, Project Manager, UNDP
11:45 am	Sargassum Products for Climate Resilience in the Caribbean	Dr Maren Headley, CRFM
12:00 pm	Panel discussion - Sharing experiences from Ghana	Dr Winnie Sowah, University of Ghana Bernice Wilmot Oppong, University of Ghana Dr Philip Jayson-Quashigah, University of Ghana Peace Dzedzom Gbeckor-Kove, EPA, Ghana
Lunch (12:30 – 1:30 pm)		
Session 6: Hearing from Innovators (1:30 – 3:30 pm)		
1:30 pm	Rum and Sargassum Inc.	Dr Legena Henry, Dept Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics, UWI
2:00 pm	Red Diamond compost	Joshua Forte, Founder, Red Diamond
2:30 pm	Bioplastic alternative	Kerri-Ann Bovell, UNDP Blue Accelerator lab
3:00 pm	Biofuel	Dr Nikolai Holder, Entrepreneur, UWI
3:30 pm	Next steps/ wrap up	Dr Janice Cumberbatch, CERMES
Afternoon Tea and Closing Chats (3:45 – 4:30 pm)		

SargAdapt

Adapting to a new reality: Managing responses to influxes of sargassum seaweed in the Eastern Caribbean as ecosystem hazards and opportunities

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