

19 *th Annual*
CANQATE
CONFERENCE
& Annual General Meeting

Higher Education
Quality and Workforce
Development in the
Caribbean:
Issues, Challenges,
Opportunities and
Solutions

OCTOBER 24-27, 2023

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Pre-Conference Workshop

'Artificial intelligence in Higher Education:
Promise and Peril'

Tuesday October 24 th , 2023		
TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Hummingbird Room
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Workshop	Scarlet Ibis Room
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break, Networking	
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Workshop	
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Networking	
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Workshop	
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Break, Networking	
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	CANQATE Annual General Meeting	

Wednesday October 25th, 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration	Hummingbird Room
8:05 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Grand Ballroom
8:40 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p><i>'Higher Education Quality and Workforce Development in the Caribbean'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor Brian Copeland Chairman NESC Technical Institute 	
9:25 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Honorable Dr Nyan Gadsby-Dolly Minister of Education Ministry of Education 	
9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break, Networking	

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 1</p> <p><i>'Workforce Development in a Changing Employment Landscape'</i></p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr Ruby S. Alleyne Chairperson The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago and National Training Agency▪ Stephen De Gannes Chief Executive Officer Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry & Commerce▪ Cavelle Joseph-St Omer President Human Resource Management Association of Trinidad & Tobago	Grand Ballroom

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Curtis Charles Director of Academic Affairs The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus 	
11:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1</p> <p><i>'Employability as an Indicator of Higher Education Quality – Recognising the Challenges to Facilitate Collaboration within the Marketplace'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perliter Walters-Gilliam President <i>'Enhancing Quality Instruction and Learning Experiences in Higher Education through ChatGPT: An Exploratory Case Study'</i> Dr Andrew Hunte Head of School of Humanities and Education; 	<p>Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Scarlet Ibis Room</p>

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June Wheatley-Holness, Programme Officer, Quality Assurance Unit, The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus <p><i>'Environmental Pedagogy and The Bermuda Triangle of Sustainable Development'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Reia Guppy, Associate Professor; ▪ Lakshman Lochan, Instructor The University of Trinidad and Tobago 	Flamingo Room
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch, Networking	
1:15 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2</p> <p><i>'Exploring Synergies between Employers and Educators: Towards Graduate Effectiveness'</i></p>	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Lisa Henlin Accreditation Officer; ▪ Shandale D. Remekie-McFarlane, Accreditation Officer The University Council of Jamaica <p><i>'Quality Assurance: Utilising Best Practices to Develop an Institutional Employability Matrix'</i></p>	Scarlet Ibis Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Ronald Brunton, Principal; ▪ Kemoy Edwards, Quality Assurance Officer T.A. Marryshow Community College <p><i>'Approaches to the Preparation of Students for the World of Work: Views of Administrators from Postsecondary Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago'</i></p>	Flamingo Room

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Benignus Bitu, Lecturer; ▪ Dr Samuel Lochan, former Lecturer; ▪ Dr Stephen Geofroy, Lecturer The University of the West Indies 	
1:55 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3</p> <p><i>'Quality and Recognition of Work-based Learning Programmes'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Yvonne Lucy Palma, Director of Tertiary Education The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology <p><i>'Maintaining and Enhancing Blended and Online Teaching and Learning: Lessons Learnt from Student Experiences of Select Programmes'</i></p>	<p>Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Scarlet Ibis Room</p>

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	<p><i>During the Pandemic Period'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sadhana Lochan Research Technician; ▪ Dr Dianne Thurab-Nkhosi Senior Programme Officer, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine <p><i>'Aligning Curricula and Educational Programmes to the Environmentally Sustainable Development Agenda in the Caribbean'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amna Imamshah Instructor II The University of Trinidad and Tobago 	Flamingo Room
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1</p> <p><i>'Leveraging AI and Digital Technology to improve Accreditation & QA Processes'</i></p>	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Curtis Charles Director of Academic Affairs The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus 	
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Conference Dinner under the Patronage of the President of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago and Chancellor of UTT	Grand Ballroom

Thursday October 26th, 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration	Hummingbird Room
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2</p> <p><i>'The Impact of AI on Higher Education Quality and Workforce Development'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Venkataraman Balaji Vice President Commonwealth of Learning 	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Kamla Mungal Director, Qualifications and Recognition The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago <i>'Fostering quality in project management to build a research and innovation ecosystem'</i> Dr Halima-Sa'adia Kassim Senior Planning Officer The University of the West Indies 	Flamingo Room
9:40 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5 <i>'SEL in the NQF-TT: A guide for curriculum development and teaching-learning in higher education'</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curtis Floyd, Executive Director; 	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sherma Joseph-Hyland, Accreditation Officer; ▪ Nyron Seaton, Accreditation Officer The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago ▪ Tennille Fanovich, Programme Officer; ▪ Prof Jerome De Lisle, Director, School of Education The University of the West Indies <i>'Preparing Students for the AI-Driven Future - A Framework for Caribbean Higher Education Institutions'</i> ▪ Dr Lyn R. Keith, Programme Officer The University of the West Indies St. Augustine 	<p style="text-align: center;">Scarlet Ibis Room</p>

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lisle Waldron, Manager The University of Trinidad & Tobago 	
10:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break, Networking	
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3</p> <p><i>'The Greening of Jobs: Promoting Climate Action in Post-Secondary Education and TVET'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kenneth Barrientos Programme Officer UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training 	Grand Ballroom
11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 6</p> <p><i>'Quality Assurance in Course Development and Delivery in a Post- Pandemic World: Riding the Wave of Technology Transformations'</i></p>	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="332 208 660 444"> <p>▪ Dr Dianne Thurab-Nkholi, Senior Programme Officer The University of the West Indies St Augustine</p> <li data-bbox="319 482 605 686"> <p><i>'Virtual science simulations: The new frontier in science instruction in the post-pandemic Caribbean'</i></p> <li data-bbox="332 725 669 858"> <p>▪ Dr Dave V. Cassie Assistant Professor University of the Southern Caribbean</p> <li data-bbox="319 896 695 1072"> <p><i>'Instructional Supervision for Educational Excellence in Belize: Enhancing Teacher Education and Preparation'</i></p> <li data-bbox="332 1110 660 1208"> <p>▪ Dr Yanira Oliveras Interim Director and Associate Professor;</p> 	<p data-bbox="746 482 897 544">Scarlet Ibis Room</p> <p data-bbox="757 901 886 962">Flamingo Room</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Wesley D. Hickey Professor of Educational Leadership The University of Texas at Tyler ▪ Jeannie Garbutt-Franklin Director, Teacher Education and Development Services Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Belize 	
<p>11:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 7</p> <p><i>'Empowering the Future Workforce: Enriching TVET with Entrepreneurship Education for Enhanced Employability'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annastasia Marchan-Lecoite Manager Research, Planning & Development 	<p>Grand Ballroom</p>

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	<p>The National Training Agency</p> <p><i>'Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Implementing the New Regional Convention on Higher Education'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dhana Lazarus-Mc Quilkin Accreditation Officer Grenada National Accreditation Board 	Flamingo Room
12:25 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Lunch, Networking	
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 2</p> <p><i>'Delivering Quality, Relevant, and Cost-Effective Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities for Small Island Developing States'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor Prakash Persad President The University of Trinidad and Tobago 	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor Brian Copeland Chairman NESC Technical Institute ▪ Ann Marina White Executive Director Sital College ▪ Dr. Venkataraman Balaji Vice President Commonwealth of Learning ▪ Dr. Colwick Wilson President The University of the Southern Caribbean 	
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break, Networking	
3:00 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 8 <i>'Grenada National Qualifications and Credit Framework - Functions and Expectations'</i>	Grand Ballroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shirleen Robertson Research Officer Grenada National Accreditation Board <p><i>'An Analysis of Blended Learning in a Higher Education Law Enforcement Environment in Post-Pandemic Trinidad and Tobago'</i></p>	Scarlet Ibis Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nzinga King-Reid Curriculum Development Specialist Trinidad and Tobago Police Service <p><i>'Expanding the Role of Information Literacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence'</i></p>	Flamingo Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Simone Bernard Librarian III University of Guyana Library 	

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9</p> <p><i>'The NQF-TT: A guide for broadening admissions and warranted outcomes in higher education'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curtis Floyd Executive Director; ▪ Sherma Joseph-Hyland Accreditation Officer; ▪ Nyron Seaton Accreditation Officer The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago ▪ Tennille Fanovich, Programme Officer; ▪ Prof Jerome De Lisle, Director, School of Education 	Grand Ballroom

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	<p>The University of the West Indies</p> <p><i>'Student Support Services Post Pandemic - Leveraging Technology to Enhance the QA Processes: A Success Story at MIC-Institute of Technology'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candice Austin, Assistant General Manager MIC-Institute of Technology 	Scarlet Ibis Room
	<p><i>'Quality Assurance-Past Present and Future'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin Hagley Quality Assurance Officer Grenada National Accreditation Board 	Flamingo Room

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TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
4:05 p.m. - 4:35 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 10</p> <p><i>'An explanatory study on the implementation of a blended-learning approach to teaching and learning at the Hugh Wooding Law School'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lyndon Abdool, Manager- Quality Assurance, Research & Effectiveness; ▪ Wayne Rock, Quality Assurance Officer; ▪ Lauren Raghubir, Institutional Research Officer Hugh Wooding Law School 	<p>Grand Ballroom</p>
	<p><i>'AI use among undergraduate students at the UCC: A mixed-method enquiry'</i></p>	<p>Scarlet Ibis Room</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Rhonda Dookwah, Assistant Professor; ▪ Dr Paula Rhoden Lecturer The University of the Commonwealth Caribbean <p><i>'Alumni perspective on the value of a master's degree'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Gerda J. Visser- Wijnveen Quality Assurance Manager University of Suriname 	Flamingo Room
4:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Conference Wrap-up and Announcements	Grand Ballroom
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Pan Lime Social Mixer: Food, Music and Good Vibes	Savannah Terrace

Friday October 27th, 2023

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Asa Wright Brunch & Tour	Asa Wright Nature Centre