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# 11TH INTERNATIONAL GARIFUNA CONFERENCE (HYBRID) 2024

**March 11th – 13th, 2024**

University of the West Indies Global Campus  
Conference Room  
Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

**“Promoting Reparatory Justice:  
Towards the Development and Implementation of a 2030  
Indigenous People’s Development Plan”**

## PROGRAMME

**Monday 11th MARCH, 2024**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Shout Out Segment-** Greetings from well-wishers (via zoom)

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Opening Ceremony 11th International Garifuna Conference 2024

### CHAIRPERSON

Prayer

National Anthem

SVG National Anthem (Garifuna)

Habinaha 2023 Summer Programme

Welcome Remarks:

Mr. David “Darkie”  
Williams - TGHF President  
(SVG)

Remarks – UWIGC Officer in Charge:

Mrs. Camille Lahkram

Cultural Item:

National Garifuna Folk  
Festival

Remarks:

Hon. Curtis King  
Minister of Education &  
Reconciliation

Remarks:

Hon. Carlos James  
Minister of Tourism, Civil  
Aviation, Sustainable  
Development and Culture

Cultural Item:

National Garifuna Folk  
Festival

Remarks Collaborating University  
(The University of Toronto):

Dr. Melanie Newton  
Professor of History,  
University of Toronto,  
Canada

## St. Vincent National Anthem in Garifuna

Yurumein ma Lubuidun

Ruwamuti wabagari bun

Afiyenti wa buagu

Wagein daguba buagu

### Chorus

Kaba lanuga haruga

Wawan seru uba

Lau Isieni wabadinagua

Lau lubafu wabureme

Yurumein (Hairouna) ma lubuidun

Iyunti harumati biwubun

Wageira lau sun dice wama

Wesien bahari wageira le

Sun ubowju lidan wageira

Undara wamu lida Isieni

Luagu barana, luagu beta

Magu muchubei legemechun

Weyu

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
of St Vincent and the Grenadines

St. Vincent land so beautiful,  
With joyful hearts we pledge to thee;  
Our loyalty and love, and vow  
To keep you ever free.

**Chorus**

What e'er the future brings  
Our faith will see us through,  
May peace reign from shore to shore,  
And God bless and keep us true.

Hairoun! Our fair and blessed Isle,  
Your mountains high, so clear and green,  
Are home to me though I may stray,  
A haven, calm serene.

Our little sister islands are  
Those gems the lovely Grenadines,  
Upon their seas and golden sands,  
The sunshine ever beams.

Words by: Phyllis Punnett  
Music by: Joel Miguel

Remarks:

Diane Roberts  
Founder and Artistic Director  
Arrivals Legacy Project

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Keynote Address:

Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis  
Professor and Chair of Geography,  
University of California, Berkeley.  
Member of California Reparations  
Task Force

Vote of Thanks

**CONFERENCE DAY TWO**

**Tuesday 12th MARCH, 2024**

**Registration 8:00 AM-**

**Welcome Remarks - CHAIRPERSON**

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker –**

9:00 AM : **Keynote Address: Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves**, Prime Minister,  
St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**Topic: “Balliceaux: Representation of Reparatory Justice for  
Indigenous People in the Caribbean”**

9:30 AM : **Mrs. Joan Hoyte** - Attorney-at-Law, US Congress, Washington,  
USA.

**Topic: “ The Significance of Balliceaux to the Indigenous People  
of St. Vincent”**

10:00 AM : **Ms. Lucia Ellis** - Researcher/Activist, NUMASA Wellness  
Consulting, Belize.

**Topic: “ Understanding the Value and Protection of Balliceaux  
as a Heritage Site.”**

10:30 AM : **Ms. Louise Mitchell** - Attorney-at-Law, Executive Director, St.  
Vincent and the Grenadines Environmental Fund.

**Topic: “The Case for the Declaration of Balliceaux as Protected  
National Heritage”.**

10:30 AM : DISCUSSION –

**LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 PM : **Professor Ana F. Vrdoljak** - (VIA ZOOM) UNESCO Chair in International Law & Cultural Heritage, University of Technology Sydney, Australia.

**Topic: “The Designation of a Sacred Site as a UNESCO World Heritage – The Case for Balliceaux”**

1:30 PM : **Dr. Esther Nunez** - Professor, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York, New York, USA.

**Topic: “Retracing the Footprints of my Ancestors through Pilgrimage in Search of Reconciliation And Healing”**

2:00 PM : DISCUSSION –

2:30 PM : **Panellists/ Discussants:**

**Topic: “The Significance of Balliceaux to Garinagu in the Diaspora.”**

- Presentation (Via Zoom) - Mr. Dixon Morales, ODECO Representative, Garifuna Community, **Honduras**
- Presentation (Via Zoom) - Ms. Sheena Zuniga, National Garifuna Council, **Belize**
- Presentation (Via Zoom) - Ms. Ingrid Gamboa & Mr. Arnold Ciego, Representative Garifuna Community, **Guatemala**
- Presentation (Via Zoom) - Ms. Kensy Sambola, Representative, Garifuna Community, **Nicaragua**

3:30 PM : DISCUSSION –

### **CONFERENCE DAY THREE**

**Wednesday 13th MARCH, 2024**

**Registration 8:00 AM-**

**Welcome Remarks - CHAIRPERSON**

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker –**

9:00 AM : **Keynote Address: Prof. Christian Callejas Escoto**, Attorney-at-Law, Costa Rica (Via Zoom).

**Topic: “The Use of Systems of International Law for the Promotion of Ancestral Rights of Garifuna People”**

9:30 AM : DISCUSSION –

10:00 AM : **Dr. Lennox Honychurch** - History Lecturer, Researcher and former Resident Tutor, UWI Open Campus, Dominica (Via Zoom).

**Topic: “Genocide, Loss of Land, Breach of Treaties: The Kalinago Case in the Reparations Struggle.”**

10:30 AM : **Ms. Zariah Calliste** - Graduate Student, Bard College, USA.

**Topic: “Voices of a True Garifuna/Vincentian Family: An Intergenerational Auto-biography on Youloumain”**

11:00 AM : DISCUSSION –

### **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 PM : **Mr. Andony Perez Castillo** - UNESCO- Research Commissioner, London, UK.

**Topic: “Towards the Historical Restoration of the Indigenous Garinagu”**

12:00 PM : **Mr. Mick Castillo** (Via Zoom) Researcher, Belize.

**Topic: “Presentation on – the Experience of Garifuna in Belize”**

12:30 PM : **Dr. Adrian Fraser**, Historian, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**Topic: “ Those Who Remained: The Garifuna’s Dreadful and Agonizing Journey from Yurumein to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.”**

1:00 PM : **Dr. Garrey Dennie**, Associate Professor, History, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, USA.

**Topic: “Balliceaux: The Symbol and Substance of Vincentian Reparatory Justice”**

1:30 PM : DISCUSSION –

2:00 PM ——— RAPPORTEUR - REPORT

### **CLOSING**