

The Garifuna Heritage Foundation
In collaboration with
University of the West Indies Global Campus St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Presents
13th International Garifuna Conference (Hybrid)
2026
March 11th – 13th, 2026
University of the West Indies Global Campus Conference Room
Kingstown, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines
“Sacred Grounds, Strategic Goals: Inclusion , Reparations, Balliceaux and the 2030 Pathway to
Garifuna Empowerment”

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, MARCH 11th, 2026

CHAIRPERSON- Mrs. Zoila Ellis - Browne

10:00 -AM – 11:00 AM:

Garifuna Spiritual Blessing : Guatemalan Garifuna Delegation

Shout Out Segment: Greetings from Garifuna Diaspora

Cultural Presentations

11:00 -AM – 12:00 AM: Remembering Balliceaux and the 1797 Expulsion : Presentation

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM : LUNCH

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM : Formal Opening Ceremony 13th International Garifuna Conference 2026

Prayer (In Garifuna & English) GARIFUNA VISITING DELEGATION

National Anthem - SVG National Anthem (Garifuna)

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

Remarks – Dr. Resa Noel McBarnett –UWI Global Campus – Head of Site

Cultural Item

Remarks: Hon. Shevern John, Minister of Social Welfare and Community Empowerment,
Ecclesiastical Affairs and National Heritage

Remarks: Hon. Kashaka Cupid, Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Creative Industries

Cultural Item

Introduction of Keynote Speaker---

Keynote Address-

PROFESSOR ANA VRDOLJAK, UNESCO Chair in International Law & Cultural Heritage, University
of Technology Sydney, Australia-

Vote of Thanks-

INDIGENOUS FILM: SCREENING OF ONE DOCUMENTARY BY AKLEY OLTON