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Tuesday 11 October | London W1S 4BS | 10:30-17:00

Programme

Time	Activity	
10:00-10:30	Registration and refreshments	
10:30-10:35	Welcome by Jeremy Browne , <i>CEO - Canning House</i>	
10:35-10:40	Introduction by HE Elnio Durán , <i>Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the UK</i>	
10:40-10:45	Words from HE Mockbul Ali OBE , <i>British Ambassador to the Dominican Republic</i>	
10:45-11:45	Export & Invest: Why the Dominican Republic has it all with Biviana Riveiro Disla , <i>Executive Director - Export and Investment Centre of the Dominican Republic (PRODOMINICANA)</i> Moderated by Miriam Stern Velázquez , <i>Director of Trade - Embassy of the Dominican Republic</i>	 
11:45-12:15	Banco Popular Dominicano (BPD) presents the book "Economía Naranja" with the BPD team	
12:15-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-14:15	Virtual Address: A Stake in the Creative Economy: The Dominican Strategy by Minister Victor -Ito- Bisonó , <i>Minister for Industry and Trade</i>	
14:15-15:15	The Dominican Republic: A Haven for the Film Industry with Marianna Vargas Gurilieva , <i>Film Commissioner - Dominican Film Commission</i> Moderated by James McKeigue , <i>Editor - LatAm Investor</i>	 

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15:15-15:45	Coffee	
15:45-16:45	Dominican Republic: The Logistical Hub of the Americas with Daniel Peña , <i>Deputy Director of Technology - General Customs Directorate</i> Moderated by Chris Bennett , <i>Managing Director - The Caribbean Council</i>	 
16:45-16:50	Final remarks by Amauris Vásquez , <i>President - BRITCHAM Dominican Republic</i>	

Speakers



HE Mockbul Ali OBE

British Ambassador to the Dominican Republic

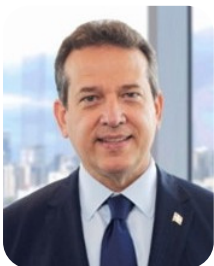
Ambassador Ali was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Dominican Republic and Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti in succession to Mr Chris Campbell in August 2020. His previous roles at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office have included postings in and policy advice roles on African and Middle Eastern countries. He is married to Sajeda Qureshi.



Chris Bennett

Managing Director - The Caribbean Council

Over the past 15 years, Chris has provided hundreds of investors and businesses with business advice, support and analysis on the markets of the Caribbean and Central America. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association and sits on the Board of the Crown Agents Foundation. He is the UK representative for the Chamber of Commerce Europe-Central America and a founding member of the Council of Ibero-American Chambers.



Minister Victor Ito-Bisonó

Minister for Industry and Trade of the Dominican Republic

Minister Bisonó is a prominent political leader who has been elected four times as member of the Chamber of Deputies for the National District. During that time, he was President of the Commission of Economy, Planning and Development and was part of the Industry and Commerce and Treasury commissions. He has held Chief of Staff positions at the Ministry of Public Works, the Dominican Electricity Corporation and the Foreign Investment Promotion Council. He chairs the Centre for Analysis of Public Policies, and the Network of Parliamentarians for Global Action.





Jeremy Browne

CEO - Canning House



Jeremy was appointed CEO of Canning House in 2022. From 2010 to 2012, he served as Minister of State for Latin America in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and was MP for Taunton Deane from 2005 to 2015. After leaving elected office, Jeremy served as the City of London Corporation's Special Representative to the EU, worked as an International Business Ambassador for Aberdeen Standard Investments (abrdn), and advised the environmental investment firm Renewity.



HE Elnio Durán

Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Kingdom



Ambassador Durán is a Dominican agribusiness expert and Vice President and Director of Grupo Banamiel SAS, a banana export company. He is President of the Don Gabin Project - an agricultural and livestock production company - and of Durafil SRL, an agrochemical distribution company. His previous positions include President of the Association of Dominican Banana Producers, Banana Advisor to the President of the Dominican Republic, and other operational and marketing roles across the agribusiness industry.



James McKeigue

Editor - LatAm INVESTOR



James began his career at ITV before moving to Latin America to write for English-language newspapers. He returned to Britain to write for Television Business International and cover the European equity markets for the Forbes.com London bureau. James spent another spell in Latin America, covering the region for international energy magazines. In 2013 he became Editor of LatAm INVESTOR, the UK's only Latin America-focused finance magazine. He now splits his time between London and Latin America.



Daniel Peña

Deputy Director of Technology - General Customs Directorate



In August 2020, President Abinader appointed Daniel as Deputy Director of the Dominican Republic's Customs Agency (DGA). He has played a leading role in the increase of the custom's collections, achieving record high figures, and has been instrumental in the implementation of nonintrusive technology to drive efficiencies in customs operations. Prior to his time at DGA, he worked for 16 years in a diverse range of roles at Nestlé.



Biviana Riveiro Disla

Executive Director - Export and Investment Centre of the Dominican Republic (PRODOMINICANA)



Biviana is passionate about entrepreneurship and innovation and is the recipient of Gala Magazine's "Women of Today" award. She has served as legal advisor in regulatory policy and international affairs at the National Institute of Telecommunications, and as executive director of the National Association of Young Entrepreneurs. In 2016 she joined the administration of former Mayor David Collado as interim legal director and general secretary of the National District City Council.



Miriam Stern Velásquez

Director of Trade - Embassy of the Dominican Republic

Miriam is a designated Counselor at the Dominican Embassy in the UK, and serves as Head of the Commercial Section/Director of Trade. She was previously Director of Communications at the British Embassy Santo Domingo and Secretary General of BANDEX, and led a professional career in finance law. Miriam also now leads various courses related to the financial markets, investment law and FinTech, and is a postgraduate professor of Law at Pontificia Universidad Madre y Maestra.



Marianna Vargas Gurileva

Film Commissioner - Dominican Film Commission

Prior to her appointment as Film Commissioner, Marianna served as a Senior Director of the Business Department at OMG, a legal firm in the Dominican Republic. From 2011 to 2016 she worked as Director of Business and Legal Affairs for Pinewood Dominican Republic Studios, where she acted as in-house counsel for the Chief Operating Officer and the production team. She has a well-established background in Corporate and Commercial Law, specialising in legal planning and entertainment.



Amauris Vásquez

President - BRITCHAM Dominican Republic

Amauris is Founding Partner at the law firm of De Camps, Vásquez & Valera. His areas of expertise include energy, renewable energy, commodities, project finance, foreign investment, telecommunications, real estate, aviation, arbitration, banking/finance, and administrative law and litigation. He has participated in important transactions in the mining and energy sector, and lectures on Energy Projects and Permits at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra.



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