



**XII** TWELFTH CONFERENCE  
OF DEFENSE MINISTERS  
OF THE AMERICAS

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, OCTOBER 10-12 2016

**“Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation in the Hemisphere  
in an Increasingly Volatile Global Environment”**

# **WORK PROGRAMME**

Sunday October 9, 2016

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
All Day	Arrival of Delegates	Piarco International Airport	All delegates
17:00 – 19:00	Registration	Board Room Pre-Function Area, Hyatt Regency Trinidad	All delegates

Monday October 10, 2016

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
All Day	Arrival of Delegates	Piarco International Airport	All delegates
08:00 – 17:00	Registration	Board Room Pre-Function Area	All delegates
07:30 - 08:30	Meeting of Pro Tempore Secretariat with Working Committees	Regency I Hyatt Regency Trinidad	Moderators Rapporteurs Co-Rapporteurs Recording Secretaries Style Committee
09:00 – 12:30	<u>Working Committee Meetings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thematic Axis I:</b> Security and Defence of the Americas in a Changing International Environment: <i>The Evolving Role of the Armed Forces</i></li> <li>• <b>Thematic Axis II:</b> Environmental Protection and Resilience</li> <li>• <b>Thematic Axis III:</b> Hemispheric Security and Defence Cooperation Policy: <i>Beginning with</i></li> </ul>	Regency I  Regency II  Regency III	Per Working Committee:  Moderator Rapporteur Co-Rapporteurs 1 representative per Member State 1 representative per Observer Delegation

	<i>Strengthened Emergency Assistance</i>		
<b>12:30 – 13:45</b>	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	Head of Delegation plus 3 Head of Observer Delegations plus 1
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b><u>Working Committee Meetings</u></b> (Continued)	Regency I, II & III	Per Working Committee:  Moderator Rapporteur Co-Rapporteurs 1 representative per Member State 1 representative per Observer Delegation
<b>17:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Working Committee Boards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of Working Committee Outcomes</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Board of Directors Moderators Rapporteurs Co-Rapporteurs Recording Secretaries 1 representative per Member State

**Tuesday October 11, 2016**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>08:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	Board Room Pre-Function Area	All delegates
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Formal Opening Ceremony</b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	Delegates are asked to be seated by 08:35
<b>09:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Official Photos</b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heads of Delegations,</li> <li>• Heads of Observer Delegations</li> </ul>
<b>09:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Port of Spain Pre-Function Area	

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Opening Plenary Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the President</li> <li>• Presentation of the Programme of Work and Introduction of the Board of Directors</li> <li>• Election of the Vice Chair</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3 Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
11:00 – 12:30	<b>*Plenary Session I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations and Interventions</li> <li>• Heads of Delegations in alphabetical order (max 5 mins. each)</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3 Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	Head of Delegation plus 3 Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Plenary Session I (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations and Interventions by Heads of Delegations</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3, Head of Observer Delegations plus 1
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Regency Pre-Function Area	
15:45 – 18:00	<b>Plenary Session II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions and Recommendations of Working Committees on Thematic Axes I, II, and III</li> <li>• Consideration of the Draft Declaration of Port of Spain</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3 Head of Observer Delegations plus 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
19:30 - 22:00	<b>Dinner hosted by the Minister of National Security, President Pro Tempore of the XII CDMA</b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	Head of Delegation plus 1, Head of Observer Delegations

\* Appropriate session-specific badges to be worn at all times by Delegates

**Wednesday October 12, 2016**

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	PARTICIPANTS
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Plenary Session III</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of Amendments to the CDMA Regulations</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3; Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Regency Pre-Function Area	
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Plenary Session IV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the Draft Declaration of Port of Spain</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3; Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>	Port of Spain Ballroom	Head of Delegation plus 3; Head of Observer Delegation plus 1
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Plenary Session IV (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration and Approval of the Draft Declaration of Port of Spain</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3; Heads of Observer Delegations plus 1
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Regency Pre-Function Area	
16:15 - 17:30	<b>Plenary Session V (Closing Session)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing Ceremony</li> <li>Closing Remarks by the President</li> </ul>	Regency IV-VI	Head of Delegation plus 3; Heads of Observer Delegations plus 1

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>17:45 – 18:15</b>	<b>Press Conference</b>	Regency III	Closed Session
<b>19:00 - 21:00</b>	Cocktail Reception	Ground Floor, Central Bank. (Transportation will be provided)	All Delegates

**Thursday October 13, 2016**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>All Day</b>	Departure of Delegates	Piarco International Airport	All delegates

### **Ancillary Programme**

Tuesday October 11, 2016 (09:00-17:00 hrs)

- Tour to Industrial Estate, Oil Refinery and Wildfowl Trust