

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)
30TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACS MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
29th May 2025, Cartagena, Republic of Colombia

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

8:45 – 9:00 AM	<u>REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
9:00 – 09:30 AM	<p><u>OPENING CEREMONY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anthem of the Republic of Colombia • Welcome Remarks by the Chair of the Ministerial Council <p>The Chair of the Ministerial Council will inaugurate the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council of the Association of Caribbean States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks by the Secretary-General <p>The Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States will deliver brief opening remarks.</p>
9:30 – 9:50 AM	<u>OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH</u>
09:50 – 10:00 AM	<p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Chair of the Ministerial Council will invite the Meeting to decide on the agenda and procedural matters related to its deliberations.</p>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	<p><u>SOCIAL ACTORS SEGMENT</u></p> <p>The Social Actors of the ACS will present a statement at the meeting.</p>
10:30 – 11:45 AM	<p><u>HIGH LEVEL PANEL – PEACE, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, COOPERATION AND FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT</u></p>

	The objective of this Panel/Session is to discuss strategies to strengthen peace, climate resilience and cooperation in the Greater Caribbean, with a focus on innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development. The analysis of the role of the Caribbean as a zone of peace, the need for climate adaptation and mitigation solutions, and the opportunities to access international funds to address the economic and environmental challenges of the region will be promoted.
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	<p><u>INTERACTIVE SESSION – REVITALISATION OF THE ACS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATION</u></p> <p>The new Strategic Vision of the Association of Caribbean States will be presented, aimed at strengthening regional integration and promoting sustainable development. The key pillars of this strategy will be addressed, highlighting concrete actions to face common challenges and consolidate cooperation in the Greater Caribbean.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Ministerial Council • H.E. Noemí Espinoza – Secretary-General
12:30 – 2:00 PM	<u>LUNCH</u>

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>	
2:00 – 2:10 PM	<p>I. <u>APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL</u></p> <p>The Chair of the Ministerial Council will present to the Meeting an Executive Summary of the Report of the Chair of the Ministerial Council for the period 2024-25.</p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the</p>

	Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will examine for approval the Report of the Chair of the Ministerial Council.</i>
2:10 – 2:20 PM	<p><u>II. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE ACS SECRETARY-GENERAL</u></p> <p>The Secretary-General will present to the Meeting an Executive Summary of the Report of the Secretary-General for the period 2024-2025.</p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will consider for approval the Report of the Secretary-General.</i></p>
2:20 – 2:50 PM	<p><u>III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS OF THE CHAIRS OF THE ACS SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA COMMISSION</u></p> <p>The Meeting will receive the Executive Summaries of the Chairs of the Special Committees and the Caribbean Sea Commission in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair of the Caribbean Sea Commission 2. Chair of the Special Committee on Cooperation and Resource Mobilisation 3. Chair of the Special Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction 4. Chair of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism 5. Chair of the Special Committee on Trade Development and External Economic Relations 6. Chair of the Special Committee on Transport 7. Chair of the Special Committee on Budget and Administration <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will consider for approval the Reports of the Special Committees and the Executive</i></p>

	<i>Summaries of the Special Committees and the Caribbean Sea Commission.</i>
2:50 – 2:55 PM	<p><u>IV. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED BUDGET OF THE ACS SECRETARIAT FOR THE PERIOD 2025</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will consider for approval the Revised Regular Budget of the ACS for 2025.</i></p>
2:55 – 3:05 PM	<p><u>V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVER STATUS IN THE ACS</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will review for approval the recommended applications for Associate Member, Observer or Social Actor status within the ACS.</i></p>
3:05 – 3:15 PM	<p><u>VI. ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE CHAIRS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA COMMISSION OF THE ACS</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the meeting will review the requests made by Members to compose the Executive Boards as follow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial Council for 2025-26 • Caribbean Sea Commission for 2025-27 <p>The 2025-26 Special Committees for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Administration • Cooperation and Resource Mobilisation • Disaster Risk Reduction • Sustainable Tourism • Trade Development and External Economic Relations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport <p><i>The ACS Executive Boards will be approved at the meeting.</i></p>
3:15 – 3:45 PM	<p><u>VII. APPROVAL OF MINISTERIAL AGREEMENTS</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Ministerial Council will approve the Agreements of the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council.</i></p>
3:45 – 4:30 PM	<p><u>VIII. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF COLOMBIA</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, the Meeting will consider the Draft Declaration of Colombia.</p> <p><i>The Meeting will be invited to recommend the Draft Declaration of Colombia for adoption by the 10th Summit of ACS Heads of State and/or Government.</i></p>
4:30 – 4:45 PM	<p><u>IX. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE 10TH ACS SUMMIT</u></p> <p>Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting to the 30th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council, <i>the Council will approve the Draft Agenda for the 10th Summit of ACS Heads of State and/or Government.</i></p>
4:45 – 5:00 PM	<p>X. <u>OTHER MATTERS</u></p> <p>The meeting will address any other issues it considers relevant to its deliberations.</p>
5:00 – 5:15 PM	<u>COFFEE BREAK</u>

<u>OPEN SESSION</u>	
5:15 – 5:45 PM	<p><u>CLOSING CEREMONY</u></p> <p>The Chair will invite brief remarks from the Representatives of the countries and organisations whose applications for membership in the ACS have been approved by the Council.</p> <p>The handover ceremony will take place.</p> <p>Finally, the outgoing Chair will welcome the incoming Chair of the Executive Board of the Ministerial Council and invite him/her to make brief remarks before officially closing the meeting.</p> <p>A cultural event will take place.</p>