



**PRELIMINARY CALENDAR
OF
COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

AND

**MEETINGS OF INTEREST
TO THE
THE COMMUNITY**

FOR

January-December 2020

19 March 2020



JANUARY 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	New Year's Day	All Member States (except Haiti) and Associate Member States
1 st	Independence Day	Haiti
2 nd	Ancestors Day (Founding Father's Day)	Haiti
2 nd	Day After New Year's Day	Saint Lucia
2 nd	Carnival Day (Last Lap)	St. Kitts and Nevis
10 th	Majority Rule Day	The Bahamas
21 st	Errol Barrow Day	Barbados
30 th	National Heroes' Day	Cayman Islands

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OBSERVANCES

4 th	World Braille Day
18 th	International Religion Day
23 rd	International Freedom Day
26 th	International Fisherman Day
	International Environmental Education Day
	International Customs Day
27 th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28 th	International Reducing CO2 Emissions Day
30 th	International Nonviolence and Peace Day
31 st	Street Children's Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
17	Eighth Inter-Secretariats Meeting – SICA, CARICOM and the ACS	Trinidad and Tobago
24	Eleventh Meeting of the CARICOM Committee of Ambassadors	Guyana
27-28	Eighty-Third Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)-Services-Officials	Guyana
28	First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the PANCAP-CVC-COIN Global Fund Multi-country Grant	Guyana
29	Twenty-First Regular Meeting of the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE)	Guyana
31	Eighty-Third Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)-Services-Ministerial	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		

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FEBRUARY 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

7 th	Independence Day	Grenada
22 nd	Independence Day	Saint Lucia
23 rd	Republic Day/Mashramani	Guyana
24 th	Carnival Monday	Dominica, Trinidad and Tobago
25 th	Carnival Tuesday	Dominica, Trinidad and Tobago
25 th	Carnival/Shrove Tuesday	Haiti
26 th	Ash Wednesday	Jamaica

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OBSERVANCES¹

4 th	World Cancer Day
13 th	World Radio Day [UNESCO]
20 th	World Day of Social Justice

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
3	CARICOM Technical Working Group in preparation for engagement with the Dominican Republic in the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Council established under the Free Trade Area between CARICOM and the Dominican Republic	Guyana
3	Emergency Meeting of Ministers of Health: Update on the Novel Coronavirus	Video-Conference
17pm	Eleventh Special Meeting of the Community Council of Ministers	Barbados
18-19	Thirty-First Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government	Barbados
TBA	Third Meeting of the CARICOM-Chile Joint Commission	Barbados (TBC)
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¹ Some dates for **Observances** in Member States and Associate States, may vary.



MARCH 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	Ash Wednesday	Cayman Islands
2 nd	James Ronald Webster Day	Anguilla
7 th	H. Lavity Stoutt Birthday	British Virgin Islands
9 th	National Heroes and Benefactors Day	Belize
9 th	Commonwealth Day	British Virgin Islands
10 th	Holi Phagwa	Guyana, Suriname (*)
10 th	Commonwealth Day	Turks and Caicos Islands
14 th	National Heroes' Day	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
17 th	St. Patrick's Day	Montserrat
30 th	Spiritual Baptist (Shouter) Liberation Day	Trinidad and Tobago

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OBSERVANCES

8 th	International Women's Day
21 st	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 st	World Poetry Day
22 nd	World Water Day
23 rd	World Meteorological Day
25 th	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
25 th	Observance of National Genocide Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
10	Nineteenth CARICOM-Japan Consultation	Guyana
11	Fifth CARICOM-Mexico Summit	Mexico City, Mexico
11	IGWG-Unhealthy Diets and Obesogenic Food Environments	Guyana
13	IGWGs - Harmful Use of Alcohol	Guyana
13	CARICOM Technical Working Group in preparation for engagement with the Dominican Republic in the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Council established under the Free Trade Area between CARICOM and the Dominican Republic	Guyana
13	Joint Meeting of Directors of Sport Chief Education Officers re Trade in Education and Sports Services	Guyana
17-18	CARIFORUM Preparatory and Third Meeting of the Task Force on the 2020 Review of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA	Guyana
18	Seventh Special Customs Committee of the Council for Trade and Economic Development	Video Conference
18	8th Meeting of the National AIDS Programme Managers and Key Partners	Trinidad and Tobago
19	Eighty-Fifth Special Council for Trade and Economic Development -Agriculture	
19	CARICOM Girls in ICT Partnership	Guyana
23	14th Meeting of the SEPAC	Guyana

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24	Meeting of the Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee of the CSME	Guyana
24-26	Forty-Eighth Joint Meeting of the Executive and Education Committees and the Seventeenth Meeting of the Practice Committee of the Regional Nursing Body (RNB)	Guyana
25	Joint Meeting of the Reconvened Task Force on the Implementation of Chapter Eight of the Revised Treaty and Senior Officials Responsible for Trade, Competition and Finance	Barbados
26	CARICOM youth Ambassadors Meeting	Guyana
30	Ordinary Meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee	Guyana
27	Monthly Regular Meeting of the Gender Bureaux	Guyana
27	Meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		
24	Fourth Cooperation Meeting of the ACS	Barbados
25	Preparatory Meeting of the 25 th Ordinary Meeting of the ACS Ministerial Council	Barbados
26	25 th Ordinary Meeting of the ACS Ministerial Council	Barbados



APRIL 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

10 th	Good Friday	All Member States and Associate States
11 th	Holy Saturday	Belize
12 th	Easter Sunday	Suriname
13 th	Easter Monday	All Member States (except Bermuda) and Associate States
28 th	National Heroes Day	Barbados

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OBSERVANCES

7 th	World Health Day
22 nd	International Mother Earth Day
24 th	Girls in ICT Day
25 th	World Malaria Day
26 th	World Intellectual Property Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
2-3	Meeting of Officials Preparatory to the Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)	Guyana
2	Regional Committee On Trade Facilitation	VC
6	Twenty- Second Meeting of the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE)	Guyana
7	Legal Affairs Committee Meeting	Guyana
14-17	Meeting of Officials Preparatory to the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR)	Guyana
15-16	CARIFORUM Preparatory and Fourth Meeting of the Task Force on the 2020 Review of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA	Guyana
17	Virtual Pillar Meeting	Guyana
23-24	Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)	Guyana
27-30	Thirteenth Triennial Award Sub-Committee Meeting	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		
6	Tenth UK-Caribbean Forum	London, UK

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MAY 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	Labour Day/May Day	Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname (Arbeidersdag), Anguilla
1 st	Agriculture & Labour Day	Haiti
1 st	National Workers' Day	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
4 th	Labour Day	Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica
5 th	Arrival Day	Guyana
15 th	Discovery Day	Cayman Islands
18 th	Flag and University Day	Haiti
23 rd	Labour Day	Jamaica
24 th	Eid-ul-Fitr	Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago (*)
24 th	Sovereign's Day/ Commonwealth Day	Belize
24 th	Bermuda Day	Bermuda
26 th	Independence Day	Guyana
29 th	National Heroes' Day	Turks and Caicos Islands
30 th	Indian Arrival Day	Trinidad and Tobago
30 th	Anguilla Day	Anguilla

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OBSERVANCES

3 rd	World Press Freedom Day
12 th	International Nurses Day
17 th	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
18 th	World AIDS Vaccine Day
31 st	World No Tobacco Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
7-8	Twenty-Third Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR)	Haiti
8	COTED ICT Meeting	Guyana
TBA	Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) - Education	Guyana
15	Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Legal Affairs Committee (LAC)	Guyana
17-22	CARICOM Digital Week	Grenada
19	Focus Group Discussion on MER Pilot Evaluation	Videoconference
21-22	CARIFORUM Preparatory and Fifth Meeting of the Task Force on the 2020 Review of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		

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JUNE 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	Whit Monday	Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands
5 th	Randol Fawkes Labour Day	The Bahamas
11 th	Corpus Christi	Grenada, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago
13 th	Sovereign's Birthday	British Virgin Islands
13 th	Queen's Birthday	Montserrat
15 th	Queen's Official Birthday	Anguilla
15 th	Queen's Birthday	Cayman Islands
15 th	National Heroes' Day	Bermuda
19 th	Labour Day	Trinidad and Tobago
19 th	Her Majesty the Queen's Official Birthday	Turks and Caicos islands

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OBSERVANCES

5 th	World Environment Day
6 th	World Pest Day
8 th	World Oceans Day
12 th	World Day against Child Labour
14 th	World Blood Donor Day
15 th	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
26 th	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		
June	50 th OAS General Assembly	The Bahamas
Week of 22 June	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting	Rwanda



JULY 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	Freedom Day (Dag der Vrijheden)	Suriname
1 st	Territory Day	British Virgin Islands
3 rd	Constitution Day	Cayman Islands
6 th	CARICOM Day	Guyana
6 th	Carnival Monday	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
7 th	Carnival Tuesday	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
10 th	Independence Day	The Bahamas
30 th	Emancipation Day	Bermuda
31 st	Somers' Day	Bermuda
31 st	Eid-ul-Azha	Guyana, Suriname (*)

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OBSERVANCES

11 th	World Population Day
17 th	World Day for International Justice
18 th	Nelson Mandela International Day
26 th	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem
30 th	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
1	Meeting of the Council for Finance and Planning	St Vincent and the Grenadines
1-3	Forty-First Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
13	CARIFORUM Preparatory and Seventh Meeting of the Task Force on the 2020 Review of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA	Guyana
14-15	Thirty-Third Meeting of the Regional Census Coordinating Committee	Trinidad and Tobago
16	Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Advisory Group on Statistics	Trinidad and Tobago
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		

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AUGUST 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

1 st	Emancipation Day	Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago
3 rd	Emancipation Day	The Bahamas, Montserrat
3 rd	August Monday	Dominica
3 rd	Carnival Monday	Grenada
3 rd	J'Ouvert Morning	Antigua and Barbuda
3 rd	Independence Day	Jamaica
3 rd	Kadooment Day	Barbados
3 rd	August Monday	Anguilla
3 rd	Festival Monday	British Virgin Islands
4 th	Last Lap	Antigua and Barbuda
4 th	Carnival Tuesday	Grenada
4 th	Festival Tuesday	British Virgin Islands
5 th	Festival Wednesday	British Virgin Islands
5 th	Emancipation Day	Turks and Caicos Islands
6 th	August Thursday	Anguilla
9 th	Day of the Indigenous People (Dag der Inheemsen)	Suriname
19 th	Constitution Day	Anguilla
31 st	Independence Day	Trinidad and Tobago

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OBSERVANCES

9 th	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12 th	International Youth Day
19 th	World Humanitarian Day
23 rd	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

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SEPTEMBER 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

7 th	Labour Day	Bermuda
10 th	St. George's Caye Day	Belize
16 th	National Heroes Day	St. Kitts and Nevis
19 th	Independence Day	St. Kitts and Nevis
21 st	Independence Day	Belize
22 nd	National Youth Day	Turks and Caicos Islands
24 th	Republic Day	Trinidad and Tobago

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OBSERVANCES

8 th	International Literacy Day
16 th	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
25 th	World Maritime Day
27 th	World Tourism Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
TBA	Thirteenth Special Meeting of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations	New York
TBA	Second CARICOM-India Joint Commission	Guyana
TBA	Follow-Up Meeting to the 10th CARICOM-UN General Assembly (VC)	Guyana
TBA	Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) - Transportation	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		



OCTOBER 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

5 th	Thanksgiving Day	Saint Lucia
9 th	National Heritage Day	Turks and Caicos Islands
12 th	National Heroes Day	The Bahamas
12 th	Pan American Day	Belize
17 th	Anniversary of the Death of Dessalines	Haiti
19 th	National Heroes Day	Jamaica
21 st	St. Ursula's Day	British Virgin Islands
25 th	Thanksgiving Day	Grenada
27 th	Independence Day	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
29 th	Youman Nabi	Guyana (*)

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OBSERVANCES

5 th	World Habitat Day
5 th	World Teachers' Day
17 th	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
20 th	World Statistics Day
24 th	United Nations Day

DATE	COMMUNITY MEETINGS	HOST COUNTRY
8-15	Caribbean Statistics Day Activities	Guyana
TBA	Fifty-First Regular Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED)	Guyana
MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		

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NOVEMBER 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

14 th	Diwali	Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago (*)
1 st	Independence Day	Antigua and Barbuda
3 rd	Independence Day	Dominica
4 th	Community Day of Service	Dominica
11 th	Remembrance Day	Bermuda, Cayman Islands
18 th	Battle of Vertieres Day	Haiti
19 th	Garifuna Settlement Day	Belize
24 th	National Day of Thanksgiving	Turks and Caicos Islands
23 rd	Liberation Day	Montserrat
25 th	Independence Day (Onafhankeljkheidsdag)	Suriname
30 th	Independence Day	Barbados

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OBSERVANCES

20 th	Universal Children's Day
25 th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNITY		

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DECEMBER 2020

NATIONAL DAYS

9 th	National Heroes Day	Antigua and Barbuda
13 th	National Day	Saint Lucia
19 th	National Heroes and Heroines Day	Anguilla
25 th	Christmas Day	All Member States and Associate Member States
26 th	Boxing Day	All Member States (except Haiti) and Associate Member States
31 st	Festival Day	Montserrat

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OBSERVANCES

1 st	World Aids Day
2 nd	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 rd	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
10 th	Human Rights Day

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