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## **Caribbean Sub-regional Advisory Committee (SUBRAC) meeting “ Strategising for the future. Building union power and influence.”**

March 28 , 2015: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
March 29, 2015: 9:15 am to 5:30 pm  
Giorgio Room, Veneto Holiday Beach Hotel

### **Venue**

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### **Introduction**

The Caribbean Sub-regional Advisory Committee (SUBRAC) meets annually. The SUBRAC is a PSI advisory body comprising representatives from affiliates who “facilitate the consultation process at sub-regional level on policy issues and work programme implementation, and who participate in exchange and dialogue on issues relevant to PSI affiliates.”

The meeting seeks to **Inform, Educate and Motivate/Inspire** committee members.

### **Working methods**

The meeting will include presentations, small group activities, as well as plenary discussions.

The Sub-regional Office will send most documents by e-mail prior to the meeting. There will be no hard copies of documents previously sent by e-mail.

Any other documents, not previously sent, will be provided in both electronic format and hard copy at the meeting. The hotel provides wireless access and as far as is possible, we encourage committee members to use the technology to derive the maximum benefit from the deliberations and discussions.

The Titular members, Bro Wayne Jones and Sis Jillian Bartlett, co-chair the meeting.

## Draft Schedule – Saturday March 28, 2015

### NETWORKING

- 9:00 am** **Call to order, Introductory remarks, Titular members, PSI Regional Secretary, PSI sub-regional Secretary**  
**Welcome, Bro Wendy Calmes, President ABVO Curaçao**  
**Adoption of Agenda, Announcements and Introductions**  
**Minutes of the 2014 meeting**  
– Adoption and confirmation of minutes  
**Matters arising (items not otherwise covered in the agenda)**

### NETWORKING BREAK

**10:30 am**

**10:50 am** **Matters arising (cont'd)**

**Priorities in the subregion – actions, proposals and follow-up ( 2014 – 2015)**

*SUBRAC members will review the various activities, programmes and projects undertaken during the period under review. In this session we also invite affiliates to highlight their successes and the challenges they continue to face.*

**12:00** **Trade Union Relevance and Sustainability**

**noon**

- The state of play
- On the road to trade union renewal

*SUBRAC members will further examine trade union renewal and the steps that some unions have already taken in the process.*

**1:00 pm**

**END OF DAY ONE**

**Free afternoon**

## Draft schedule – Sunday March 29, 2015

### NETWORKING

#### 9:15 am Summary reports and recommendations from members on Inter-American Regional committees and working groups

- Anti-Racism and Anti-Xenophobia committee, Bro Patrick Yarde
- LGBTQ committee, Sis Linda Mienzer (via Skype)
- Young workers' committee, Bro Shamir Brown
- Tax justice and anti-corruption campaign, Bro Roland Ignacio

*We invite SUBRAC members to carefully note the work done and to make recommendations for specific sub-regional action.*

### 10:30 am NETWORKING BREAK

#### 10:50 am Building a sectoral focus

*Bro Jocelio Drummond, Sis Jillian Bartlett, Bro Wayne Jones*

- Review and discussion of PSI's sectoral networks and sector-specific organisations in the Americas
- Sectoral network structures and methods of operation
- The Caribbean sub-region's priorities for sectoral networks

*We invite SUBRAC members to discuss in depth the development and organisation of sectoral networks in the Inter-Americas.*

#### 11:50 am Taking action – proposed sub-regional campaigns and actions

- OECS and CARICOM
- CTSP Haiti
- GPSU and GLGOU

*SUBRAC will examine in detail and identify its strategy and plans for deepening its role in the OECS and CARICOM; and in response to attacks on trade union rights in Haiti and Guyana.*

### 1:00 pm LUNCH

#### 2:20 pm Report from SUBWOC meeting

*Sis Jillian Bartlett, Sis Susan Hodge*

*SUBRAC will review and discuss the report from the Sub-regional women's advisory committee meeting.*

#### 3:15 pm The Inter-American Action Plan and IAMRECON 2015

- Preparations for the workshops, meetings and conference
- Ensuring a Caribbean presence at the conference

*In a series of round table discussions, SUBRAC members will discuss and agree on the sub-region's engagement during the IAMRECON and related meetings.*

#### 5:00 pm Closing remarks

### 5:30 pm END OF MEETING