PSI-FES Co-operation Project 2011-2013
Influencing the debates on public policy and the development agenda in the Caribbean

November 4 - 6, 2013
Alhambra Inn, Kingston, Jamaica

Draft Programme

Aims of 2013 workshop
1. Review the work done during the project noting especially the experiences and lessons learnt
2. Finalise for publication the materials developed during the project period
3. Practise presenting arguments and proposals.
4. Identify next steps/future plans

Day 1 – Monday November 4

9:00 am    Registration, Networking
9:15       Welcome/Opening Remarks

Judith Wedderburn, Director, FES Jamaica & the Eastern Caribbean
Sis Sandra Massiah, PSI Sub-regional Secretary for the Caribbean

Introductions

9:40       The project thus far: where we’ve come from, what we’ve done

Sis Sandra Massiah, PSI Sub-regional Secretary for the Caribbean
Judith Wedderburn, Director, FES Jamaica & the Eastern Caribbean

10:30 am   COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
10:50 am   Lessons learnt

We invite participants to share their experiences throughout the project period. Highlight your successes, your challenges, the lessons that you have learnt
Emerging issues (issues not covered in original project proposal but which are now key and deserving of analysis)

Throughout the project the project period, some ‘new’ and important issues have emerged – at country level, in the region and internationally.

We invite participants to identify these issues and examine how they have impacted their post-workshop activities and their views of the project.

1:00 pm  LUNCH
2:15 pm  Mini summits
Selected participants present their pre-workshop activities.

3:45 pm  Review of mini summits
4:00 pm  COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
4:20 pm  Reviewing communication skills
Preparations for Day 2
5:15 pm  END OF DAY ONE

Day 2 – Tuesday November 5

9:15 am  Collective bargaining in times of crisis
Presentation of case studies, experiences from across the Caribbean

10:30 am  COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
11:00 am  Panel presentation - Jamaica and the IMF: a people’s perspective

Panellists: Bert van Selm, IMF resident representative in Jamaica; Danny Roberts, Head, Hugh Lawson Shearer Trade Union Education Institute; Helene Davis-Whyte, general secretary, Jamaica Association of Local Government Officers and Trade union representative on the Economic Performance Oversight Committee

Moderator: Judith Wedderburn, Director, FES Jamaica & the Eastern Caribbean

1:10 pm  LUNCH

Free afternoon in preparation for final presentations on Day 3

END OF DAY TWO
Day 3 – Wednesday November 6

9:30 am  Participants’ presentations

10:30 am  COFFEE & PREP BREAK

10:50 am  Participants’ presentations (cont’d)

Review of presentations

1:00 pm  LUNCH

2:15 pm  Issues emerging from the presentations – making the linkages to your everyday trade union activities

Building trade union solidarity – Caribbean and regional trade union organisations, the Global Unions, the ILO

Influencing the development agenda

Sis Paula Robinson, Senior Specialist, Workers’ Activities, Gender Focal Point, ILO Decent Work Team and Country Office for the Caribbean

Sis Sandra Massiah, PSI Sub-regional Secretary for the Caribbean

Judith Wedderburn, Director, FES Jamaica & the Eastern Caribbean

4:00 pm  COFFEE BREAK

4:20 pm  Conclusions

Next steps

5:15 pm  END OF WORKSHOP