

“Sustainable Management of the Northern Range”

November 8-10, 2004
Building #7, Fernandes Industrial Centre
Laventille

Workshop Programme

Workshop Objectives

- (1) *To present the emerging conclusions of the Northern Range Assessment, and to explore ideas for future management of the Northern Range and its resources.*
 - (2) *To create an opportunity for a cross-section of stakeholders to make inputs into the Northern Range Assessment before completion of the final report.*
 - (3) *To share the approach to a continuing activity with one of the three communities involved in the Northern Range Assessment*
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Monday 8th November

DAY ONE

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration of participants

Session 1: The Northern Range Assessment – Background and Emerging Conclusions

Chair – Dr. John Agard

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Opening remarks and background to the Northern Range Assessment.**
(a) *Welcome remarks (Dr. John Agard)*
(b) *Why was the Northern Range Assessment undertaken? (Sarika Maharaj)*
(c) *Methodology for conducting the Assessment (Keisha Garcia)*

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Slide Presentation ‘The Way We Were’**
Professor Julian Kenny will feature his extensive collection of photographs of the changing face of the Northern Range along with his ideas for policies and management needed to ensure the sustainable use of the Northern Range.
Presentation and discussion

- 9:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Presentation and discussion of findings about the three priority components of the Northern Range selected for assessment.**
Members of the assessment team will present on the three components of the assessment, and on Responses for sustainable management of the Northern Range, and each will be followed by a short discussion period
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** ***Freshwater Resources of the Northern Range***
(Professor Harry Phelps)
- 10:30a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Coffee break
- Chair – David Shim**
- 10:45a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** ***Forest Resources of the Northern Range***
(Eden Shand)
- 11:30a.m. – 12:15p.m.** ***Coastal Resources of the Northern Range***
(Dr. John Agard)
- 12:15p.m. – 1:15 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** ***Responses relevant to sustainable management of the Northern Range***
(Angela Cropper)
- 3:00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.** ***Reflections on the discussion of Day 1***
- 4.30 p.m.** Adjourn

Tuesday 9th November

DAY TWO

Session II: Sectoral Issues with Direct Relevance to the Northern Range

Chair – Sheilah Solomon

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** ***Agriculture in the Northern Range***
Professor John Spence will address the development of agriculture in Trinidad and Tobago, and present his views on options for agriculture in the Northern Range.
- Presentation and discussion*
- Respondent - Professor Serwan Baban*

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Water resources of the Northern Range**
Keith Meade of the Water Resources Agency will present the Draft Water Resources Policy
Presentation and discussion

Respondent – Dr. Mary Alkins-Koo

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

Session III: Biodiversity and Amenity Value of the Northern Range
Chair – Sheilah Solomon

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Species**
Robyn Cross of the EMA will present the EMA’s proposals for environmentally sensitive areas and species within the Northern Range.
Presentation and discussion

Respondent – Dr. Howard Nelson

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Coastal Areas**
Charmaine O’Brien-Delpesh will draw on the IMA’s coastal research and monitoring work in Trinidad and Tobago, with special emphasis on beaches in the Northern Range.
Presentation and discussion

Respondent – Dr. John Agard

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Tourism Potential of the Northern Range**
Gail Henry of the Ministry of Tourism will present on the Ministry’s approach for tourism development in the Northern Range, in the context of existing policies.
Presentation and discussion

Respondent – Dr. Carol James

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Discussion**
Reflections on the day’s discussions in the context of the emerging findings and ideas for responses presented on Day 1.

4.30 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday 10th November

DAY THREE

Session IV: People taking responsibility for the Northern Range

Chair – Sarah McIntosh

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** **Communities in the Northern Range**
Nicola Cross will focus on the community component of the Northern Range Assessment
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Bon Air North: planning its own development**
Junior Barrack of the Bon Air North Community will focus on the community's vision, needs and problems in developing an integrated community.
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Discussion on issues and questions arising from the morning's presentations**
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Coffee Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **T&TCAN!: The Northern Range as a Framework for Collaborative Local Government.**
Presentation and discussion
Sheilah Solomon and Jennifer Kelshall of T&TCAN! will present ideas and experience for local governance conducive to community sustainable living.
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Closing Plenary**
- **Reflections**
- **Continuing the effort**
 1. *Completion of the assessment report*
 2. *Policy seminar with colleagues in the Public Service*
 3. *Public education programme*
 4. *Advocacy group for the Northern Range?*
- 12:00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.** **Field trip to Bon Air North Community.**

Please see attached programme for trip to Bon Air North.

Note:

Workshop participants are invited to join the field trip to Bon Air North on Wednesday, November 10th, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:30p.m. A bus will be available to take participants to/from Bon Air North. There is a short walk to the site, appropriate clothes (a swim in the river is possible) and shoes are recommended.

Lunch boxes will be provided prior to departure for a picnic on site. Once there, participants are asked to take responsibility for disposal of their garbage.

