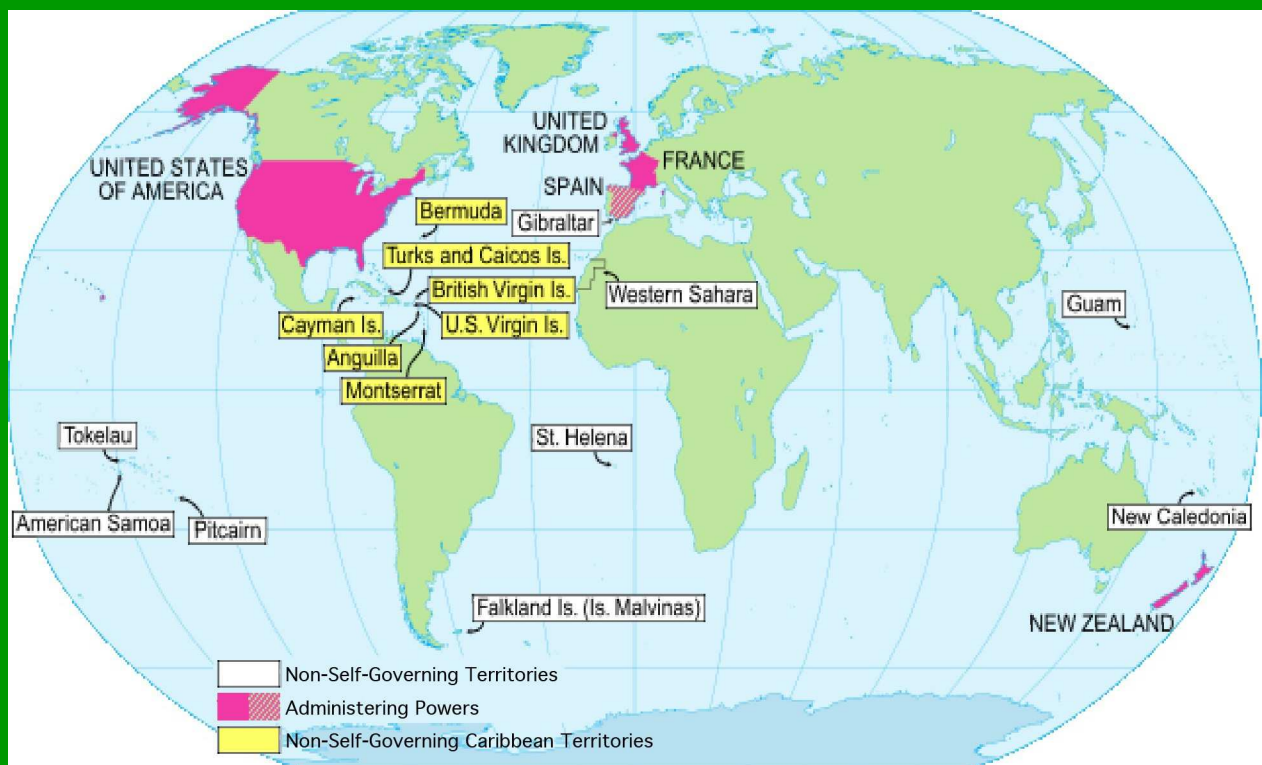


THE NON-INDEPENDENT TERRITORIES OF THE CARIBBEAN: Statuses and Cooperation

WORKSHOP 1



8-12 November 2010

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The United Nations officially recognized 16 non-independent territories of which 7 are located in the Caribbean. These are Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Bermuda which is incorporated in the Caribbean despite its geographical position.

In fact not all non-sovereign territories of the Caribbean are included in the list. For example, the Netherland Antilles, Puerto Rico, the French overseas territories are not included, though they are objectively non-independent territories. Actually legal situations vary greatly. The primary objective of this seminar is to question the particularly limited cooperation between countries of the region, whose statuses under both international law and individual domestic laws of the states they depend on, are different. French local authorities have experienced recent developments, generated both by a desire of the French state to streamline local administration and by the consultation of the populations of the French territories of the Caribbean. Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique and St. Martin do not have the same constitutional statuses while being all ultra peripheral regions of the European Union. The island of Saint Barthelemy, which has voted in favor of the constitutional status of "Pays et Territoire d'Outre-Mer" enjoys a greater autonomy akin to the one enjoyed by the Dutch, British and American territories. The British and Dutch territories have also experienced institutional changes some of which surprising enough. The breaking up of the Netherlands Antilles, the integration of Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire in the administration system of the Netherlands can be compared to a certain extent to the changes observed in the Guadeloupean archipelago. Changes have also occurred in the British West-Indies. The government of Great Britain intervened directly in the affairs of the Turks and Caicos islands, limiting its autonomy regime in the name of good governance. In the Virgin Islands and Cayman Islands, constitutional changes have been adopted or are in progress. Beyond the differences what cooperation actions are implemented today? Which ones could help bridge the gap between territories whose histories and current events have so many similarities?

Monday 8 November 2010

Morning

- 9:00 to 10:00 ■ Welcoming the participants
- 10:00 to 11:00 ■ Opening ceremony
- **speeches from the authorities**
 - Jean-Gabriel MONTAUBAN, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics
 - Pascal SAFFACHE, President of the University of Antilles-Guyane
 - Jacques BANGOU, Mayor of Pointe-à-Pitre
 - Victorin LUREL, President of Regional Council
 - **Introductory speech of the organizers:**
 - Ruben SILIE VALDEZ
 - Eric NABAJOTH
 - Fred RENO
- 11h00-11h30 ■ Presentation of the workshop program

Afternoon

- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm ■ Opening lecture
- “Non Independent Territories under International Law: Independence, integration, autonomy, free association: the various scenarios.”*
- Speaker: Carlyle CORBIN**, *International advisor on Governance Former US Virgin Islands Minister of State for External Affairs*
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm ■ Exchanges among participants

Day Two : 9 november

Morning

9 :00 to 10:00

■ Plenary

“The Problems of regional integration of the non-independent territories ”

Speaker: **Dr.Aaron RAMOS**, former director of the University of Puerto Rico Institute for Caribbean Studies and expert in political economy

10:00 to 10:45

■ exchanges between participants

11:00 to 12:30

■ Workshop 1

“The Relations between non-independent territories and with the States of the Greater Caribbean.”

Moderator: **Aaron RAMOS**

Afternoon

2:30pm to 4:30 pm

■ Workshop 2

“Sub regional cooperation: Illustrations and Perspectives”

Moderator: **Manuella HUNG YING**, Head of International Relations and Protocol Office of the City of Lamentin (Martinique)

4:30pm to 5 pm

■ Break

5 pm to 5:30 pm

■ Reports and Synthesis

Third Day : 10 november

Morning

9:00 to 10:00

■ Plenary

"The United States, Britain and their dependencies: History and Prospects."

Speaker: **Dr. Peter CLEGG**, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of the West of England

10:00 to 10:45

■ Exchanges between participants

11:00 to 12:30

■ Workshop 1

"The status of the U.S. and of the British territories: what skills for what actions of regional cooperation and integration?"

Moderator: **Peter CLEGG**

Afternoon

2:30pm to 4:30 pm

■ Workshop 2

"The integration of the U.S. and the British territories in their environment."

Moderator: **Peter CLEGG**

4:30pm to 5 pm

■ Break

5 pm to 5:30 pm

■ Reports and Synthesis

Fourth Day : 11 november

Morning

9:00 to 10:00

■ Plenary

“The Netherlands, France and their dependencies: History and recent developments”

Speaker(s): **Dr. Miguel GOEDE and Dr. Fred RENO**

Dr. Miguel Goede is the Rector Magnificus of the University of the Netherlands Antilles (UNA)

Dr. Fred Reno is professor of political science at University Antilles-Guyane (UAG) and director of CAGI

10:00 to 10:45

11:00 to 12:30

■ Exchanges between participants

■ Workshop 1

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Moderator: **Miguel GOEDE**

Afternoon

2:30 m to 4:30 pm

■ Workshop 2

“The statuses of the French territories: what skills for what actions of cooperation and regional integration”.

Moderator: **Julien MERION**, President of CORECA

4:30pm to 5 pm

■ Break

5 pm to 5:30 pm

■ Reports and Synthesis

Fifth Day : 12 november

Morning

9 to 10

■ Plenary

“The Ultra Peripheral Regions in the European Partnership Agreement.”

Speaker(s): **Dr. Jean CRUSOL**, Professor of economics and Regional councilor of Martinique

10 to 10:45

■ Exchanges between participants

11 to 12:30

Workshop 1

“The EU-CARIFORUM negotiations of the EPA: the experience of a negotiator”

Moderator: **Errol HUMPHREY**, Consultant on EPA Implementation and Coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados

Afternoon

2:30 m to 4:30 pm

■ Workshop 2

“The relations between CARIFORUM and the Caribbean Ultra Peripheral regions: -EDF and ERDF: a difficult marriage?”

Moderator: **Christian VITALIEN**, Consultant on national and European public policy, and associate professor at the University of Antilles and Guyane

4:30pm to 5 pm

■ Break

5 pm to 5:30 pm

■ Reports and Synthesis

5:30pm to 6:00pm

■ Summary of the seminar.



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