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DAY 2 Friday, November 28, 2025 (8:30 am–4:00 pm)

ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
Welcome & Prayer	Ms Allison Montgomery Rapporteur
Opening Remarks	Professor Zoyah Kinkead-Clark Early Childhood Care and Education, Department of Education, University of the West Indies, Mona
Remarks	Dr Deon Edwards Kerr Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, University of the West Indies Mona Professor Carmel Roofe Director, School of Education, University of the West Indies, Mona Mrs Andrea Edwards-Brown Senior Director Cross Sectoral Coordination, Early Childhood Commission Mr Parris Lyew-Ayee, CD Chairman, JN Foundation
Keynote – <i>The State of Play: An exploration of the reality of early childhood education in Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	Professor Maureen Samms-Vaughan, CD Retired Professor, Child Health, Child Development and Behaviour, University of the West Indies, Mona
Case Study – <i>An exploration of the lived first-year teaching experiences of five early childhood teachers in Jamaica – A phenomenological study.</i>	Dr Jacqueline Chen Vice Principal of Administration, St Joseph’s Teachers’ College

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<p>Panel 2 Discussion: <i>Opportunity or Distraction: Technology and Early Childhood Education</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Ava Marie Reid</p>	<p>Dr Ricardo Anderson Lead, Technology and Innovation, One on One</p> <p>Dr Tiou Clarke Lecturer, School of Business and Administration, UTech</p> <p>Dr Dawn Lee DiPeri Interdisciplinary Global Design Leader & Faculty Trainer, UNICEF</p>
<p>Video</p>	<p><i>The Legacy of Dudley R.B. Grant</i> Featuring Mr William McLeod, former Managing Director of Van Leer (Jamaica) Ltd.</p>
<p>Panel 3: Diversity in Practice: <i>Addressing the unique abilities and cultural differences in early childhood education delivery</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Benita Aiken</p>	<p>Dr Pauline Watson-Campbell Executive Director, McCam Child Development Centre</p> <p>Dr Rebecca Tortello Education Specialist, Early Screening Pathway UNICEF</p> <p>Mrs Lurleen Gamboa Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Belize</p> <p>Ms Venice Irving Chief Executive Officer, Happy Teachers Jamaica</p>
<p>LUNCH</p>	

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<p>Panel 4: <i>Building Resilient and Sustainable Early Childhood Curriculum Frameworks.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Olivia Wilmot</p>	<p>Ms Nadera Ross Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Belize</p> <p>Ms Emblar Spencer Education Officer, Early Childhood Education, Antigua and Barbuda</p> <p>Dr Elizabeth Jaeger Associate Professor of Social Sciences, University of the US Virgin Islands</p> <p>Dr Winsome Gordon, OD, JP Chief Executive Officer, Jamaica Teaching Council</p>
<p>Panel 5: <i>Fit for Purpose? Reimagining Teacher Training to Build a Resilient Caribbean – Competence vs. Certification; Cultural Relevance; Retention; Equity and Inclusion.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Sharlene Kinkead-Cope</p>	<p>Ms Nadine Molloy Principal, Shortwood Teachers' College</p> <p>Dr Tashane Haynes-Brown Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Mona</p> <p>Dr Dian McCallum Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Mona</p>
<p>Closing</p>	<p>Ms Allison Montgomery Rapporteur</p>

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