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“THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) AND THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF THEIR PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY”

AND

“MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE”

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GUEST SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) AND THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF THEIR PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CAPACITY

1. Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones:Research Fellow at the Jones University of the West Indies, Mona

Campus in Northern Kingston, Jamaica

Natalie Dietrich Jones’ professional experience has been in the field of development in Jamaica and other Caribbean spaces. She has focused in migration and border studies, qualitative research, and critical realist methodology. Her research interests include Migration and Border studies, Qualitative research, and Critical Realist methodology. Prior to joining SALISES Natalie taught a number of courses in International Relations and Political Science within the Department of Government at University of West Indies (UWI), Mona in Jamaica. Natalie Dietrich Jones enjoys teaching and is passionate about student development. Outside of academia, she has worked in the local and international public sector. Most recently, she was employed with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, where she assisted with the development of a framework for cooperation between the United Nations System and the Caribbean.

1. Rana G. Ksaifi:Head of the Caribbean Protection Unit, United National High Commissioner for

Refugees (UNHCR)

Ms. Ksaifi is a Lebanese Canadian with over 18 years of work experience with UNHCR working in different locations in the Middle East, North Africa and Europe. She worked with UNHCR in the Middle East and North Africa during the Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Mediterranean crisis and was deployed to Turkey and Colombia to assist in designing a registration/verification project for the respective Governments. Ms. Ksaifi holds a BA in Human Relations from Concordia University in Canada and an Msc. in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics in the UK. Ms. Ksaifi has been working at MCO-Washington since August 2019 overseeing UNHCR’s work in the Caribbean as well as program and operations support for the United States.

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1. Diego Chaves-González:Migration expert at the World Bank Group and a visiting fellow at the

 Migration Policy Institute

Diego Chaves-González is a migration expert at the World Bank Group and a visiting fellow at the Migration Policy Institute. He was previously seconded by the United Nations to support the Border Management Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia in its efforts to register and regularize Venezuelan irregular migrants. He has also coordinated the Displacement Tracking Matrix in Latin America to collect information on Venezuelan migration flows, assisted governments in adjusting their capacity to manage large-scale migration and comply with international standards, and implemented programs for Venezuelan migrants and host communities.Mr. Chaves-González holds a master’s degree in economics and social development from Cardiff University, a master’s in public policy from Tecnológico de Monterrey, and a bachelor’s degree in political science and specialization in international relations from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá.

1. Wazim Mowla:Assistant Director for the Caribbean Initiative at the Adrienne Arsht Latin

 America Center

Wazim Mowla is the Assistant Director for the Caribbean Initiative at the Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center. Mowla. Mowla holds an MA in History from Florida International University, where he is currently a Non-Resident Scholar for the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy. He is also an MA candidate at American University’s School of International Service, pursuing a self-designed program on Caribbean Affairs, and he is honored to have interned for Ambassador Ronald Sanders of Antigua and Barbuda and Ambassador Riyad Insanally of Guyana.

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