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## HALF DAY CONFERENCE JUNE 26, 2015



# THE BAHAMIANE CONOMY IN A CHANGING CARIBBEAN SCENE

Hear noted international and local speakers discuss competition and the moral imperative of free enterprise. Will the new US policy towards Cuba create incentives to liberate Bahamian economic potential? Which sectors of the economy need more liberation? Can the rule of law trump cronyism in the Caribbean?

MORNING EVENT: FREE

**LUNCH: \$30** 

Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, Poseidon Room 4

Throughout history small countries have contributed much to the world—from Venice and the Netherlands in centuries past, to Hong Kong, Singapore and Switzerland today. The Caribbean, including the Bahamas, could also become a beacon of free enterprise and economic progress. The new policy of the United States toward Cuba, the largest regional country, might provide opportunities to liberate the potential of the Bahamas and other countries in the region. The Nassau Institute, with the support of the Atlas Network, is conducting a morning and luncheon programme on June 26 (just before the John Templeton Members Meeting). During lunch, two prestigious members of The Templeton Foundation - Fr. Robert Sirico, president of the Acton Institute; and Dr. Pedro Schwartz, president of the Mont Pelerin Society - will engage in a conversation with the audience on the morality of free enterprise.

#### SESSION1-9T09:45 AM

Changing Scenarios in the Region

- Cuba and the United States:

#### **Ambassador Otto Reich**

- Economic impact and implications in the region:

**Ernesto Selman, CREES, Dominican Republic** 

Session Moderator: Dr. Alejandro Chafuen

#### SESSION 2-9:50 TO 10:50 AM

Sectors in Need of Liberalism

- The Caribbean energy market:
   Hubert G. Taylor, Signal Power & Light Inc.
- Improving investment freedoms:

**Dr. John Rodgers** 

Session Moderator: Professor Randy Forbes

- COFFEEBREAK -

#### SESSION 3-11:15 AM TO 12:15 PM

The Rule Of Law

- Can the rule of law trump cronyism in the Caribbean:

**Tamico Gilbert** 

The need for transparency in developing societies:

Tamara van Breugel

Session Moderator: Jorge Borlandelli

#### LUNCH 12:30 TO 2:15 PM

### SESSION4-

Economics and Ethics: Current and Future Challenges.

- A conversation over lunch with **Dr Pedro Schwartz** and **Fr Robert Sirico** Session Moderator: Lauren Templeton