

## **Guyana: Host Country**

The Co-operative Republic of Guyana is honoured to host the Caribbean Sociological Association's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2026 under the theme: "Sociology of Societies in Transition: Exploring Tensions between Stability and Change".

As CARICOM's only mainland member, Guyana embodies the very tensions the conference seeks to explore. In one generation, Guyana has navigated profound social, economic, and environmental transitions. It transitions from post-colonial nation building to rapid economic growth, energy transformation, and climate resilience.

With a population of over 800,000 representing six peoples and one nation, Guyana offers a living laboratory for understanding how societies manage continuity and disruption. From our diverse cultural traditions and strong community structures to new industries, migration patterns, and urban development, Guyana is experiencing change at a pace rarely seen in the region.

Hosted at the University of Guyana, the country's premier public university, this conference invites scholars to engage with Guyanese academics, policymakers, and communities. Delegates will experience a country where Caribbean identity meets South American geography, a place of rainforests and rivers, historic Georgetown architecture, and a people renowned for their hospitality and resilience.

We welcome you to Guyana to share research, build networks, and examine together how societies in transition can pursue stability, equity, and transformation.

## **Quick Facts about Guyana**

- Capital: Georgetown
- Language: English
- Population: approx. 850,000
- Member: CARICOM, Commonwealth, OAS
- Key Themes: Energy transition, migration, cultural diversity, climate resilience, social change
- Landmark: Kaieteur Falls - one of the world's largest single-drop waterfalls

## **Host Institution: The University of Guyana**

The University of Guyana (UG) is the national public university of Guyana and the premier institution of higher learning in the country. Established in 1963, UG has a mandate to provide quality education, research, and service to Guyana, the Caribbean, and the wider world.

With campuses in Georgetown and Berbice, UG serves over 10,000 students across faculties including Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Education, and Technology. As a university in a society experiencing rapid transformation, UG is at the forefront of research and teaching on energy, climate resilience, sustainable development, and social change.

We are proud to host the Caribbean Sociological Association 6th Annual Conference 2026 and welcome scholars to engage with our vibrant academic community.

### **Conference Venue & Facilities**

University of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus, Georgetown

The Caribbean Sociological Association 6th Annual Conference 2026 will be hosted at the University of Guyana's Turkeyen Campus in Georgetown, the nation's capital.

UG's main campus offers modern conference facilities designed to support large academic gatherings. The venue includes:

- Main Auditorium: 500+ seating capacity with full AV, live-streaming, and interpretation capabilities
- Breakout Rooms: Multiple air-conditioned lecture rooms and seminar rooms for parallel sessions
- Campus-wide high-speed internet and dedicated IT support for presenters
- Accessibility: parking, and security on campus

The Turkeyen Campus is located one hour from the Cheddi Jagan International Airport and 20 minutes from central Georgetown. A range of hotels, guest houses, and restaurants are available nearby.

We look forward to welcoming you to a venue where scholarship meets hospitality.

### **Getting to Georgetown, Guyana**

## **By Air**

International delegates will arrive via the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA), located in Timehri, approximately 40km (1hr) south of Georgetown. CJIA is served by direct flights from many Caribbean hubs Caribbean and from Miami, New York, Toronto, London, Amsterdam and Panama. Most major airlines including Caribbean Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue, and British Airways, KLM operate regular service to and from Guyana. There are also Caribbean Airlines and Liat flights from many parts of the Caribbean going directly to a smaller airport (Ogle Airport) which is merely a 10-minute drive from the Turkeyen Campus.

## **From Airport to Campus**

The University of Guyana's Turkeyen Campus is about a 40 minute to 1 hour drive from CJIA. Taxis, pre-booked airport shuttles, and conference transport will be available. Taxis from the airport to Georgetown usually cost 60USD. Please check at the arrival desk to organize a taxi.

## **Getting Around**

Georgetown is compact and easily navigable. Taxis are readily available and affordable. For delegates staying in central Georgetown, the campus is a 15-20 minute drive. The conference team will provide a list of recommended hotels with shuttle options and a transport guide upon registration.

## **Entry Requirements**

Visitors from CARICOM countries may enter with a valid passport and CARICOM ID. Most other visitors require a passport valid for 6 months. Some nationalities require a visa in advance. Please check with the Guyana Embassy/High Commission in your country.

We recommend arriving a day early to settle in and enjoy Georgetown's historic architecture, waterfront, and markets before the conference begins.