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ASSESSING COUNTRY RISK IN THE CARIBBEAN

November 26th - 27th 2026

Gain practical skills to confidently assess Caribbean sovereign risk and make smarter credit and investment decisions using real-world country analysis.

Overview

This 1-day online workshop (conducted over 2 morning sessions) on **'Assessing Country Risk in the Caribbean'** is designed to help participants understand and critically analyse the key elements of a sovereign credit risk assessment.

The workshop provides an intermediate, practical exploration of the economic, fiscal, financial, and political factors that shape sovereign risk within Caribbean economies. Participants will examine core analytical pillars such as income and economic structure, fiscal performance, monetary and exchange rate policies, external sector risks, and the political environment.

Through discussion, applied frameworks, and regional case insights, the course also explores development strategies, debt sustainability challenges, and the growing importance of ESG considerations in sovereign analysis. By the end of the sessions, participants will be equipped with structured approaches and practical tools to strengthen country risk evaluation and support informed investment, lending, and regulatory decisions.

Key Learning Outcomes

The course, supported by case studies and exercises, will cover, among others, the following topics.

- Explain the core concepts and frameworks used in sovereign credit risk assessment.
- Analyze income levels, economic structure, and macroeconomic performance in evaluating country risk.
- Assess fiscal performance, debt dynamics, and debt sustainability risks.
- Evaluate the impact of monetary policy and exchange rate regimes on sovereign stability.
- Identify external sector vulnerabilities affecting Caribbean economies.
- Examine political and governance factors influencing creditworthiness.
- Critically review Caribbean development strategies and economic paradigms.

- Integrate ESG considerations into country risk analysis.
- Apply structured analytical approaches to real-world sovereign risk scenarios to support investment, lending, and regulatory decisions.

Who should attend?

This workshop should be of particular interest to:

- Investment and commercial portfolio managers
- Risk analysts in banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions.
- Board members and Credit Committee members of financial institutions.
- Banking and financial sector regulators

Program Curriculum

Day 1: Identify the key elements of a sovereign credit risk assessment
- Income and Economic Structure
- Fiscal Performance
- Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies
- External Sector
- Political Environment

Day 2: Identify the strategies of Caribbean economies' development
- Historical perspectives
- Paradigms of development
- Advantages and drawbacks
- Debt sustainability
- The ESG balancing act

Our Live Online Workshops – How it works.

The structure of our virtual learning programmes is designed to maintain the same levels of engagement and networking as our in-person workshops. The workshop will be facilitated by highly knowledgeable and experienced instructors who have successfully delivered their respective programmes both online and in-person over several years.

Registered participants will join the workshops via standard virtual conferencing software (Zoom), and the workshop material will be presented live by the facilitator.

Participants will be able to ask questions in real time, engage in practical group case studies, and benefit from a limited class size that supports an interactive, discussion-based training style, comparable to in-person workshops.

The one-and-a-half-day courses will be delivered over three half-day sessions to ensure a high level of engagement throughout, while also allowing participants the flexibility to manage other responsibilities during the workday.

About CariCRIS

CariCRIS is the Caribbean's premier regional credit rating agency. Our mission is to contribute to the development of a vibrant, integrated Caribbean capital market by setting the highest standards of credible independent analysis and opinion to enable informed financial decisions.

Our technical consultant, CRISIL Limited, is the world's fourth largest rating agency and a subsidiary of Standard & Poor's (S&P), the world's leading index provider and the foremost source of independent credit ratings across the globe. CariCRIS has successfully delivered first-class training to over 1,000 credit and risk professionals across the Caribbean over the past 20 years.

Profile of the Facilitator

Stefan Fortuné, PhD

Dr. Stefan Fortuné is the Head of Research, Technical Services and Training at CariCRIS. In this role, he leads the team in providing research and analysis for the credit ratings of sovereigns, corporates and SMEs throughout the region. Stefan specializes in Sovereign and SME Ratings.

He was a member of the team that piloted the SME credit rating product in Jamaica in 2009. Stefan has since led several other SME credit rating assignments and spearheaded an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)-funded SME Ratings project in the Caribbean. He also leads on the rating methodological approaches used by CariCRIS. Stefan has facilitated several workshops throughout the Caribbean in various areas of credit risk analysis.

Stefan holds a PhD in Economics from the University of the West Indies with research interest in consumption behaviour, welfare economics and poverty alleviation.

Registration

Date:	November 26 - 27, 2026
Time:	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Live
Format:	Online Training
Registration Deadline:	November 23, 2026
Cost:	1,000.00USD 5% discount for groups of 2 10% discount for groups of 3 and above

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