

Guyana Delegation



Mr. Vickram Bharrat was born in Berbice, Region 6 and attended the New Amsterdam Multilateral Secondary School. His academic achievement includes a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Guyana and is qualified in the area of Public Management with a wealth of experience in governance and managerial competencies.

Most noteworthy, Minister Bharrat has been an educator, mentor and entrepreneur for over fifteen years as the owner of Xenon Academy (Primary and Secondary) located at Grove, East Bank Demerara. His acquired skills of patience and listening to youths will be transferred to his new responsibilities as Minister of Natural Resources to engage stakeholders.

Minister Bharrat's professional life commenced with him serving in the capacity of Technical Officer at the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Health. He also held the post of Project Manager with the United Nations Development Programme. Additionally, at the local level, Bharrat also provided sterling service as the Chairman of the Grove/Diamond Neighbourhood Democratic Council to improve services and enhance the aesthetics of local communities.

Following his appointment as the Minister of Natural Resources and a Member of Guyana's Twelfth Parliament on August 6th, 2020, and September 1st, 2020, respectively, he has been assigned oversight of the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission, Guyana Forestry Commission, Guyana Gold Board and the Department of Energy. Further, he previously served in the Eleventh Parliament as a Parliamentarian for the period 2016-2019.

Minister Bharrat has been with the People's Progressive Party since he was a teenager, having joined the Progressive Youth Organization at the age of 14, resulting in his unwavering commitment and service to Guyana. He is also a Member of the Central and Executive Committee of the People's Progressive Party.

He is married with two children, both teenagers

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	Date	Time	Event	Location
			Arrival at YYC	YYC Airport
	Sunday, September 17th	16:00	Arrival at Mayors Reception	MacLeod Hall – Telus Convention Centre
	Sunday, September 17th	18:00	Arrival at Opening Ceremonies	Telus Convention Centre
	Monday, September 18th	11:15	Ministerial Session – MS2	Auditorium 2 – BMO Centre
	Monday, September 18th	17:30	Arrival at Ministerial Reception	Fairmont Palliser
	Monday, September 18th	17:45	White Hat Ceremony Minister Group Photo	Fairmont Palliser – Oval Room
	Monday, September 18th	18:00	Ministerial Reception Program Starts	Fairmont Palliser – Crystal Ballroom
	Tuesday, September 19th	11:15	Ministerial Round Table - MRT 2	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	17:15	Canada Night Event - Ticketed	Nutrien Western Event Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	20:00	Arrive at Cirque de Soleil Event	Lot 6 – Stampede Park
	Thursday, September 21st	14:45	Closing Ceremonies	Big 4 Main Hall A&B
			Departure from YYC	YYC Airport

Legend	
Common Event	
Country Specific Event	

Ministerial Session – MS2	
Date	Monday, September 18th
Time	11:15 – 12:15
Location	Auditorium 2 – BMO Centre
Session Title	Guyana
Session Description	

Ministerial Round Table - MRT 2	
Date	Tuesday, September 19th

Time	11:15 – 12:15
Location	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
Session Title	Is the World on Track to Reach Net-Zero Emissions on Time?
Session Description	<p><i>It is evident that the world is not on track to reach net-zero emissions on time to meet the ambitious climate targets set out in the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement aims to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Achieving this requires global efforts to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century.</i></p> <p><i>Many countries were not yet on track to meet their individual targets for emission reductions, and the collective efforts fell short of what was required to limit global temperature rise effectively.</i></p>

Protocol Tips: Guyana

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Guyana, you will require cultural sensitivity and respect. Here are some key considerations to keep in mind:

Research and Preparation: You will find the biography of the leader of your delegation in this Handbook. Please feel free to research the delegation's background, including the individuals' positions and roles. Understanding their specific interests and objectives will help you tailor your interactions effectively.

Formal Greetings and Respect: Address delegation members using appropriate titles and honorifics, such as Mr. or Mrs./Ms. Handshakes are common in Guyanese culture but wait for delegation members to initiate. Be mindful of physical contact between genders; follow their lead. Begin meetings with a warm welcome and expressions of gratitude for their visit.

Communication Styles: Practice active listening and engage in open and patient communication. Maintain good eye contact during conversations to convey respect and engagement. Use a friendly and open body language to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Hierarchy and Age: Guyanese culture values hierarchy and age. Show respect for senior delegation members by acknowledging their status and age.

Dress Code: Dress professionally and modestly. Business attire is typically appropriate.

Dining and Hospitality: Given that meals such as the opening ceremonies are part of the program, inquire about any dietary restrictions or preferences within the delegation. While dietary inquiries were made as part of the delegate registration process the information provided may be incomplete.

Privacy Concerns: Always ask for permission before taking photographs, especially of delegation members, as privacy is important to Guyanese.

Cultural Taboos: Avoid using your left hand for giving or receiving items, as it's considered less clean. Be cautious when discussing sensitive topics such as politics, ethnicity, and religion.

Guyanese Language Tips

The official language of Guyana is English.