

Bridgetown, Barbados

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Dr. Jerónimo Delgado Caicedo
Secretary General
Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA)
Bogota
COLOMBIA

Dear Secretary General,

Proposal for the Creation of an ALADAA Caribbean Chapter

We, the below-named group of academics from The University of the West Indies (The UWI), are pleased to submit for your kind consideration this letter in support of the creation of a Caribbean chapter of the Latin American Association of Asian and African Studies (ALADAA).

Many of us currently either conduct research or are interested in conducting research on Caribbean and African relations. We further see this as an opportunity to build and deepen links between us and our Latin American counterparts conducting research on African and Asian studies.

The founding members of the proposed ALADAA Caribbean chapter, which would be based at The UWI Mona Campus in Jamaica, would be as follows:

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Among our first order of business would be establishing and developing a work programme. We also look forward to over time expanding our membership to include not just regionally-based Caribbean academics, but also those in the Caribbean diaspora who are working on Caribbean-Asia/Africa studies.

We intend to also build links with our Latin American colleagues, including, but not limited to, hosting joint dialogues and other academic fora for both established and early career researchers.

We thank you for your kind consideration of this request. With your kind support, we look forward to working towards establishing this chapter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AN' with a stylized flourish.

Alicia Nicholls

On the behalf of the Founding Members