



LAUNCH EVENT

MON **JUNE 18** – TUES **JUNE 19**, 2012
THE VICE CHANCELLORY
Regional Headquarters, University of the West Indies
Kingston, Jamaica

WELCOME TO THE LAUNCH!

Welcome to the Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF) Launch event!

The two day programme, centered on the themes of competitiveness, innovation and entrepreneurship, will explore topics in each of these areas, emphasizing analytical work and the sharing of success stories from the region and beyond. The CGF places a premium on inclusive dialogue focused on how the identified constraints to and enablers of growth may be addressed in the Caribbean context. There is no doubt that our discussions over the next few days will be insightful and lively; not least because the delegates are from countries and institutions across the Caribbean, reflecting diversity in experience. It is hoped that everyone will leave the event inspired. Enjoy the conference!

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WHAT IS THE CARIBBEAN GROWTH FORUM

WHAT: The Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF) is an initiative aimed at identifying practical and implementable policies and activities to induce growth and create jobs in the Caribbean region through analytical work, knowledge exchange and inclusive dialogue. The initiative is led by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in collaboration with the United Kingdom Agency for International Development (DFID) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the World Bank (WB).

WHO: The CGF is a unique platform as it engages all critical players including the public sector, the private sector, academia, the youth, civil society and the Caribbean Diaspora in the dialogue on how to stimulate economic growth.

HOW: Following the launch, a few topics will be selected that will be subject of research and dialogue over the following twelve-month period. Regional conferences will be supplemented by face-to-face encounters at a national level and through virtual fora. The Forum will utilize newsletters, op-eds, radio and television interviews, regional events calendar, website, intermittent Facebook and Twitter campaigns, town halls, and live chats to maintain engagement with stakeholders and to build a constituency of followers. At the end of the first year, there will be a regional conference mirroring the Launch event, where findings of the research and participatory dialogue will be disseminated.

The CGF is operated by a three-tiered structure: (i) a Steering Committee to guide the overall strategic direction of the CGF and promote its work; (ii) Advisory Board to guide the development and implementation of CGF's work program; and (iii) a Coordination Secretariat to carry out the CGF's day-to-day operations. The Steering Committee is comprised of the Secretary General of CARICOM, President of the CDB, and the Vice Chancellor of UWI. The Advisory Board is comprised of a mix of public and private sector representatives, civil society, academia and young people from across the region.

WHY: The CGF initiative is born of a desire to establish a space for engaging political, business, academic, youth and other leaders of society to shape the Caribbean regional agenda.

Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF)															
	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13
Press Launches															
Regional Launch															
Sector 1 Workshops															
Sector 2 Workshops															
Sector 3 Workshops															
Closing Regional Event															
Virtual Fora/Social/Traditional Media															
Publication															
Meetings of the SC and BoA															

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

In the following pages, the themed sessions planned over the next two days are presented. Our programme provides ample opportunities for delegates to meet, and engage outside of the meetings rooms.

COFFEE BREAK

Breaks are served in the Pre - function area outside of the Council Room

DELEGATE LUNCHEON

The Delegates' luncheon is served daily in the Cafeteria of the Vice Chancellor located on the Ground Floor. Please take the opportunity to dine with opinion leaders not previously known to you and exchange views in an informal setting.

NETWORKING EVENT MONDAY JUNE 20, 2012 | BEGINNING AT 600PM

Monday June 20, 2012 | Beginning at 600PM

After a day of scintillating discussions, please join us on the Balcony, First Floor of the Vice Chancellor for light cocktails and continued networking with your peers.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2012 | BEGINNING AT 630PM

Tuesday June 19, 2012 | Beginning at 630PM

You are cordially invited to attend the launch event for the Publication "Power, Politics and Performance: A Partnership Approach for Development" written by the Honourable Mr. Winston Dookeran, Minister of Finance of Trinidad and Tobago. Please join us in the Foyer for this literary event.

4:30PM - 5:30PM	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION "Jobs and Growth"			COMPETITIVENESS
4:00PM - 4:30PM	COFFEE BREAK			
2:00PM - 4:00PM	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: COMPETITIVENESS "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs): Engines of Growth" "Creating a Skilled and Employable Workforce"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP "Improving Access to Finance"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: INNOVATION "Promoting Green and Inclusive Growth in the Caribbean : A Focus on Energy"	ENTREPRENEURSHIP
12:30PM - 2:00PM	LUNCH BREAK			
10:30AM - 12:30PM	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: COMPETITIVENESS "Growth, Debt and Competitiveness in Small Economies"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs): Engines of Growth"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: INNOVATION "Connect to Innovate and Grow"	INNOVATION
10:00AM - 10:30AM	COFFEE BREAK			
8:00AM - 9:00AM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION			
	The Council Room	Meeting Room 1	Meeting Room 2	

THE COUNCIL ROOM SCHEDULE DAY 1

TIME	SESSION
9:00AM – 10:00AM	OPENING SESSION: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Synopsis: Brief Welcome and Opening Remarks by Partners and Host Government Chair: Ms. Rolande Pryce, Coordinator, Caribbean Growth Forum, World Bank Panel: Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies (UWI) The Honourable Peter Phillips, Minister of Finance, Jamaica Ms. Francoise Clottes, Director, Caribbean Countries, World Bank Mr. Joel Branski, Country Representative Barbados, Inter-American Development Bank Mr. Warren Smith, President, Caribbean Development Bank Ms. Desiree Field-Ridley, Officer –in-Charge Directorate of Trade and Economic Integration, CARICOM
10:00AM – 10:30AM	COFFEE BREAK
10.30AM – 12:30PM	THEME: COMPETITIVENESS “Growth, Debt and Competitiveness in Small Economies” Synopsis: The session aims to identify key drivers of success in designing and implementing policies and other reforms to promote sustained growth, enhance competitiveness and economic diversification and reduce debt burdens in a sustainable manner among small states. Facilitator: Kathy Barrett, Journalist/Media Communications Consultant Panel: Professor Robert Read, University of Lancaster, UK The Honourable Pierre LaPorte, Minister of Finance, Trade and Investment, Seychelles Ali Mansoor, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius Sir Dwight Venner, Governor, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Nita Thacker, Mission Chief Grenada and St. Vincent & the Grenadines, International Monetary Fund
12:30PM – 2:00PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
2:00PM – 4:00PM	THEME: COMPETITIVENESS “Creating a Skilled and Employable Workforce” Synopsis: This session seeks to provide a better understanding of the labor market needs in the Caribbean today, explores approaches for building a solid skills base in the region, and establishes a “roadmap” for developing a high caliber Caribbean workforce. Facilitator: Kathy Barrett, Journalist/Media Communications Consultant Panel: Dr. Didacus Jules, Registrar, Caribbean Examination Council Brigida Garcia-Romero, Impact Evaluation Advisor, Ministry of Works, Dominican Republic Marcia Brandon, Regional Director, Caribbean Centre of Excellence on Youth Entrepreneurship Stephanie Abrahams, President Guild of Graduates, UWI Mona
4:00PM-4:30PM	COFFEE BREAK
4:30PM – 5:30PM	CLOSING SESSION TOPIC: JOBS & GROWTH Synopsis: This session explores the issues affecting jobs in the Caribbean region and how challenges to job creation and job quality can be successfully addressed with a view to stimulating inclusive growth, drawing from success in other small states. Facilitator: (TBC) Panel: Martin Rama, Director, 2013 World Development Report on Jobs, World Bank Professor Andrew Downes, Pro-Vice Chancellor Planning and Development, UWI Ali Mansoor, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius

MEETING ROOM ONE SCHEDULE DAY 1

TIME	SESSION
10:30AM-12:30PM	THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP “Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs): Engines of Growth” Synopsis: The session explores the issues of scale, reach and financing that are common to MSMEs in the Caribbean and launches a discussion on whether virtual incubation could address these common challenges across a variety of countries and sectors. Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology Panel: Marcelo Lebindiker, President, Parque Tec Jackie Yearwood, Enterprise Development Director, Antigua and Barbuda Investment Authority Ingrid Riley, Founder, ConnectiMass Carmen Gomez-Trigg, Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation
12:30PM–2:00PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
2.00PM – 4:00PM	THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP “Improving Access to Finance” Synopsis: This session showcases four financial institutions that have improved access to finance for their MSME markets as a strategic institutional priority and have in turn become market leaders. They share their experiences, describing the types of products and services introduced and how they overcame the challenges in servicing this new market. Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology Panel: Robert Paret, Deputy CEO, Société Générale Haïtienne de Banque S.A (Sogebank) Joanna Charles, Assistant General Manager, Bank of Saint Lucia Thelma Yong, Director of Credit, Jamaica National Small Business Loans Limited Frances Vasquez, SME Regional Manager, Banco Atlantida, Honduras

MEETING ROOM TWO SCHEDULE DAY 1

TIME	SESSION
10:30AM-12:30PM	THEME: INNOVATION “Connect to Innovate and Grow” Synopsis: This session focuses on the achievement of ICT innovation-led economic growth by exploring how countries foster an innovation culture; how open data and open government initiatives might help Caribbean governments develop robust innovation economies; and how mobile technology and social channel can be used to promote better business, economic growth and systemic change via crowd-sourcing platforms. Facilitator: Lorna Green, Chairman, Digital Transtec Limited Panel: Silburn Clarke CEO, Spatial Innovision Ilari Lindy, Senior ICT Policy Specialist, World bank Jeff Kaplan, Managing Director, Open ePolicy Solutions Rob Baker, Director Training and Strategic Partnerships, Ushahidi
12:30PM–2:00PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
2.00PM – 4:00PM	THEME: INNOVATION “Promoting Green and Inclusive Growth in the Caribbean: A Focus on Energy” Synopsis: This session illustrates how green policies support inclusive economic growth and focuses on options being developed to expand and improve energy services in the Caribbean; in particular diversifying the energy portfolio beyond petroleum, exploring the potential of interconnections, scaling up domestic renewable, improving the efficiency of both energy supply and demand and examining the social and environmental aspects of energy development in the Caribbean. Facilitator: Todd Johnson, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank Panel: Representative of the Ministry of Energy, Jamaica His Excellency Rene Jean-Jumeau, Energy Secretary of State, Haiti Gary Jackson, Executive Director, CARILEC Amiryaly Valibay, Project Manager Strategy and Development, EDF Island Power System Division Jordan Schwartz, Lead Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank

Meeting Room 2	Meeting Room 1	The Council Room	8:30AM - 9:30AM	COFFEE BREAK	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: INNOVATION "Tapping human capital and ideas of Caribbean tertiary education institutions"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP "Investment attraction and innovation policy combine to create a favorable business climate"	CONCURRENT SESSION THEME: COMPETITIVENESS "Increasing the Caribbean Share of Global Trade"	10:00AM - 12:00PM	12:00PM - 1:30PM	1:30PM - 3:30PM	3:30PM - 4:00PM	4:00PM - 6:00PM
			PLENARY SESSION TOPIC: "Regional Economic Integration: Caribbean Convergence and Competitiveness"									
LUNCH BREAK												
COFFEE BREAK												

THE COUNCIL ROOM SCHEDULE DAY 2

TIME	SESSION
8:00AM – 9:00AM	<p>PLENARY SESSION <i>Topic: Regional Economic Integration: Caribbean Convergence and Competitiveness</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session examines Caribbean intra-regional economic relations with particular focus on: achieving competitiveness gains through integration; assessing barriers to macroeconomic convergence; and improving the business climate to stimulate inclusive growth.</p> <p>Facilitator: (TBC) Panel: The Honorable Winston Dookeran, Minister of Finance, Trinidad and Tobago Professor Robert Read, University of Lancaster, UK Auguste Kouame, Sector Manager, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank</p>
9:30AM-10:00AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:00AM – 12:00PM	<p>THEME: COMPETITIVENESS <i>"Increasing the Caribbean Share of Global Trade"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session examines strategies to further integrate the Caribbean into global trade to stimulate growth with an emphasis on: economic diversification; assessing new trade opportunities in more dynamic international markets; boosting productivity and improving the environment for doing business; and increasing market access.</p> <p>Facilitator: Ambassador Richard Bernal, Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank Panel: Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank Ambassador Gail Mathurin, Director General, Office of Trade Negotiations, CARICOM Vandana Chandra, Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Network, World Bank</p>
12:00PM – 1:30PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
1:30PM – 3:30PM	<p>THEME: COMPETITIVENESS <i>"Converting the Region's Connectivity Challenges into Opportunities"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session examines a set of connectivity issues facing the region, particularly the current state of maritime and air transport with regard to inter-island connectivity and how other regions have developed policies to deal with similar issue; and provides an overview of the region's prospects and developments that will impact the future of trade, logistics and competitiveness.</p> <p>Facilitator: Jordan Schwartz, Lead Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank Panel: Gozde Isik, Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank Nehama Bikovsky, Vice-President, Caribbean and Central America, Zim Integrated Shipping Fritz Pinnock, Executive Director, Caribbean Maritime Institute Onesimo Sanchez, Head of Research, Panama Canal Authority Mima Aftimos, President, ITN Consolidators and Freight Forwarders</p>
3:30PM – 4:00PM	COFFEE BREAK
4:00PM – 6:00PM	<p>CLOSING SESSION <i>TOPIC: REFLECTIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD</i></p> <p>Synopsis: Student journalists interview a panel of participants to elicit feedback on the CGF Launch; the planned activities of the CGF for the next year are previewed; and the Minister of Youth and Culture describes the Digital Jam 2.0, the first national level by-product of the CGF, which exposes youth to job opportunities in the ICT sector.</p> <p>Facilitator: Jose Jorge Saavedra, Executive Director, Compete Caribbean Journalists: Students for Caribbean Institute of media and Communication, UWI Panel: TBC Presenter: The Honorable Lisa Hanna, Minister of Youth and Culture, Jamaica (TBC)</p>

MEETING ROOM ONE SCHEDULE DAY 2

TIME	SESSION
10:00AM-12:00PM	<p>THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP <i>"Investment climate: Creating a thriving atmosphere for Innovation"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: The session focuses on two distinct but mutually reinforcing areas: the role of creating an "innovation climate" and how innovation is becoming one of the key factors for improving business climate in the global, technology driven economy; and the role of investment attraction frameworks especially for the open economies typical of the Caribbean region.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology</p> <p>Panel: Mercedes Araoz Fernandez, Former Minister of International Trade and Tourism, Peru Rosemary Piper, Deputy Director national Competitiveness Center, Panama Michele English, President and Chief Operating Officer, Flow, Jamaica Paul Holden, Director, The Enterprise Research Institute Jose Jorge Saavedra, Executive Director, Compete Caribbean</p>
12:00PM – 1:30PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
1:30PM – 3:30PM	<p>THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP <i>"Improving Tourism Competitiveness and Linkages for Inclusive Growth"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session explores the challenges the region faces in competing for tourists and tourism investment and how to maximize the industry's development impact on economic growth and jobs across the region, in the context of the sub-regional differences in the tourism product and the rapid changes in the global market that are defining the region's brand and value proposition.</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology</p> <p>Panel: Scott Wayne, President, SW Associates, LLC, Consultant to the International Finance Corporation Chris Blackwell, Founder, Island Outpost and Island Records The Honorable George Vincent, Minister of Tourism, Grenada Dominic Alexander, General Manager, Soufriere Regional Development Foundation Louis Lewis, Director of Tourism, St. Lucia Tourist Board</p>

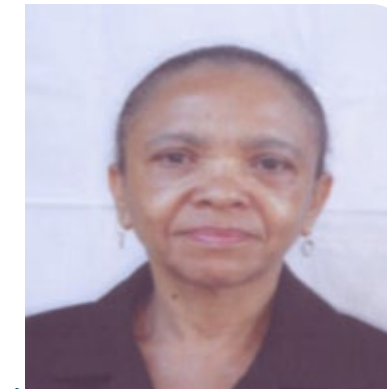
MEETING ROOM TWO SCHEDULE DAY 2

TIME	SESSION
10:00AM – 12:00PM	<p>THEME: INNOVATION <i>"Tapping human capital and ideas of Caribbean tertiary education institutions"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session explores how universities can achieve greater alignment with the private sector to enable increased employment of graduates and greater uptake of knowledge resources to better drive economic growth.</p> <p>Facilitator: Lorna Green, Chairman, Digital Transtec Limited</p> <p>Panel: Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies Professor Wayne Hunte, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies Private Sector Representative (TBC) Michael Crawford, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank</p>
12:00PM – 1:30PM	DELEGATES LUNCH
1:30PM – 3:30PM	<p>THEME: INNOVATION <i>"Innovators that Transform: Regional and Global"</i></p> <p>Synopsis: This session showcases the products of a re-known global innovator, Microsoft, that have had the greatest impact on competitiveness, productivity and development worldwide and the regulatory obstacles that had to be overcome in promoting these tools and features regional innovators in finance, health, participatory platforms that have demonstrated the potential to transform.</p> <p>Facilitator: Lorna Green, Chairman, Digital Transtec Limited</p> <p>Panel: Mariana Castro, General Manager, LATAM New Markets, Microsoft Corporation Marlene Street-Forest, General Manager, Jamaica Stock Exchange Claudia Chez Abreu, Digital Communications Director, Danilo Medina 2012 Presidential Campaign David Sharpe, Director, Products and Services, Digicel Haiti Dr. Daniel Coore, Lecturer, UWI</p>

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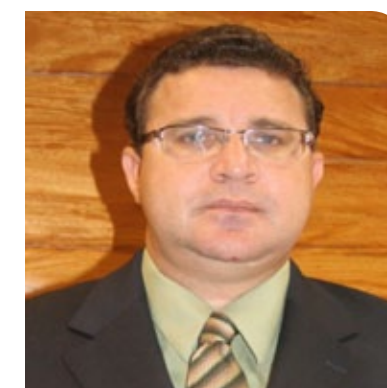
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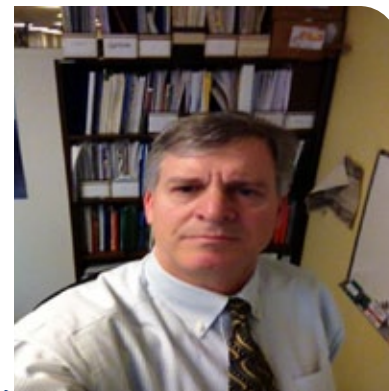
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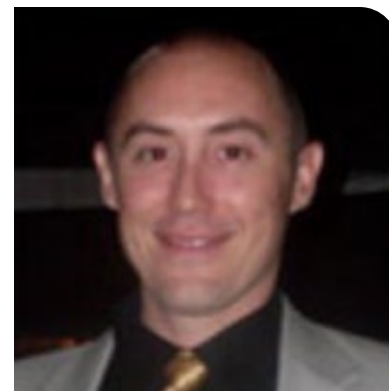
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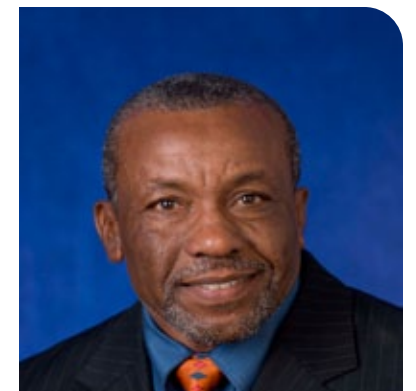
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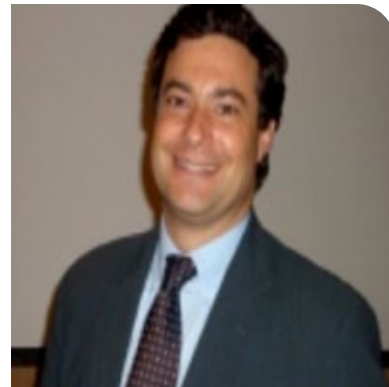
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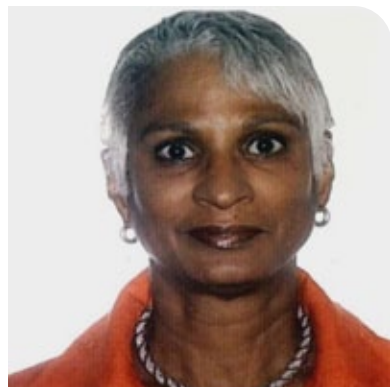
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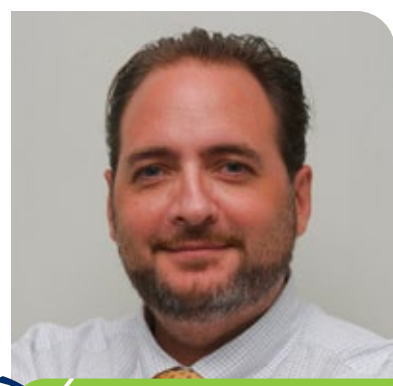
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