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

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.

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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 Chancellory 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 Chancellory 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.
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### Caribbean Growth Forum Launch Event

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**Topic:** Regional Economic Integration: Caribbean Convergence and Competitiveness

**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.

**Facilitator:** (TBC)

**Panel:**
- The Honorable Winston Dookeran, Minister of Finance, Trinidad and Tobago
- Professor Robert Read, University of Lancaster, UK
- Auguste Khouaime, Sector Manager, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management, World Bank

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**THEME: COMPETITIVENESS**

"Increasing the Caribbean Share of Global Trade"

**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.

**Facilitator:** Ambassador Richard Bernal, Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank

**Panel:**
- Bernard Nockman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank
- Ambassador Gail Mathurin, Director General, Office of Trade Negotiations, CARICOM
- Vandana Chandra, Senior Economist, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management, World Bank

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

**THEME: COMPETITIVENESS**

"Converting the Region’s Connectivity Challenges into Opportunities"

**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 issues; and provides an overview of the region’s prospects and developments that will impact the future of trade, logistics and competitiveness.

**Facilitator:** Jordan Schwartz, Lead Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank

**Panel:**
- Gozde Isik, Economist, Sustainable Development, World Bank
- Fritz Pinnock, Executive Director, Caribbean Maritime Institute
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- Onesimo Sanchez, Head of Research, Panama Canal Authority
- Mima Aftimos, President, ITN Consolidators and Freight Forwarders

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**CLOSING SESSION**

**TOPIC: REFLECTIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD**

**Synopsis:** Students 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.

**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)
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“Investment climate: Creating a thriving atmosphere for Innovation”  
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.  
Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology  
Panel: Mercedes-Azuc Fernandez, Former Minister of International Trade and Tourism, Peru  
Mikelene Enos, President and Chief Operating Officer, Flow, Jamaica  
Paul Holden, Director, The Enterprise Research Institute  
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“Improving Tourism Competitiveness and Linkages for Inclusive Growth”  
Synopsis: This session explores the challenges the region faces in competing for tourists and tourism investment and how to maximise 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.  
Facilitator: Dr. Rosalea Hamilton, Chair, Entrepreneurship and Development, University of Technology  
Panel: Scott Wayne, President, GW Associates, LLC, Consultant to the International Finance Corporation  
Niall Donaghy, Founder and President, The Enterprise Research Institute  
Dominic Alexander, General Manager, Soufriere Regional Development Foundation  
Louis Lewis, Director of Tourism, St. Lucia Tourist Board |

**MEETING ROOM TWO SCHEDULE**

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“Tapping human capital and ideas of Caribbean tertiary education institutions”  
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.  
Facilitator: Lorna Green, Chairman, Digital Transtec Limited  
Panel: Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies  
Professor Wayne Hunte, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies  
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“Innovators that Transform: Regional and Global”  
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.  
Facilitator: Lorna Green, Chairman, Digital Transtec Limited  
Panel: Mariana Castro, General Manager, LACAP New Markets, Microsoft Corporation  
Mariane Street-Forest, General Manager, Jamaica Stock Exchange  
Claudia César Abreu, Digital Communications Director, Danilo Medina 2012 Presidential Campaign  
David Sharpe, Director, Products and Services, Digicel Haiti  
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