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FROM THE EDITOR

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CARIBBEAN EXPORT DIGEST

NEW EXPORT MARKETING MANUAL

Caribbean artisans will be better positioned to enhance their product and marketing skills with the publication of the new export marketing manual "How to Prepare to Export Successfully and Promote your Products through Trade Fairs" published by the **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**.

The eight chapters of the manual cover topics such as "From Concept to Product", "Building Company Image and Brand for Export", "The ABCs of Export Marketing", "Building Buyer Relationships through Trade Shows and other Marketing Activities" etc.

According to Cora Lowe, **Caribbean Export's** Research and Communication Officer, "The Agency is happy to provide artisans with this simple self-assessment guide to assist in the further development and enhancement of their product and market development skills."

To request your copy of this publication please complete the Publication Request Form and return to Cora Lowe, Research and Communications Officer at Fax: (246) 436-9999, or E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com.

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CGCS 2007 BUSINESS SEMINAR

Trade Facilitation Office Canada (TFOC) and the **Caribbean Export Development Agency's (Caribbean Export's)** partnership will be effectively launched at the Caribbean Gift and Craft Show (CGCS) in Curacao in September with the delivery, by Patty Johnson, one of Canada's pre-eminent design and crafts experts (and judge at this year's CGCS), of a Seminar on the Canadian Market for Gifts and Crafts. "This Seminar," advises Veona Maloney, CGCS Show Manager, "is targeted at current exporters and export-ready producers in the region who are interested in the Canadian market and will also include one-to-one meeting to discuss any issues and concerns with Ms. Johnson."

For producers looking to expand their sales beyond current markets, especially with sights set on the lucrative (and proportionately well-sized) Canadian market, this opportunity is not to be missed. Attendees will also have a chance to be involved in the next phases of the program which include Product Adaptation (focusing on ways to develop their products for the Canadian market) and a Trade Mission of Caribbean exporters to Canada which is planned to take place in conjunction with Canada's largest craft and gift fair – the Canadian Gift and Tableware Association Show in Toronto.

For her part, Ms. Johnson, keen to return to the Caribbean to commence this program, explains: "I'm quite optimistic

after reviewing the participants as there are many companies/producers working with indigenous materials and regional processes. I'm looking forward to a very active program working closely with these innovative companies."

Producers/Exporters wishing to participate in the Seminar and One-to-One meetings should contact Veona Maloney at e-mail: vmaloney@carib-export.com or Tel: (246) 436-0578

DOING BUSINESS WITH COSTA RICA

The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)** recently published the publication entitled "Doing Business With Costa Rica" a new issue in its Doing Business With Country series. The publication provides an overview of the conditions in Costa Rica for conducting business. Information is also provided on market access conditions, cultural practices, general marketing factors, investment regulations and incentives and information on how to establish a business.

Readers interested in obtaining copies of the publication are required to complete the Publication Request Form below and return to Cora Lowe at Fax; (246) 436-999, E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com.

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CONSULTANTS DATABASE

Providers of consultancy services are being presented with an additional avenue to market their services. The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**, has developed a Database of Consultants from which individuals and organisations are identified to provide consultancy services to the Agency and/or its clients. The information may also be shared on request, with Business Support Organisations (BSO) in the region.

Consultants providers can ensure their inclusion in the Database, by completing and returning the attached form to our office to the address below. You may also wish to include any other information which may be of interest, e.g. promotional brochures, etc.

Correspondence should be addressed to: Attn.: Database of Consultants, **Caribbean Export Development Agency**, P O Box 34B, Brittons Hill Post Office, St. Michael, 14000 BARBADOS, E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com

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CSME NEWS

FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION FOCUS OF CARICOM

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) was held in, Barbados, from July 1-4, 2007 under the chairmanship of The Right Honourable Owen Arthur, Prime Minister of Barbados. The priorities and targets for implementing functional cooperation in areas that contribute

optimally to the regional integration process and the development and well-being of CARICOM citizens were identified and a declaration entitled "A Community For All: Declaration on Functional Co-operation" issued.

The conference:

- Approved the report Towards a Single Development Vision and the Role of the Single Economy (formerly entitled "Towards a Single Economy and a Single Development Vision") available on CARICOM's website http://www.caricom.org/jsp/single_market/single_economy_girvan.pdf.
- Agreed that the Single Economy should be fully operational by 2015 as proposed in the revised Report and mandated the preparation of a Strategic Development Plan based on the revised Vision Report to be completed by June 2008.
- Urged Member States which had not fully implemented the provisions of the Revised Treaty to fulfill their obligations.
- Called on the Caribbean Business Council to engage the Conference in a mature partnership in which the Council created the infrastructure and acquired the capabilities needed for research and provision of advice on the various components of the Single Economy, including, policy, legal arrangements, institutions and programmatic interventions.
- Approved the Draft Policy Guidelines for operating the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) and also approved the Legal Framework and Rules of the Fund. Further work was mandated concerning the structuring of the proposed Regional Development Agency to include the Fund and its strategic functions.
- Reiterated its commitment to the Free Movement of Community nationals and requested a study of the movement of skilled persons in order to guide the future operations of the free movement regime and to ensure that CARICOM citizens are assured of a harmonised application of the regime.
- Agreed that CARICOM nationals should be allowed an automatic six month stay on arrival in another CARICOM Member State. Antigua and Barbuda entered a reservation in this regard.

For further information on the decisions of the Conference visit www.caricom.org.

TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

EPA IN FOCUS

The Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) should provide clear development benefits for Caribbean economies individually and for the region as a whole, while allowing special flexibilities for the Less Developed Countries (LDCs) of the region, and for it also to benefit and support economic operators in the region. This was re-emphasised at the recently concluded Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The Conference also reaffirmed its position rejecting inclusion of provisions on good governance with regard to taxation issues in the EPA. The EPA negotiations has entered its final stage with three rounds of talks scheduled between July and September this year.

Other initiatives addressed at the meeting included:

- A call on CARIFORUM sugar and banana stakeholders to meet urgently in order to assess and determine their positions for the EPA negotiations in light of European Union (EU) proposals and developments with unfavourable implications for these products from the Caribbean.
- Reaffirmation of the commitment of the region to remain fully engaged in the successful completion of World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations in the context of the Doha Development Agenda.
- Agreement to launch bilateral negotiations shortly with Central America.
- Recognition of the need to advance implementation and deepening of the CARICOM-Dominican Republic

- Free Trade Agreement by completing the negotiation agenda on trade in services.
- Agreement to launch negotiations for a comprehensive free trade agreement to further broaden and deepen Canada-CARICOM relationship.

For further information visit www.caricom.org

WTO AGREES TO EXTENSION

Nineteen developing states have been successful in securing extensions of the transfer period of export subsidies at the international trade level. The World Trade Organization (WTO), Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures ratified the recommendation for an extension of the transition period for the elimination of the export subsidy programmes for the countries until the end of 2013, with a final phase out period of two years, which should end no later than December 31, 2015. This decision allows the beneficiary countries to continue to promote various export subsidies which attract investment, create employment and expand export capacity.

The CARIFORUM countries to benefit from this extension are: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The other beneficiaries are: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Fiji, Jordan, Mauritius, Panama, Papua New Guinea and Uruguay.

NEW ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Caribbean Canadian Agreement (CARIBCAN), the one way free trade economic agreement between CARICOM and Canada will soon be replaced with a new economic partnership according to the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Stephen Harper, during a recent visit to Barbados. Mr. Harper announced that "Canada is now looking forward to bringing a more meaningful dimension to a shared commitment for a new economic partnership."

The Barbados Prime Minister, Mr. Owen Arthur, pointed out that there were limitations in the present arrangement, since it covered only a select range of goods and stressed the need for a more mature and modern agreement with provisions for services, investment and dispute settlement procedures.

CARIBCAN is an economic and trade development assistance programme for countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean. The agreement was signed in 1986, and is renewed every five years.

ACS AGREEMENTS RATIFIED

Another three of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) major legal instruments have been ratified. The Agreement for Regional Cooperation in the area of Natural Disasters was recently ratified by Suriname which is the eleventh country to ratify the agreement. This Agreement provides a legal framework to strengthen regional co-operation in and promote the effective management of natural disasters. The agreement will come into force upon receiving a total of seventeen ratifications

One additional ratification is required for the Air Transport Agreement to come into force since the Republic of Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela completed the internal legal processes towards ratification of the Agreement. The ACS Convention on the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Caribbean (STZC) also moves one step closer to implementation with the Bahamas being the most recent country to ratify the Agreement. This brings the number of ratifications of the STZC Convention to seven.

MARKET NEWS

BARBADOS INCREASES ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY

The Environmental Levy in Barbados has been increased to 2% as of July 1, 2007 from the 1% in existence since 1996. The levy is applied on goods imported in containers and empty containers made of plastic, glass or metal, paperboard. All other goods imported in containers other than plastic, glass, metal or paper board incur a 1.5% environmental levy. The environmental levy is also charged at varying rates on motor vehicles, tyres, refrigerators, freezers, television sets, stoves and ranges, mattresses, dish washing machines, washing machines and electric accumulators under tariff heading number 85.07.

PRODUCT NEWS

SERVICES SECTOR IS KEY

In addition to the traditional challenges faced by small states such as small domestic market, weak investment climate, and lack of skilled labour force, new challenges have emerged. These include erosion of preferential treatment for their exports, competitive pressures from emerging countries like China, India and Brazil, increased environmental vulnerabilities and rapid increase in the debt burden. This was the conclusion of one of two studies commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat titled "Promoting knowledge-based and services industries in small states."

According to the study, "services sector areas such as tourism and hospitality, education, banking and information and communication technology do not suffer high risks normally faced by small states. These sectors are less sensitive to high transport costs, they help diversify the economic base, reduce vulnerability to macro shocks, and reduce reliance on agriculture and manufacturing."

The second study entitled "The international development architecture for assistance to small states", provides a review of development partners' support for small states with a view to examining areas where partners can collaborate further in addressing the challenges affecting small states.

Thirty-two of the Commonwealth's 53 member countries are small states -- mostly with populations of less than 1.5 million.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CIGARS are required. Please contact: Cheryl Rolle, E-mail: hillsborough@cwdom.dm

Exclusive agents for the Wayfinder Emergency Evacuation System are currently seeking individuals or corporate partnerships in the area of sales and distribution of the product, this can be either a national or sub-territorial agent/distributorship agreement. Contact: Mr. Cyllan Charles, Managing Director, #4 El Socorro Extension Road San Juan, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, Tel: (868)791-1565 / 388-0191, Fax: (868)674-1367, E-mail: cyllan@caribbeanwayfinder.com, Website: www.caribbeanwayfinder.com

FURNITURE, food, cosmetics products are available. Contact: Marcelo Daniel Ripani, Licenciado Comercio Internacional, Rioja 1269 2 Floor, ARGENTINA, Tel: 54-341-4487241, Fax: 54-341-4382480, E-mail: mdripa@yahoo.com.ar

Exhibition Organisers are sought. Contact: Ian Howard, I.W. Enterprises, Inc., E-mail: mailto:ianhow1@verizon.net.

CONSTRUCTION, equipment and financing of any type of hospital, private/public is offered. Contact: DRA. POLINA

ARAUJO, CARIMEX, Tel: (809) 710- 0632, E-mail: Cosmos.int@codetel.net.do

USED CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY and heavy equipment is available: Contact: Zafar Iqbal, Director, New Trade Point PTE Ltd, No. 14 Robinson Road #13-00, Far East Finance Building, SINGAPORE 048545, Tel: + 65 – 62955788, Fax : + 65 – 68264018, E-mail: newtradepoint@singnet.com.sg, Website: www.usedmachinereport.com

The Caribbean Export Development Agency assumes no responsibility for any liability arising from the pursuit of the opportunities listed above.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AUGUST - OCTOBER

AUGUST 22-24 - WORKSHOP - MAKING PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORK FOR YOU

Do you manage projects at work, but think that “project management” methods and tools are just too bureaucratic? Too tedious to learn? Not applicable to what you do? Would you like the opportunity to attend a workshop that will “cut to the chase” and give you what you need without adding a lot of extra steps and paperwork to your life? Then come to the BCSI workshop on “Making Project Management Work for You” at Savannah Hotel, Hastings Christ Church, BARBADOS, August 22 – 24th 2007. For further information please contact the secretariat at (246) 429-5357 or E-mail Lavine Small at lsmall@bcsi.org.bb /info@bcsi.org.bb

SEPTEMBER 3-7 - MEDIATION WORKSHOP

Mediation Workshop, September 3-7, 2007, Savannah Hotel, BARBADOS. Contact: Aythawn International Law Chambers, #17 Pine Road, Belleville, St. Michael, Barbados. Tel: (246) 435-0839, Fax: (246) 435-0879, E-mail: aythawninternational@yahoo.com.

TRADE MISSIONS – MARTINIQUE AND CURACAO

The Barbados Coalition of Service Industries will be leading services trade missions to Martinique and Curacao in the upcoming months. Tentative dates for the missions are as follows:

- Martinique – September 10 – 14, 2007
- Curacao – November 5 – 9, 2007

Similar to past missions, the Martinique and Curacao trade missions will include specially arranged business to business meetings, networking receptions, a business forum where information and opportunities in the markets will be discussed and a business-focused city/country tour. The missions will be part funded by the BCSI.

If you are interested in either of the missions please contact: Barbados Coalition of Service Industries, 14 Pine Plantation Road,, St. Michael, Barbados, Tel: (246) 429-5357
Fax: (246) 429-5352, E-mail: info@bcsi.org.bb

SEPTEMBER 10-16 - THE HOME EXPO

The Home Expo, Salon de l’Habitat, September 10-16, 2007, Dillon – Fort de France – MARTINIQUE, Producer: GL Conseil, Tel: (596) 596 77 11 55, E- mail: glconseil@wanadoo.fr

SEPTEMBER 15-16 - THE SPORT AND LEISURE SHOW

The Sport and Leisure Show, Salon du sport et des loisirs, September 15-16, 2007, Palais des Sports – Lamentin, MARTINIQUE. Contact: Mme Guillaume, Open Soft System, Tel: (596) 596 61 09 24, Cel: (596) 696 22 79 46,

Fax: (596) 596 61 18 99, E-mail: open-soft@wanadoo.fr

SEPTEMBER 18-20 - INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND TRADING CONFERENCE

International Shipping and Trading conference takes place September 18-20, 2007 in Bridgetown, Barbados. To register for the conference, contact: Michael De Vere Griffith, Vice President, Global Conferencing & Education Inc, Champagne Reef, Turtle Bay, St. Philip, Barbados, Tel: (246) 418 9857/(246) 230 2128 or (202)657-4471, Fax: (202)742-6330, Skype: gblconf, E-mail: micalgee@caribsurf.com or visit the conference website at www.gblconf.com

SEPTEMBER 24-26 - 5TH ANNUAL CTO FORUM

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation 5th Annual Forum 2007 - 24th & 26th September 2007, Ritz Carlton Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The event promises to be the most multinational ICT event ever to be held in the Caribbean, with 18 nations represented by speakers. Presenting you with the opportunity to learn and interact with the leading decision makers and thought leaders from around the Commonwealth. Already ICT Ministers, heads of regulatory bodies and CEO-level representatives from the Private Sector have all confirmed their participation.

For more information: Contact: Andrea Hooker on 0044 208 834 1589, Fax: +44 (0) 870 777 7697 or E-mail: a.hooker@cto.int, Website: www.cto.int

SEPTEMBER 26 - 30 - EXPO CIBAO 2007

Expo Cibao is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. Throughout the years Expo Cibao has welcomed a large number of companies and business sectors and is now regarded as a trade show for diversity of products in tune with national and international supply. "A House for Everyone" is the slogan guiding the 2007 version of the fair.

Expo Cibao 2007 is organised by the Chamber of Commerce and Production of Santiago and will feature new products created with the aim of providing new tools to allow participants to project their objectives with the instruments which are most suited to their ideologies. The Expo will be held at "La Barranquita", Santiago, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, on September 26th - 30th, 2007. For further information on the Expo contact: Cámara de Comercio y Producción de Santiago, Inc., Av.Las Carreras #7, Edificio Empresarial, Tel: (809) 582-2856, Fax: (809) 241-4546, E-mail: ferias@camarasantiago.com, Website: <http://www.camarasantiago.com>

SEPTEMBER 27-30 - THE CARIBBEAN GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

The Caribbean Gift and Craft Show (CGCS) website has been updated to keep you informed of the show's progress. Now available are:

- Exhibitor's Manual
- Buyer's Manual
- Special fares from Liat, InselAir and Air Jamaica

Visit our website: www.caribbeangiftandcraft.com today.

The Caribbean Gift and Craft Show (CGCS) 2007 will be held at the World Trade Centre Curacao from September 27-30, 2007. Contact: Caribbean Export Development Agency, Tel: (246) 436-0578, Fax: (246) 436-9999, E-mail: cgcs@carib-export.com, Website: www.caribbeangiftandcraft.com, Or www.carib-export.com

SEPTEMBER 28 -30 - THE CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC LEISURE SHOW

The Creative and Artistic Leisure Show, 1ere Edition du salon des loisirs créatifs et artistiques, September 28 – 30, 2007. Complex World Trade Centre – CWTC, GUADELOUPE. Contact: Jarry / Baie-Mahault, JM Organisation, Tel: (590) 590 84 49 72, Fax: (590) 690 63 45 80, E-mail: jm-o@outremer.com

OCTOBER 1-2 - INAUGURAL CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Inaugural Caribbean & Central America Law Practice Management Workshop, October 1-2, 2007, Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman. Contact: Ms. Lorna Payne, University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus, Cave Hill, St. Michael, BARBADOS, Tel: (246) 417-4220, Fax: (246) 424-1788, E-mail: lpayne@uwichill.edu.bb, Website:

www.commerciallawworkshop.com

OCTOBER 8-12 - 14TH ANNUAL FCCA CARIBBEAN CRUISE CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

14th Annual FCCA Caribbean Cruise Conference & Trade Show, October 8-12, 2007. Cozumel, MEXICO. Contact: Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association, 11200 Pines Blvd., Suite 201, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026, Tel: (954) 441-8881, Fax: (954) 441-3171, E-mail: registration@f-cca.com, Website: www.f-cca.com

OCTOBER 17-21 - THE HOME EXPO

The Home Expo, Salon de l'Habitat, October 17-21, 2007, Complex World Trade Centre – CWTC, GUADELOUPE, Contact: Jarry / Baie-Mahault, Sept Mag Communication, Tel: (590) 590 26 60 50, Fax: (590) 590 26 61 87

OTHER EVENTS

New York International Gift Fair August 11-16, 2007 Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Passenger Ship Terminal Piers and the Metropolitan Pavilion. Contact: Buyer/Attendee Customer Service, E-mail: registration@glmshows.com, 800 272-SHOW, or Operations Directory Department Public Relations, E-mail: directorydepartment@glmshows.com. Website: <http://www.nyigf.com>

9th Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop, August 19-21, 2007, Ritz-Carlton, South Beach, Miami Beach, FLORIDA. Contact: Ms. Lorna Payne, University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus, Cave Hill, Barbados, Tel: (246) 417-4220, Fax: (246) 424-1778, E-mail: lpayne@uwichill.edu.bb, Website: www.commerciallawworkshop.com

TRADEEXPO PARIS, Cannes International Boat Show, September 7-12, 2007, EMAP AGOR 73, Avenue Charles de Gaulle BP 24 95700 Roissy EN le Bourget, Paris FRANCE. Tel: 33 (0)1 34 29 3900, Fax: 33 (0)1 34 29 3947, info@tradeexpo-paris.com, Website: www.tradeexpo-paris.com

Surf Expo / DMG World Media, September 14th -16th, FLORIDA. Contact: Vicki Vasil, Exhibitor Marketing Manager, E-mail: vvasil@surfexpo.com, Website: www.surfexpo.com

MIT International, International Trade Exhibition for Group Tourism, October 10-14, 2007. Contact: MIT International, 1, rue Eugène et Armand Peugeot CP 725, 92856 Rueil Malmaison Cedex, Paris Expo-Porte de Versailles, Paris, FRANCE, Tel: 33 (0)1 76 73 4147, Fax: 33 (0)1 76 73 4844, E-mail: mitinternational@groupeliasons.fr, Website: www.mitinternational.fr

5th Xiamen Gift & Home Decoration Show (XMGHS), October 13-16, 2007. Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center, CHINA. For further information contact: Jessie Chen, Tel: 86 592 5959186, Fax: 86 592 5959188, Email: xmgiftshow@yahoo.com, info@xmghs.com, Website: www.xmghs.com

Home Technology Expo, October 25-28, 2007. Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai INDIA. Contact: Kamil M., Project head, Zak Trade Fairs & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd., Tel: 91 44 2825 7722 / 33 / 44 / 0008 / 0009 / 2822 4571, Fax: 91 44 2820 2728,

EXHIBITIONS IN AFRICA

15th EXPO UGANDA, October 4-9, 2007, Kampala – UGANDA. Int'l Trade Exhibition on all kinds of general & industrial products

MALAWI EXPO, October 12-15, 2007, Blantyre – MALAWI. Int'l Trade Exhibition on all kinds of general & industrial products

ETHIOPIA INT'L TRADE EXPO, October 27-30, 2007. Addis Ababa – ETHIOPIA. Int'l Trade Exhibition on all kinds

of general & industrial products

ETHIOPIA AGRI FOOD EXPO, October 27– 30, 2007, Addis Ababa– ETHIOPIA. Int'l Trade Exhibition for the entire Agricultural, Food & Packaging Industry

ETHIOPIA AUTO & PARTS EXPO, October 27-30, 2007. Addis Ababa– ETHIOPIA. Int'l Trade Exhibition for the entire Automotive & Spare Parts Industry

ETHIOPIA FASHION EXPO, October 27- 30, 2007, Addis Ababa – ETHIOPIA. Int'l Trade Exhibition for Fashion, Garments, Textiles, Cosmetics related Products

For further information Contact: Inaam Salman, Exhibition Director, Innovation Exhibitions, P. O. Box 49985, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, Tel:- + 9714 - 2828664, Fax:- + 9714 - 2828638 / 2865660

PUBLICATIONS

CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND CHOICES

The publication documents the state of Caribbean libraries in the 21st century by examining the responses by these institutions to the changes, challenges and choices in an increasingly electronic and virtual information environment. Practitioners and researchers in the field of library and information science describe their efforts and experiences in addressing the myriad issues which are currently affecting libraries all around the world. Subject areas include management of collections, staff and services, implementing innovative services, integration and impact of information technology on library services, library cooperation and resource sharing, education and training of library users, delivering courses to distance learners, and the role of the 21st century librarian

Orders can be sent to Lexicon in Trinidad at lexicon@tstt.net.tt or faxed to 675-3360. You may order online through Info Today (www.infotoday.com or <http://books.infotoday.com/books/CaribbeanLibraries.shtml>). A brief overview is below but full details of the publication can be found at <http://ttemail.com/~srenwick/default.htm>.

CARIBBEAN PAPERS

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) has published the first two studies of a new publication series called the Caribbean Papers. . The first paper, "Repositioning the Caribbean Within Globalisation", warns that the current crisis in the Caribbean results from the region's failure to establish a viable role for itself within the global economy.

The second paper, "Brain Drain, Brain Circulation, Remittances and Development: Prospects for the Caribbean", assesses the debate on south-north migration, observing that discussion is moving beyond the brain drain to focus on remittances and brain circulation - where workers move abroad temporarily and return to invest newly acquired skills and capital in their local economy.

The Caribbean Papers are available online at: <http://www.cigionline.org/publications>.

NOTICES

UNRDC VACANCIES

The United Nation Relief Development Commission (UNRDC) International is seeking applications for the following posts:

- Medical Officer
- Regional Director Officer
- Regional Programme Officer

- Administrative Officer
- Finance Officer
- Environmental Officer

Interested applicants should send their CVs to Dr Andrew Erickson, The Head, Human Resources Department, U.S Committee for UNRDC, Two UN Plaza, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10017, USA, E-mail: e_jobs@unrdc.asso.ws

CONSULTANTS REQUIRED

Two experts are required to undertake a consultancy for an EU-funded mission which will take place in the Forum of Caribbean States (CARIFORUM): The mission will provide support to CARIFORUM in the Implementation of Commitments undertaken under the Public Procurement Chapter of the Economic Partnership Agreement.

The overall objective of this consultancy is to (a) conduct an assessment of the needs of CARIFORUM; (b) survey existing support activities (c) set out a coherent overall programme d) draft a Financing Proposal for the funding of programmes and projects identified under c). Interested persons should contact Joelle Nogaret, Senior Project Officer, Tel: +216 71 70 27 03, Fax: +216 71 70 27 14, E-mail: cv@ccm-cq.com, Website: www.ccm-cq.com

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