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CARIBBEAN EXPORT DIGEST

HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN FOCUS

On May 15th, representatives from the regional health and wellness sector including the Caribbean Herbal Business Association, the Caribbean Spa and Wellness Association and representatives from related sectors such as interior design, handicraft, craft, furniture and producers of health food products will have the opportunity to validate and discuss the various elements of a proposed three-year road map for the development of the Caribbean's Health and Wellness Sector.

The meeting scheduled for the Jamaica Hilton Hotel, Jamaica, will focus on strategic inter-sectoral linkages and institutional and business partnerships, and will be coordinated by the Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export) through the 9th Economic Development Fund (EDF) Caribbean Regional Trade and Private Sector Development Program CRTPSDP) of the European Commission.

According to Tonika Sealy, Technical Advisor, New Sectors, Caribbean Export, 'The overall goal of this exercise is to increase the export competitiveness of service providers and goods producers in the Caribbean Health and Wellness Sector and to establish and encourage stronger linkages.'

For additional information on the meeting please contact Tonika Sealy at E-mail: tsealy@carib-export.com.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SECTOR IN FOCUS

The governments of Saint Lucia and Dominica are now better positioned to capitalise on the opportunities available in the professional services sector with the hand over of the final reports "Strategic Marketing Plans for the Promotion of Professional Services", a Commonwealth Secretariat funded project for the Commonwealth Caribbean and executed by the **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**.

On March 5th and 6th respectively, the Agency's and Executive Director and project consultant, Mr Sunil Sinha of Emerging Market Economics (EME) Limited, presented copies of the reports to high level delegations in Saint Lucia and Dominica. In Saint Lucia, the report was presented to the Honourable Guy Mayers, Minister of Trade Industry and Commerce, other ministry executives, and representatives from the Ministries of Education and Tourism. The Honourable Charles Saverin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Labour, The Honourable Nassief, Minister of Tourism, other government officials and private sector representative were the recipients of the report in Dominica.

According to Taiana Mora-Ramis **Caribbean Export's** Executive Director, "The strategy was well received, and while there is the need to finance the services sector, the government and the private sector is interested in looking at the opportunities in the sector." She also indicated the "**Caribbean Export** will offer continuous support to the countries for the successful implementation of the strategy."

The project targeted the professional service sub-sectors: Health and Wellness, Education, Production Services for the Entertainment Industry, Information Communication Technologies, Engineering and Construction Services, Legal Services and Business Development in Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The project is also expected to build **Caribbean Export's** capacity to assist its members in developing a strategic programme for the promotion of professional services.

SPOTLIGHT ON HOT PEPPER SECTOR

The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**, in association with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), is coordinating a workshop on "Diversification of the Hot Pepper Industry through Cross-Sector Linkages and Capacity Development" for the region's Agro Processing-Hot Pepper Sector. The theme of the workshop which will be held from May 31 - June 2 in Jamaica, is **'Innovation, Strategic Alliances, and Market Penetration.'**

According to Taiana Mora-Ramis, Executive Director of **Caribbean Export** "The objective of the workshop is to transfer information, ideas, techniques and contacts in the hot pepper sector to stimulate renewed interest and commitment to regional networking, and to generate business opportunities taking advantage of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)."

Pepper producers, processors and other leading industry players interested in the workshop should contact: Cora Lowe at E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com.

CGCS MEMORABILIA LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Exhibitors, Designers, Artistes - showcase your creativity to the world and win a free booth at the Caribbean Gift and Craft Show (CGCS) 2007. Participate in the CGCS **Memorabilia Logo Design Competition** and create a design to appear on the CGCS official tote bags, mugs, cups etc. The closing date for the competition has been extended to **April 15th**

To download the rules and procedures of the competition - click on the links below:

- . [Official Competition Rules](#)
- . [CGCS Memorabilia Application Form](#)
- . [CGCS Turtle Logo](#)

SPECIAL OFFER TO CGCS 2007 EXHIBITORS

By popular request the **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)** is extending the Early Early Bird Special on booths to **April 30th**. There are substantial savings ranging from US\$45.00 - US\$100.00 for exhibitors who complete and return their Exhibitor Registration Forms and payments by **April 30th**.

- To download the Exhibitor Registration Form - [Click Here](#)
- To download Floor Plan for Exhibition Hall 1 - [Click Here](#)
- To download Floor Plan for Exhibition Hall 2 - [Click Here](#)
- To download the Fashion Criteria - [Click Here](#)

Visit the website: www.caribbeangiftandcraft.com for special hotel and travel rates.

BSO NETWORK EXPANDING

Since June 2006, the Caribbean Business and Investment Support Network (CARIBISNET) has been established, the **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)** is reporting, and a comprehensive database of trade, investment and export related Business Support Organisations (BSOs) in the CARIFORUM region developed to support the information and communication technology (ICT) platform of the BSO Capacity Building Programme of the European Union funded Caribbean Regional Trade and Private Sector Development Programme implemented by the Agency.

CARIBISNET is a network primarily of Caribbean private and public sector non-financial BSOs, which seeks to improve collaboration, information exchange and the dissemination of common services among its membership.

BSOs in the region also stand to benefit from training in the areas of Strategic Planning, Proposal Writing, Policy Dialogue and Negotiation Techniques, E-Commerce / E-Business and Developing and Marketing Business Information and Related Services under this programme.

BSOs interested in joining CARIBISNET may download the application form by clicking on the link below. BSOs that have not yet participated in the Agency's survey of BSOs are encouraged to complete the questionnaire and return to Fax: (246) 436-9999 or (246) 228-3804 or by E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com.

[CARIBISNET APPLICATION FORM - BSO](#)

[BSO SURVEY - click here](#)

CSME NEWS

CARICOM TRADE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The CARICOM Trade Support Programme (CTSP) is a financial services organization which offers 0% interest for the utilization of consultants in a company's business development projects and facilitation of loans (at market rates) for plant, equipment and inventory via vibrant financial institutions such as RBTT and the US EXIM Bank.

The CTSP recently disbursed its first technical assistance loans amounting to US\$100,000 to SURPOST of Suriname for restructuring of its operations to ensure enhanced profitability and US\$80,000 to Pulse Investment Limited for the export marketing of its fashion TV programmes to metropolitan markets.

CARICOM companies interested in the programme should contact: Avenash Ramsoobhag, Business Advisory Specialist, CARICOM Trade Support Programme, Tel: (868) 626-CTSP ext. 234, E-mail: Avenash@caricomtradesupport.org,
Website: www.caricomtradesupport.org

TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

DISPUTE PANEL TO RULE ON EU'S BANANA IMPORT REGIME

The European Union (EU) is facing a second World Trade Organization (WTO) challenge to its banana import rules from Colombia one day after WTO Members agreed to establish a panel to examine whether the EU's banana import policies violate multilateral trade rules, in response to a complaint by Ecuador on March 20th.

Colombia made a request for consultations on March 21st, the first step in the WTO dispute settlement procedures. As a third-party observer in Ecuador's case Colombia will be unable to impose retaliatory sanctions against EU even if Ecuador was victorious.

Colombia like Ecuador is claiming that the EU's Brussels' banana import rules violate its WTO obligations, by discriminating in favor of bananas from African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. Like Ecuador, it argues that the ACP-specific quota violates the WTO rules on quantitative restrictions. The EU's latest reform, introduced at the beginning of 2006, levies a 176 euros per ton tariff from most favoured nation (MFN) suppliers alongside with a duty-free quota of 775,000 tonnes for ACP bananas.

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MARKET NEWS

CARICOM/CUBA AGREEMENT EXPLAINED

Market access under the Trade and Economic Co-Operation Agreement Between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Republic of Cuba operates on reciprocity that is each party makes concessions to the other.

Both CARICOM and Cuba are committed to ensuring that all countries benefit from the agreement and that disparities based on capacity and level of economic development are minimised. As such, the LDCs of CARICOM will not be required to grant duty free access or to institute the phased reduction set out in the annexes to the agreement. In addition, goods produced under favourable tax and financial conditions such as Free Trade Zones (FTZs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) will be subject to Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment under the agreement. This means that they will not be granted duty free access but they will be subject to duties and tariffs which are no less favourable than those which apply to other countries which are not part of the agreement.

No quantitative restrictions to trade will be applied under this agreement. This means that no quota restrictions will be applied. CARICOM and Cuba will, however, take into account the rights of the parties under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the obligations of CARICOM Member States under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. While CARICOM and Cuba are committed to maintaining high technical standards and ensuring public health and safety, they are also committed to ensuring that technical regulations do not pose barriers to trade. They aim to harmonise their technical, sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures.

The agreement provides lists of goods and products which will be granted duty free access. The lists includes:

- A list of goods to be granted immediate duty free access when the agreement takes effect.
- A list of goods and products to which a phased reduction of duties will be applied over a period of four years.
- A list of selected agricultural products which may not be granted duty free access at certain times of the year. This category exists for the protection of local farmers and producers who may suffer significant losses during particular seasons.

To request your copy of the **Caribbean Export's** publication "The CARICOM/Cuba Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement Explained" contact Cora Lowe, Research and Communications Officer at Tel: (246) 436-0578, Fax: (246) 436-9999, or E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com

EXPORTING TO THE EU

The European Union (EU) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, with a membership base which now includes 25 Member States, and a total population in 2006 of 458 million. Caribbean exporters wishing to export to this market are faced with a number of challenges despite the "open" regime extended to African, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) Countries.

Fortunately, there are two useful information tools at the disposal of Caribbean exporters. The first "Exporting to the EU; An Introduction to Developments, Trends and Doing Business in the EU" published by the CBI, provides an overview of the EU, its trade rules and agreements; highlights the demographic, social and cultural developments and reviews trends in consumer and industrial markets and their implications for exporters; and provides practical guidelines and tips. This publication can be downloaded from the CBI website: www.cbi.nl

The second tool is the EU Export Helpdesk, an online service by the European Commission to make it easier for businesses in developing countries to export to the European Union. It provides information and assistance on import tariffs, customs procedures, the EU's Rules of Origin, and the EU and Member States' specific import requirements and internal taxes. A market place to allow exporters to establish contacts with EU importers, and share information and expertise on exporting to the EU are some of the Helpdesk's interactive features. To access the Helpdesk visit <http://exporthelp.europa.eu/>. An on-line survey has been recently launched which runs until May 21st. We invite you to participate in this survey to ensure its services are improved.

EUROPEAN UNION CELEBRATES 50

March 25th marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome which set in train a continuous process of deeper European integration, helping to secure an unprecedented period of peace and prosperity for the continent of

Europe. To commemorate this anniversary Peter Mandelson, EU Commissioner for Trade has published "The European Union in the Global Age" which discusses Europe's future. To download the pamphlet visit the Website: [http://www.policy-network.net/uploadedFiles/Publications/Publications/Mandelson\(1\).pdf](http://www.policy-network.net/uploadedFiles/Publications/Publications/Mandelson(1).pdf)

ACS LEGAL INSTRUMENTS TO COME INTO FORCE IN 2007

The Legal Instruments establishing the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) are expected to come into force in 2007. The call was made for Member States and Associate Members of the ACS to fulfil their obligations under the instruments as well as under Article XVIII of the Convention Establishing the Association of Caribbean States before December 31, 2007, at the 12th Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council.

Members will have opportunity to sign the legal instruments, which have been placed at the Permanent Representation of Colombia to the United Nations in New York, during the months of April to December, with the expectation that they will proceed to ratify them soon afterwards. Instruments of Ratification or Acceptance will also be received by the Permanent Representation of the Depositary State.

For further information visit the website: <http://www.acs-aec.org>.

DOMINICA'S NEW TOURISM/INVESTMENT OFFICES

Two new entities will replace Dominica's National Development Corporation, which is set for closure after legislation is passed in parliament on April 2. The two new institutions are 'Discover Dominica', which will serve as a Tourism Board, and 'Invest Dominica', which will function as an Investment Promotion Agency. According to Tourism Minister Yvor Nassief the two separate institutions will focus specifically on defined areas and a Director of Tourism and Director of Industry will serve as the direct link between the bodies and a Board of Directors.

WORLD BANK SUPPORTS DOMINICA

The Government of Dominica will benefit from a US\$1.45 million credit from the World Bank to support the Government's efforts to reinforce the institutional capacity of key public agencies in delivering goods and services, and increase the private sector competitiveness. According to Caroline Anstey, World Bank Country Director for the Caribbean "By helping the Government of Dominica fortify its public and private sectors in order to ameliorate the delivery of public goods and services and attract more investment, this project is laying the foundations for a more sustainable growth and poverty reduction in Dominica." Dominica joined the World Bank in 1980.

PRODUCT NEWS

EU/ACP ASSIST AUDIO VISUAL SECTOR

The audio visual sector of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) will be able to benefit from a 6.5 million Euro fund of the European Union (EU) and the ACP programme during the last quarter of 2007. The programme's overall aim is to promote the development and structuring of the film and television industries in the ACP countries and to enable them to create and distribute their own images.

The grants will be allocated to stimulate the emergence or strengthening of production capacities in the ACP film and television industries as well as to improve distribution of film and other audiovisual works originating in the ACP countries - as a priority in those countries, but also in the EU and internationally.

The programme consists of three components:

1. Support to the production of films by ACP directors (cinema: short/medium/long feature films including

- cartoons, documentaries; TV: telefilms, series of fiction, cartoons and documentaries, unitary documentaries)
2. Support to the distribution, exhibition and promotion of ACP films and networking of ACP professionals
 3. Support to training for the professional development of the ACP audiovisual sector

For further information contact: Mrs Aya Kasasa, Press: Mrs Holy Ramanankasina, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States /ACP Secretariat, Political Affairs and Human Development Department Av. Georges Henri 451, B-1200 Brussels, Email : aya.kasasa@acp.int , rholy@acp.int, Tel.: +32 2 743 06 00 - Fax: +32 2 735 55 73, Website: www.acp.int - Blog ACP Festival: www.acpfestival.blogspot.com or European Union / European Commission, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, Unit C/4 - Contact: Mr. Johannes Gehringer, B-1049 Brussels, Email: Johannes.Gehringer@ec.europa.eu, Tel : +32 2 296 00 05, Fax: +32 2 299 49 47.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH STANDARDS

Developing countries will benefit from a £500,000 and US\$110,000 donation funded by the UK and USA respectively, to assist them in analysing and implementing international standards on food safety and animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards).

The donation is for the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), a programme set up for the purpose jointly by the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, the World Organization for Animal Health, and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The objective of the STDF is to assist developing countries improve their expertise and capacity to analyse and implement international (SPS) standards while improving their human, animal and plant health situation, and ability to gain and maintain market access. The facility also acts as a vehicle for co-ordination among technical co-operation providers, the mobilization of funds, the exchange of experience and the dissemination of best practice in relation to the provision and receipt of SPS-related technical co-operation.

SPS is a WTO Agreement which deals with food, animal and plant health safety and with product standards in general. SPS allows countries to set their own standards, however, the regulations must be based on science and should be applied only to the extent necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health. These standards must not arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminate between countries where identical or similar conditions prevail. Further information on the STDF and SPS in general may be found on www.wto.org.

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MARKSTRA a marketing and strategy consulting firm based in Curacao, has strengthened its alliance with research specialists Research & Research of Puerto Rico in order to provide more efficient quantitative market research, particularly to clients in the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and Suriname. The company also works in Trinidad and Tobago, St. Maarten and Barbados. For further information contact: Tamira La Cruz, MBA, MarkStra, CURACAO, Tel/Fax: (599-9) 767-3085 Cel: (599-9) 511-9582, Skype: tamiralacruz, E-mail: tlacruz@markstra.com, Website: www.markstra.com/ <http://smallmarketmarketing.blogspot.com/>

TRAINING COURSES on Training & Presentation Techniques, Debt Collection Strategies & Techniques and Debt Collection Management Strategies will be available through March and April. Interested persons should contact: Lonika Bethel, Director of Administration, Cohen and Klein Consulting, Inc., 8362 Pines Blvd., Suite 289, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024, USA, Tel: (954) 731-6340, Fax: (954) 731-6606, E-mail: collect@gate.net, Website: www.cohenandklein.com/2007/schedule2007.pdf

TRANSLATING, Interpreting & International Relations services are available. Contact: Mathieu DIONY -Managing Director, Lagarde & Waterson, 7 lotissement Long Pré 97232 Le Lamentin - Martinique FWI, Tel: 00 596 0696-436-076, E-mail: lagardewaterson@hotmail.com, Website: www.lagardeandwaterson.blogspot.com

TRAINING, coaching and business development for individuals and enterprises are available. Contact: Sherrilene M. Collymore, Managing Director/Qualitator, Southways, Christ Church, BB17136, Barbados, Tel: (246) 428-4239, Fax: (246)428-4239, E-mail: smc@hq-2.com, Website: www.hq-2.com

COSTUME JEWELRY and general giftware agent or retail importer are required. Contact: Armando Uriarte, President, P.O.Box # 490084, Key Biscayne, FL 33149, USA, E-mail: silverteam@prodigy.net

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES are available. Contact: Dario Moreta, President, Calle Paseo De Los Locutores #101, Edif. Ralani 1, Apt. 3-B Ens., Quisqueya, Santo Domingo, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Tel: (809)802-9488, E-mail: dario.moreta@extendeddisc.com, Website: www.extendeddisc.com/caribbean

SPANISH/ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS (written and otherwise recorded material); interpretation; proofreading; language and culture training and business facilitation services are available. Contact: Chrystqal Joachim, Bilingual Consultant/Managing Director, 134 Sister\'s Road, Hardbargain, Williamsville, Trinidad and Tobago, Tel: (868) 489-6354, Fax: (868) 656-8193, E-mail: spanishmama@hotmail.com

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TRADE AND INVESTMENT EVENTS

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APRIL 12-14 - 8TH DOMINICAN ANNUAL TOURISM EXCHANGE (DATE)

The National Hotel & Restaurant Association is hosting the 8th Dominican Annual Tourism Exchange (DATE) in the Barcelo Convention Center in Bavaro April 12-14, 2007, in the Punta Cana area. The event is the most important marketing activity for Dominican hotels held in the DR every year. Over 150 local travel suppliers will be offering their services to tour operators and international travel vendors from around the world. DATE is also sponsored by the Association of Hotels of the East, the Ministry of Tourism and Barcelo Hotels, among other companies. For further information contact: Mrs. Veronica Rodriguez , Marketing Coordinator , National Hotel & Restaurant Association, Tel : (809) 368-4676, Fax: (809) 368-5511, E-mail: ason.mercadeo@codetel.net.do, Website: www.drdate.net

APRIL 20 - DFL CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

DFL Caribbean Investment Conference will be held on April 20th 2007 at the Trinidad Hilton, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO and will focus on "Moving business forward - jumping the barriers." For further information on the conference contact: Amanda de Gannes-Frederick (Mrs.), Business Development Analyst , DFL Caribbean Ltd, Phone (868)623-4665 Ext (201) , Fax(868)624-3563

APRIL 20-29 - THE WOOD AND FURNISHING EXPO

The Wood and Furnishing Expo (Salon du bois et de l'ameublement) April 20-29, 2007, Complex World Trade Centre - CWTC, GUADELOUPE. Contact: Jarry / Baie-Mahault, Chambre des Métiers et de l'Artisanat de la Guadeloupe, Tel: (590) 590 80 23 33, Fax: (590) 590 80 08 93

APRIL 25-28 - ANNUAL INVESTMENT & HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL

Annual Investment & Healthcare Conference International, April 25 - 28,2007, Reinassance Jaragua Hotel & Casino,

Santo Domingo, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Contact: Nadia S. Quiroz, Email:
nquiroz@americanhospitalmanagement.com/ info@americanhospitalmanagement.com

MAY 4-6, 2007 - FEMMES, CREATION & PRODUCTION 2007

Femmes, Creation & Production 2007, May 4-6, 2007
HAITI. E-mail: vitalvoiceshaiti@yahoo.com

MAY 9-13 - SALON FOIRE DE GUADELOUPE (THE REGIONAL TRADE FAIR)

Salon Foire de Guadeloupe (The Regional Trade Fair), May 9-13, 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 93

MAY 14-16 - STEP CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE 2007

STEP Caribbean Conference 2007, May 14-16, 2007, The Westin Casuarina Resort, Grand Cayman, CAYMAN ISLANDS, Producer: Springstreet Communications Inc.
Contact: Barb Crompton, Conference Manager, 925 Jacarandah Drive, Newmarket, ON, Canada L3Y 5L2, Tel: (905) 836-7812, Fax: (905) 836-8297

MAY 15 - CARIBBEAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS SECTOR

Representatives from the regional health and wellness sector including the Caribbean Herbal Business Association, the Caribbean Spa and Wellness Association and representatives from related sectors such as interior design, handicraft, craft, furniture and producers of health food products will have the opportunity to validate and discuss the various elements of a proposed three-year road map for the development of the Caribbean's Health and Wellness Sector at Caribbean Health and Wellness Sector Meeting, May 15, 2007 Jamaica Hilton Hotel, JAMAICA.

For additional information on the meeting please contact: Tonika Sealy, Technical Advisor, New Sectors, Caribbean Export Development Agency, Tel: (246) 436-0578, Fax: (246) 436-0578, E-mail: tsealy@carib-export.com, Website: www.carib-export.com.

MAY 21-24 - 9TH SUSTAINABLE TOURISM CONFERENCE

9th Sustainable Tourism Conference (Health and Wellness: Communities, Environments & Economies), May 21-24, 2007, Westin Casuarina Resort & Spa in Grand Cayman, THE CAYMAN ISLANDS. Contact: CTC-9, Caribbean Tourism Organization, 80 Broad Street, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10004, Tel: (212) 635-9530, Fax: (212) 635-9511, Website: <http://www.onecaribbean.org/information/categorybrowse.php?categoryid=946>

MAY 25-28 - BMEX 2007

It's BMEX time again and the Barbados Manufacturers' Association (BMA) is CELEBRATING MANUFACTURING! BMEX is the event of choice for showcasing your products and for launching new products. BMEX will be held on Whitsuntide weekend May 25 - 28, 2007 at the Sherbourne Conference Centre, BARBADOS. Companies interested in participating may contact the BMA secretariat at Tel: (246) 426-4474; Fax: (246) 436-5182 or by email: bmex-products@caribsurf.com. For further details please visit the BMEX website at www.bmex.com.bb

MAY 16-19 - THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONVENTION 2007

The Trade & Investment Convention 2007 takes place from May 16th to 19th, 2007 at the Centre of Excellence in Macoya, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. TIC networks global decision-makers, giving participants the opportunity to discover joint venture and business partnership prospects, and unleashing trade potential by promoting linkages

between the Caribbean, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

For further details contact: Khazana Rasool B.B.A., TIC Sales Co-ordinator, Trinidad & Tobago Manufacturers' Association, Level 2, TTMA Building, 42 Tenth Avenue, Barataria, Trinidad, W.I. Tel #: (868) 675 8862, Fax #: (868) 675 9000, Cell #: (868) 758 1070, E-mail: tic@tma.com, Website: www.tic-tt.com

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED SEMINAR SERIES

The Business Development Company Limited will be hosting a series of four Seminars entitled "Gearing up for regional trade - Tools for making effective business decisions". The dates for the seminars are May 22, June 26, July 17 and September 18, 2007. For further information contact: Ms Annelle Joachim and Ms Shivaughn Edoe at Tel: (868) 623-5507, Fax: (868) 625-8126

MAY 30 -31 - ERGONOMICS WORKSHOP

Ergonomics Workshop May 30 -31, 2007, DC Conference Centre, BARBADOS. Contact: HIPS Corporate and Special Occasions Planners, Tel: (246) 437-2710, E-mail: dncyrs@yahoo.com, Website: www.bagconsultingltd.com

JUNE 5 & 7 - CHOICES CAREER & EDUCATION EXPO

CHOICES Career & Education Expo, June 5 & 7, 2007, Kingston - Tuesday June 5, 2007 - Hilton Kingston, Mandeville - Thursday June 7, 2007 - Golf View Hotel, JAMAICA. Contact: Angela deFreitas, General Manager, CHOICES Career Advice, 100 Shortwood Road, Kingston 8, Jamaica, W.I. Tel: (876) 925-0804/876-924-7473, E-mail: info@choicesonlinejm.com, Website - www.choicesonlinejm.com / <http://www.choicesonlinejm.com/choicesexpo/howtoparticipate.asp?Loc=2>

JUNE 8-9 - SALON DE LA FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE (THE EDUCATION EXPO)

Salon de la formation professionnelle (The Education Expo), June 8-9, 2007, Palais des Congrès de Madiana - Schoelcher, MARTINIQUE. Contact: Mme Guillaume Tel: (596) 596 61 09 24. Producer: Open Soft System, Tel: (596) 596 61 16 32, Cel: (596) 696 22 79 46, Fax: (596) 596 61 18 99, Email: open-soft@wanadoo.fr,

JUNE 8-10 - CARIBBEAN FASHIONWEEK 2007

Designers will present their collections to an international audience of press, fashion editors, buyers, showroom outlets, celebrities and members of the public at Caribbean Fashionweek 2007 June 8-10 2007, at the National Indoor Sports Centre, JAMAICA. Further details on the event contact: Romae Gordon, Fashion Director CFW, Pulse, 38a Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 960 1320/ 968 1089-90 Fax (876) 968 1185, E-mail: info@pulsecaribbean.com or visit the CFW website, www.caribbeanfashionweek.com.

JUNE 19-21 - NOVATECH/MADINTECH 2007

Information and Communication Technology is recognised as not only a factor for balanced economic and social development and the creation of innovative enhancement of services in the interest of all, but also a factor for territorial competitiveness and attractiveness. It constitutes the essential elements for efficient and successful sustainable development policies.

The use of such technology should also assist the small island territories linking the Caribbean Basin to overcome the structural handicaps hindering their development. To draw the maximum from this potential for expansion, it is also important to foster the development of networking between Europe and the Caribbean Region. The fostering of exchange and partnerships between businesses operating in the sector will be the focus of ICT Conference and Exhibition NOVATECH/MADINTECH 2007, June 19-21, 2007 organised by the Regional Council of Martinique.

Interested Caribbean ICTs should contact: Maguy MARIE-JEANNE, Direction des Relations Internationales et de la Coopération, Conseil Régional de Martinique, Rue Gaston Defferre-Cluny, 97 200 Fort de France, MARTINIQUE. Tel: (0596 or 011 596 596) 59 64 69 /59 80 49/ 59 6440, Fax: (0596 or 011 596 596) 59 64 14/84

JUNE 27-29 - 3RD TOURISM HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE

3rd Tourism Human Resources Conference, June 27-29, 2007, GUADELOUPE. Contact: Ms. Yvonne Armour-Shillingford or Ms. Marvelle Benn, Tel: (246) 427-5242, Fax: (246) 429-3065, E-mail yarmours@caribtourism.com or mbenn@caribtourism.com OR Comité du Tourisme des Îles de la Guadeloupe, 5 Square de la banque, B.P. 555, 97166, Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe, Tel: 590-590-820930, Fax: 590-590-838922, E-mail: th.gargar@lesilesdeguadeloupe.com, Website: www.onecaribbean.org

OTHER EVENTS

Aysaf, (International Footwear suppliers fair) March 29 - April 1, 2007, CNR EXPO, Website: www.tourka.com - www.fuarx.com

Biofuels And Carbon Markets Americas Meeting April 3-4 2007, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL. E-mail: annie.ellis@greenpowerconferences.com. Website: www.greenpowerconferences.com.

Unicera 2007 (International Ceramic and bathroom fair), April 4-8 2007, TUYAP Fair Center, Website: www.tourka.com - www.fuarx.com

Special High-Level Meeting of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with The Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO, and UNCTAD. April 16, 2007, New York, USA. Website: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>

SOLUTRANS, The 8th European Trade Show of Transport Solutions, April 17-21, 2007 Lyon, FRANCE. Website : www.carosserie-industrielle-transport.com

IFC International Health Conference 2007:"Private Health Care in Emerging Markets-Evolution or Revolution?", April 18-20, 2007 , Washington D.C., USA. Contact: S. Roddis/ I. Cleaton-Jones, Tel: 1-202-473-4274, E-mail: Healthconference@ifc.org

Automechanika, (International event for automotive manufacturing distribution and repair) April 19-22 2007, TUYAP Fair Center, ISTANBUL. Website : www.tourka.com - www.fuarx.com

The 2007 CONGRESS - Twelfth International NGOs & CBOs Summits on Development, April 23rd - 27th, 2007. Dallas, USA. Contact : Mr. Michael Herbert Fox
E-mail idf-dallas.info@dallas.usa.com

INTERSELECTION - The International Fashion Exhibition for Multiple Retailers, April 24-26, Paris, FRANCE. Website: www.interselection.net

Second Ibero-American Conference On Sustainable Development. April 24-26, 2007, São Paulo, BRAZIL. Website: <http://www.sustentavel.org.br> (in Portuguese) or <http://www.wbcsd.ch>.

FOIRE DE PARIS, April 27-May 8, 2007, COMEXPO PARIS, Website: www.foiredeparis.fr

The fifteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-15). April 30 - May 11, 2007, New York, US: UN CSD-15. Contact: the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social

Affairs; E-mail: dsd@un.org; Website: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/policy.htm>.
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ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRI-FOOD DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY IN CARICOM

The study presents new information on the Caribbean agri-food distribution services industry and agri-food markets, such as consumer trends and economic contribution, and provides an analysis of the sector relative to international trends and performance benchmarks. The report is available at the Website:

http://www.cnm.org/documents/press_releases_2007/pr0704.htm
