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“ONE CARIBBEAN” VIRTUAL FORUM

**ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19
DESIGNING THE FUTURE OF THE CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY SECTOR**



Hosted by: Prof. Sir Hilary Beckles
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Universities Caribbean (formerly UNICA) is the recently rebranded Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes. The aim of the Association is to foster cooperation among the Higher Education institutions in the Caribbean region. The Association defines the Caribbean as the geographical area comprising islands of the Antilles and coastal zones of countries surrounding the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, including Central America and the Northern region of South America and the Guianas.

We pride ourselves as being an Association that acknowledges the transnational, translanguagual and transcultural forces of the region. Our Creole tagline speaks to the heart of the Association in that the spirit of inclusion is embedded and practiced in everything we do.

Universities Caribbean encourages cooperation and solidarity through mutual actions and shared benefits, and aims to be the Caribbean region's voice in the areas of quality, globalization, resilience, and financial sustainability. The general mandate given *Universities Caribbean* is to integrate the regional university sector and enhance its quality and regional impact.

We want to be able to offer all our Members as many opportunities as possible, especially, in the areas of research, funding, and quality. The Association's new strategic plan [**Triple R**] is built upon three pillars: to improve the **REPUTATION** of the university sector; to enhance the **RESILIENCE** of the member universities; and to increase the **REVENUE** position of members and sector.

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In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that is currently affecting the world, *Universities Caribbean*, the organization of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes, stands in solidarity with the Caribbean university sector, which has been severely impacted, more so with the wide scale closure of institutions, in an effort to help our countries contain the spread of this virus. In a region characterized by its lack of resources, higher education institutions (HEIs) are struggling to find the appropriate solutions to respond to emerging problems while maximizing opportunities and building on existing partnerships.

Universities Caribbean has conducted a survey across its Membership and other HEIs in the region to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on students and academic staff mobility, access to classes/campus, and extent of disruption of teaching, learning and research. This survey has allowed us to gather data about the extent to which Caribbean universities have been affected by the current health, social and economic situation.

The objective of this “One Caribbean” virtual forum is two-fold:

1. To assess the impacts of COVID-19 on universities of the wider Caribbean region and societies at large and envision strategies to mitigate these impacts.
2. To discuss the future of the Caribbean university sector through sharing approaches, best practices, joint initiatives, funding opportunities, and partnerships to face the crisis at hand.

In such unprecedented times, it is imperative that Higher Education networks work together, so as to strengthen our impact on regional development through mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations, shared expertise and pooling resources in helping to face the crisis at hand. Discussions will allow *Universities Caribbean* Executives to emphasize the necessity for a “*One Caribbean*” strategy to face this challenging situation and share the responsibility of action with regional and global Higher Education partners. Participating organizations will emphasize specific areas of action such as joint task forces, regional research clusters, post-COVID funding opportunities, development of technology and innovation, social mobility and sustainable futures, scientific cooperation, youth and entrepreneurship, among other areas.

The members of *Universities Caribbean* and the communities they serve are always at the forefront of the organization’s collective undertakings, and as such, it is essential to ensure that every possible action is operated in order to assist Caribbean universities during this period of disruption. This forum is an actual opportunity for academic leaders and their communities to start the dialogue and come together not only to address the immediate educational consequences of this unprecedented crisis, but to build up the longer-term resilience of education systems in the region.

AGENDA

11:00 a.m.-11:10 a.m.	<p>Dr. Myriam Moïse Secretary-General of <i>Universities Caribbean</i> and Associate Professor, Université des Antilles (Martinique & Guadeloupe) <i>Forum Guidelines and COVID-19 Survey Results</i></p>
11:10 a.m.-11:25 a.m.	<p>Professor Sir Hilary Beckles President of <i>Universities Caribbean</i> and Vice-Chancellor of the UWI <i>Preliminary Remarks</i></p>
11:25 a.m.-11:40 a.m.	<p>Ing. José Armando Tavarez Vice President of InterAmerican Organization for Higher Education (IOHE) and President of Las Americas Institute of Technology (ITLA), Dominican Republic <i>Digital Transformation and Innovation in Caribbean Higher Education</i></p>
11:40 a.m. -11.55 a.m.	<p>Dr. Óscar Domínguez González Executive Director of ASCUN (Association of Colombian Universities) <i>Regional Leadership and Sustainable Academic Communities in Colombia</i></p>
11:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	<p>Professor Saulo Neiva Director of Caribbean Region, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF). <i>AUF COVID-19 Pandemic Special Plan: Supporting the Caribbean University Sector</i></p>
12:10 p.m.-12:25 p.m.	<p>Elizabeth Colucci OBREAL Adviser (Global Observatory), EU-LAC Focus Network and Project Expert for the European University Association EUA. <i>Post-COVID Internationalization Strategies and Opportunities</i></p>
12:25 p.m.-12:35 p.m.	<p>International Association of Universities (IAU) (Pending) <i>General Comments</i></p>
12.35 p.m.-12.45 pm	<p>José Antonio Quinteiro Program Coordinator, UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNESCO-IESALC). <i>General Comments</i></p>
12:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	<p>QUESTIONS & ANSWERS</p>
1.15 p.m. -1.25 p.m.	<p>Dr Francis Delanoy Vice-President for Partnerships and Outreach, <i>Universities Caribbean</i> Rector Magnificus of the University of Curacao. <i>Concluding Remarks and Perspectives</i></p>
1.25 p.m.-1.30 p.m.	<p>Dr. Myriam Moïse, Secretary-General of <i>Universities Caribbean</i> <i>Vote of Thanks</i></p>