



E- TRADE & INVESTMENT BULLETIN

Message from the CEO

Mrs. Joan Ferreira

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In this issue of the bulletin, we focus specifically once more on the Fifth (V) Summit of the Americas. On Wednesday 28th January, the Chamber hosted a luncheon for our members where Ambassador Luis Rodriguez, Special Envoy and Coordinator for the Summit fielded questions from our membership on Opportunities and Benefits of the Summit. Lisa Bholai, our Research and Information Officer I summarized your key concerns in this issue. Furthermore, on the 29th of January, the Port of Spain held a meeting with all stakeholders on logistical arrangements for the Summit. Miss Rianna E. Paul, our Trade and Committee Officer I reports on key steps and measures taken.

Your Chamber is committed to providing you with pertinent updates and advisories on the Summit, and I would like to reiterate the views of Ambassador Albert Ramdhin of the OAS when he delivered a lecture at the University of the West Indies this week that *"the convening of the first Summit of the Americas in the Caribbean will provide CARICOM with an ideal opportunity to take centre stage in the Summits process and to put its interests on the table"*.

These are indeed turbulent times that we live in; the global order is changing once more before our very eyes. Hence the need for us to be part of the process and again I quote Ambassador Ramdhin, *"...what is required for Caribbean interests to be recognized is to adopt an approach that is characterized by professionalism, seriousness and strategic thinking"*.

Your Chamber is here to guide you along the way.

Ambassador Luis Rodriguez
101 with
Chamber Members on the Fifth (V) Summit of the Americas
By Lisa Bholai

2. Port

The port will not be closed for two weeks as was previously understood. Certain parts of the port will experience interruptions but it will not result in a 100% closure of the port. There will be restrictions to certain quays and general cargo/ break-bulk and car carriers will not be cleared from the 10th of April to the 21st. Container operations will continue as usual. The Private Sector Committee has been working in tandem with the Secretariat on issues such as this.

3. Opportunities and Benefits

Trinidad and Tobago will be in the world's spotlight, and there are opportunities to be found in our Services, Manufacturing, Energy and other vibrant business sectors. The benefits of the Summit may not be measurable, as these benefits include the benefits of shaping our future; shaping our country; elevating our standards, etc. In the short term, there will be an influx of 4,000 people into Trinidad and Tobago to attend the Summit. These persons will be spending in the country as only the Head of State, spouse and Ministers are paid for.

4. Security

For several months now, security has been preparing for the Summit. They have benefited from the experience of the previous Latin America Summit, and also from the World Cup Cricket experience. In addition, help has been offered and accepted from foreign countries that have experience from previous Summits in preparing the security for this Summit.

5. Hotel Bookings

One Hotel has been designated for service providers. Two cruise ships have been leased to house delegates and various preliminaries such as the Private Sector Forum. Some delegations have sent or are sending advance teams 1-2 months prior to the Summit to sort out security issues. Several delegations have expressed their desire to be on land, rather than on the cruise ships, for security issues. Closer to the Summit, it is expected that the major land based room stock will be spoken for. Currently, there is an arrangement that rooms are secured by the Secretariat but after a cut off date, these rooms will no longer be secured, and delegations will have to book for themselves.

6. Vehicles

The Vehicles being purchased for the Summit are not luxury vehicles. These vehicles will be going back into the government service. These vehicles are for the transportation of Heads of State, their spouses, and Ministers.

7. Tendering

Tendering is carried out by NIPDEC and not by the Secretariat. While some tenders have been sent out, others are still to be issued. In terms of procurement, foreign bidders are encouraged to have local partners.

8. Traffic

There will be some diversion of traffic and detouring of traffic on Wrightson Road. However, information regarding this will soon be disseminated through the press.

9. The Process of the Summit

The Secretariat has a strong and vibrant research unit which has gathered extensive information of the health statistics of all the countries participating in the Summit. The Secretariat is also working closely with the Private Sector Forum Committee to ensure disruptions to the public are minimized.

10. Follow up.

Ambassador Rodriguez has indicated his willingness to return on April 20th 2009 to discuss the Summit with the Business Community. The Chief Executive Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce has already indicated to him that the Chamber will be inviting him for a follow-up session.



LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE PORT OF PORT OF SPAIN FOR THE FIFTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

By Rianna E. Paul

The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago held a Stakeholder's Forum on 29th January, 2009 at the Port Administration Building to address the impact of the Fifth Summit of the Americas on Port operations. Shakka Subero, Seaport Officer National Secretariat for the V Summit of the Americas gave a brief presentation on the logistical operations from a security point of view. He indicated that there are various issues on which he will not be able to divulge any information due to security reasons.

On the 13th – 21st April 2009 two Cruise Ships will be berthed at the Port. The Carnival Victory will depart on the 20th April and the Caribbean Princess will depart on the 21st. They vessels will occupy Berths 2 – 5 which are multi purpose berths.

Below are some of the preparations that the Port will be undertaking for the Summit.

➤ Infrastructural Works

- Installation of a Comprehensive Security System
- Painting of buildings and Sheds
- Paving of roads such as Dock Road and Old Post Office Road
- Civil Works – Temporary security fences and security gates will be constructed

➤ Security and Port Operations

- 13th – 16th April and 20th April there will be parking restrictions on Dock Road. Persons who need to access the Port during that time will have to apply for accreditation, i.e. apply for a temporary pass through the National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas
- From 10th- 22nd April there will be restrictions to certain quays and general cargo/ car carriers will not be cleared and Sheds 3 and 4 will not be accessible. However, container operations will continue as usual until 16th April
- The entire Port will be closed during the period Friday 17th- Sunday 19th April
- Operations at the CARICOM jetty will continue until Wednesday 15th April after which operations will cease until after the Summit
- Domestic Ferry Services will continue as normal and there will be heightened security presence at both Port of Spain and Scarborough Terminals

Mr. Subero advised that at a later stage more information will be released and that the Secretariat plans to have regular press conferences to disseminate information to the public. For more information on the upcoming Summit you can log on to www.fifthsummitoftheamericas.org .

WHAT'S GOING ON?

LOCAL EVENTS

The Annual Trinidad and Tobago Petroleum Conference of the South Trinidad Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

2nd-4th February, 2009

The Hyatt Hotel, Port of Spain.

Tel: 652-5613

Website: www.ttpc2009.org

The Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC) presents a Conflict Management/Resolution Skills Workshop.

Facilitator: Ronald Ramcharan BSc., BA, Pg. Dip.Med

5th – 6th February, 2009

Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce Building, Columbus Circle, Westmoorings.

Tel: 632-4051

E-mail: drc@chamber.org.tt

Course Topics Include:

- The Causes of Conflict
- An examination of One's Own Conflict Style
- Communication Skills
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- An Introduction to Negotiation
- The Principles and Practices of Mediation

The Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business' Distinguished Leadership Conference 2009 presents "The Future of Management".

Feature Speaker: Professor Gary Hamel

Additional Speaker: Jean Frédéric Moggetti

6th February, 2009

Hyatt Regency Trinidad.

Tel: 645-6700 ext 121/331/329

The Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business' presents a workshop entitled "Managing Complexity in the Face of Uncertainty".

Feature Speaker: Robert K. Wysocki

3rd -5th February, 2009

Centre for Training and Development, Lok Jack Institute.

Tel: 645-6700 ext 131/136

E-mail: projectmanagement@gsb.tt

Trade and Investment Convention 2009

24th -27th June, 2009

Centre of Excellence, Macoya.

Tel: 1-868-675-TTMA (8862)

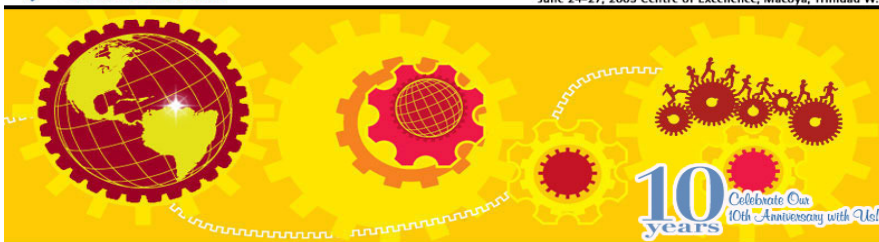
Website <http://www.tic-tt.com>

Email:

trade.investment.convention@gmail.com



June 24-27, 2009 Centre of Excellence, Macoya, Trinidad W.I



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To register as a buyer or exhibitor visit http://www.tic-tt.com/buyer_registration.asp

REGIONAL EVENTS

13th Information Technology Convention and Fair

9th -14th February, 2009

Palacio de Convenciones de La Habana

La Habana, Cuba

E-mail: informaticahabana@mic.cu

Website: www.informaticahabana.com

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Engineering Export Promotion Council presents the Indo-LAC Reverse Buyer Seller Meet 2009

Registration deadline 31st January, 2009.

23rd -25th February, 2009

Delhi and Ahmedabad, India

Tel: 1 847-297-8500

Fax: 1 847 297 8502

E-mail: eepecchicago@sbcglobal.net

17th Annual Chittagong International Trade Fair 2009

7th February-10th March, 2009

Railway Pologround Premises, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

E-mail: ccci@globalctg.net

Website: www.chittagongchamber.com

Breaking into the Trade Game. A five module course for business leaders dedicated to maximizing their companies' sales.

Session 1 – February 10th 2009 - Making the Export Decision

Session 2 – February 24th 2009 - Foreign Market Entry

Session 3 – March 10th 2009 - The Export Transaction

Session 4 – March 24th 2009 - Export Financing & Methods of Payment

Session 5 – April 7th - International Logistics

Centre for Business and Industry of Centre County
200 Innovation Blvd.

State College, PA 16803, USA

Website: www.seda-cog.org/export

11TH Annual Conference on Latin America Private Equity

11th-12th February, 2009

Florida, USA

Tel: 1 212 554 0627

E-mail: americas_customerservice@economist.com

Website: www.economistconferences.com

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Graphics of the Americas

26th -28th February, 2009

Miami, Florida, USA

Phone (809) 227-2121 ext. 227.

E-mail: yira.roa@mail.doc.gov

TIC Americas 2009, Young Entrepreneurs Talent & Innovation Competition of the Americas.

Deadline for entry: 1st March, 2009

Website: www.ticamericas.net

XXVII International Trade Exhibition

4th-7th March, 2009

Panama

Tel: + 507 207 3434

Website: www.expocomer.com

CeBIT 2009, The UK/European Technology Partnering Event

5th March 2009

Room 3A CC Building, Hannover Messe, Hannover, Germany

Tel: +44 (0) 1622 767906

E-mail: noleen@tradefair.com

"ACS.09" Technology Trade Show

6th-8th March, 2009

Miami Beach Conference Centre, Miami Beach, Florida, USA

Website: www.acsshow.org

8th Turkish International Oil & Gas Conference and Showcase. Special Focus: Energy Security and Diversification of European Gas supply.

11th-13th March, 2009

Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre, Ankara, Turkey

To register contact: Vladislav Grabovsky

Tel: + 44 (0) 207 596 5008

E-mail: vg@ite-exhibitions.com

Website: www.turoge.com

2nd Pharma Asia 2009 International Exhibition & Conference

11th-13th March, 2009

Karachi Expo Centre, Pakistan

Tel: + (92-21) 453-6321

Fax: + (92-21) 453-6330

E-mail: info@pharmaasia.com.pk

Website: www.pharmaasia.com.pk

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Business Roundtable in the Dominican Republic

18th March, 2009

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Website: www.economistconferences.com

International Franchise Expo

20-22 March, 2009

Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

E-mail: maria.elenaportorreal@mail.doc.gov

Business Roundtable with Government of Columbia

May, 2009

Medellín, Columbia

Website: www.economistconferences.com

6th World Chambers Congress

3rd -5th June, 2009

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Tel: + 33 1 4953 2842

E-mail: lrz@iccwgo.org

Website: www.KL2009.com

TRADE REQUESTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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