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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: INVITATION TO ELEVENTH (11TH) CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON
NATIONAL HEALTH FINANCING INITIATIVE, BONAIRE, OCTOBER 25-27, 2016**

As part of its fifth (5th) anniversary celebrations, the Zorgverzekeringskantoor (ZVK or Health Insurance Office) of Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba (BES) is delighted to collaborate with the HEU, Centre for Health Economics, the University of the West Indies (HEU/UWI) in hosting and welcoming you to the 11th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives.

The Conference will be held at the Captain Don's Habitat Bonaire from October 25th to the 27th 2016.

The genesis of these Conferences came the desire of Caribbean Social Security and health financing organizations to enhance their understanding and capability in planning and administering National Health Financing Initiatives as requested by their governments.

This 11th Conference follows successful earlier Conferences held in Turks and Caicos, 2006; Aruba, 2007; Trinidad and Tobago, 2008; St Maarten, 2009; Belize; 2010; Bermuda, 2011; Curacao, 2012; Jamaica, 2013; Trinidad and Tobago, 2014 and Turks and Caicos, 2015.

In keeping with recommendations from previous Conferences, the main theme for discussions at the 11th Conference will be 'Spending Wisely: Value for Money Imperatives'. On completion, we expect participants:--

1. To be more knowledgeable about lessons and best practices in managing resources and responding to the challenges of health financing institutionally and nationally;
2. To glean suggestions, ideas and examples on 'spending wisely' in the health sector for consideration and action by their institutions (in keeping with Universal Health Coverage mandates and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals).

In view of these expectations, we wish to formally extend a warm, cordial and special invitation to you to the 11th Caribbean Health Financing Conference.

Details of the Agenda, Accommodation, Registration and other arrangements can be found at our website, <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/16/healthfinancing/> , which will be activated at the end of April.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this invitation and/or contact us for further information on the Conference. Please call our numbers 1 868 662 9459 (phone/fax) Or 1 868 645 7351 (phone).

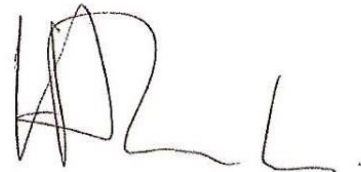
In addition, you may contact any of our key Conference Planning team members: Dr Stanley Lalta (Stanley.lalta@sta.uwi.edu); Ms Charmaine Metivier (Charmaine.metivier@sta.uwi.edu); Ms Valerie Matas (Valerie.matas@sta.uwi.edu) or Mr Bob Harms (bob.harms@zorgverzekeringskantoor.nl).

We look forward to your participation and to sharing knowledge on 'spending wisely in health' at the 11th Conference in Bonaire.

Yours sincerely



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