



The Institute of Chartered Accountants
of the Caribbean
26th
Annual Caribbean Conference



JUNE 26-28, 2008

Hyatt Regency Trinidad

Hosted by

**The Institute of Chartered
Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago**

WELCOME MESSAGE



Ladies and gentlemen, it gives us great pleasure to herald the 26th Annual Caribbean Conference of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC).

Hosted this year by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago (ICATT), the 2008 Conference, "Beyond the Wall", will be held at the new five-star Hyatt Regency in Port of Spain and will address the diverse trends and challenges of a dynamic business environment.

The Conference is geared towards exposing finance professionals and business leaders to critical current issues via presentations and panel discussions, as well as providing opportunities for networking and the sharing of knowledge and experience.

A multitude of high-calibre speakers, both local and international, will be gracing this year's Conference, starting with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Hon. Patrick Manning, and including the Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of global accounting bodies such as The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Certified General Accountants of Canada (CGA). Regional business leaders in the energy, financial services and other industries will also be present to share their perspectives on matters that lie "Beyond the Wall".

The discussions will encompass many significant issues and opportunities that the profession and the wider business community are facing, spanning technical, managerial, organizational

and soft skills. It is our hope that the Conference creates a forum that will facilitate the development of initiatives that would benefit our prestigious profession, our business and our economies. This will ultimately unleash our potential that lies "Beyond the Wall".

On another level, it would be remiss of us to deny you the opportunity to experience the multi-cultural dynamism of Trinidad and Tobago. Fantastic entertainment with a local flavour will therefore complement the industry focus of the Conference, culminating in "Breaking Down the Wall" - our Trini-Carnival Fete!

There's no doubt that the future of Accounting is bright, and its contribution to the rest of the world cannot be ignored. I look forward to meeting you as we progress "Beyond the Wall".

See you on June 26-28, 2008. SAVE THE DATES!

Book early to secure your place at this Conference and to take advantage of the early bird rates that we have negotiated at the Hyatt.



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Angela Lee Loy
President of ICAC



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Ramirez".

Sean Ramirez
President of ICATT

Welcome to Trinidad and Tobago



*G*reetings from our unique twin-island nation, a blend of old-world heritage and new-world energy. Many may know us as the birthplace of calypso, steelpan and limbo; not forgetting of course, our renowned Carnival! However, as we know you will discover, there is so much more that meets the eye. We are thrilled to host you and invite you on an experience of discovery.

Located at the southern end of the Caribbean island chain, Trinidad and Tobago, a mere 12 miles from the South American mainland, boasts a wealth of flora and fauna. Echoes of Africa, Europe, India, The Middle East and our Amerindian natives give rise to a unique fusion - our vibrant blend of people, culture and cuisine. Our nation is one of contrasts and complements.

A fun-loving people, whether it is the fun and excitement in Trinidad or the tranquillity of Tobago, we know how to entertain ourselves and our guests.



The exciting nightlife along Arlapita Avenue, offers various venues catering to your need for evening relaxation. You can always find a spot to enjoy the company of friends or simply put the hectic workday behind you, and unwind in your own space. A walk around the Queen's Park Savannah for an ice-cold coconut or a cup of piping hot corn soup is always a scenic alternative, to end the evening.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2008

- Noon – 10:00 Registration
- 7:00 – 9:30 Cocktails and Cultural Evening
- 9:30 – 11:00 Reception Room
(for late arrivals at hotel)

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast
- 7:00 – 8:15 Registration
- 8:15 – 9:00 **Invocation and Opening Ceremony**
- Welcome Remarks**
Sean Ramirez, President, ICATT
Angela Lee Loy, President, ICAC
- Chair: **Camille Salandy**
Communications Specialist
- 9:00 – 9:20 **On The Wall: Is the Global Accounting Profession Really Making Strides?**
Fermin del Valle
President, IFAC
- 9:20 – 9:40 **International Financial Reporting – What Does It Mean to Caribbean Business?**
Richard Aitken-Davies
President, ACCA

- 9:40 –10:00 **Glass Walls: In Search of Transparency**
Ron Colucci
Chairman, CGA (Canada)
- 10:00 –10:30 **Keynote Address:**
“Beyond the Wall”
Hon. Patrick Manning
Prime Minister of the
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- 10:30 –10:35 Close of Session
Chair: **Camille Salandy**
- 10:35 –11:05 Refreshment Break 1
- 11:05 –12:15 **Breaking Down Walls**

Power Panel Discussion:
**Impact of Global Events on
Caribbean Economies**

Ewart Williams
Governor of the Central Bank of
Trinidad and Tobago

Sir Dwight Venner
Governor of the Eastern
Caribbean Central Bank

Dr. Marion Williams
Governor of the
Central Bank of Barbados

Chair: **Kyle Rudden**
Managing Director
KR Services Ltd.

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 **Wall to Wall** - Concurrent Sessions

Session A

Quality Assurance Management - Impact on Stakeholders

Lead Presenter- Russell Guthrie
Director, IFAC

Panellists:

Carl Hiralal

Inspector of Financial
Institutions, Trinidad and Tobago

Colin Soo Ping Chow

Executive Chairman
Ernst & Young Caribbean

Colin Wharfe

Audit Methodology Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers (T&T)

Chair: **Joan Brathwaite**

Partner, Deloitte & Touche (B'dos)

Session B

Power Panel Discussion: Financial Services in the Caribbean - Consolidation and Foreign Ownership

Panellists:

Suresh Sookoo, Group CEO
RBTT Financial Group

Peter Ganteaume, Group CEO
Guardian Holdings Group

Richard Young, CEO, Scotiabank of
Trinidad and Tobago

Ram Ramesh, COO, C L Financial

Chair: **Judy Chang**

Ombudsman, Financial Services of
Trinidad and Tobago

2:45 – 3:15

Refreshment Break 2

3:15 – 4:30

Session C

Improving Performance and Operational Efficiency in the Regional Energy Sector

Panellists:

Robert Riley

Chairman & CEO

BP Trinidad and Tobago

Vincent Pereira

President, BHP Billiton Trinidad

Derek Hudson

President, BG Trinidad & Tobago

Ian Welch

Managing Director

PCS Nitrogen Trinidad

Chair: **Colin Wharfe**

Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers (T&T)

Session D

Talent Management

Peter May

Leader - Global Office

HR and Global Talent Management

PMO, Deloitte & Touche

Meeting the Challenges Faced by Today's CFOs in Becoming Strategic Business Partners for Their Organisations

Jeff Sealy

The Business Solutions Network

Chair: **Brian Robinson**

Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers (B'dos)

7:30 – 8:00

Cocktails

8:00 – 11:00

President's Dinner

SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2008

- 7:15 – 8:45 Breakfast with
**Paul Keens Douglas –
The Whole You and Nothing but
the You**
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Raising the Bar - Today's
Reporting Challenges**
Allen Blewitt
CEO, ACCA
- Chair: **Leighton Mc Knight**
Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers,
(J'mca)
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Over the Wall: Strategies
for Survival and Success**
Brian Charles Lara
- 10:00 – 10:30 Refreshment Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Off The Wall**
**Power Panel Discussion:
Caribbean Perspectives
on Business**
- Panellists:
Bernard Dulal-Whiteway
CEO, Neal & Massy Holdings (T&T)
- Ralph "Bizzy" Williams**
CEO, Williams Industries (B'dos)
- Keith Duncan**
CEO, JMMB (J'mca)
- Chair: **Ronald Ramkissoon**
Economist, Republic Bank Ltd.
- 11:30 - 11:45 Launch of ICAC Conference 2009

SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2008

- 11:45 – 11:55 Closing Address
Angela Lee Loy
President, ICAC
Misha Lobban
CEO, ICAC
- 11:55 – 12:00 Vote of Thanks
CEO, ICATT
- 12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH (Pick-Up)
- 2:00 **Mall Shopping Excursion**
Trincity Mall
- Golfing Excursion**
Millennium Golf Course
- 7:30 – 1:00 **TRINI CARNIVAL FETE**

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY



Visit the Conference website, register and pay online at www.icatt.org



Complete and return the registration together with payment to the address stated on the form



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SPOUSES' PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 26, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Cocktails and Cultural Evening

Friday, June 27, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Option 1

Wild Fowl Trust

Includes transportation, tour guides and entrance fee to Wild Fowl Trust. Stop at Gulf City for shopping (1hr.), lunch and welcome drink at Horace's Restaurant.
Minimum ten (10) persons

Option 2

City Tour of Port of Spain

Tour the city of Port of Spain, Trinidad's cosmopolitan capital. Enjoy the diverse shopping of Long Circular Mall and the Falls at West Mall. Includes lunch (1hr.)

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cocktails

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. President's Dinner

Saturday, June 28, 2008

1:30 p.m.

Option 1

Mall Shopping Excursion

Trincity Mall

Option 2

Golfing Excursion

Millennium Golf Course

7:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Trini-Carnival Fete