

## Media Invitation

### infoDev/World Bank and international partners inaugurate new Caribbean Climate Innovation Center

The newly established Caribbean Climate Innovation Center (CCIC), an initiative of the World Bank's *infoDev*, will be officially inaugurated on 27 January by Jamaica's Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, the Hon. Phillip Paulwell, His Excellency Gérard Latulippe, High Commissioner for Canada to Trinidad and Tobago and the Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr the Hon. Bhoendradatt Tewarie.

The Launch to be held in Freeport, Trinidad, will gather close to one hundred stakeholders in the fields of clean energy and climate technology, as well as senior representatives from the World Bank and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada.

Supported by the World Bank Group and its global entrepreneurship program *infoDev*, and by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada, the Center has been established as a consortium managed by the Scientific Research Council (SRC) based in Jamaica and the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI) in Trinidad and Tobago. The goal of this innovative regional hub is to create institutional capacity to support Caribbean entrepreneurs committed to developing locally appropriate solutions to climate change. To do so, the CCIC will provide local new ventures and SMEs with a broad range of services, including financing, business training, network building opportunities and policy support.

**The CCIC launch event on January 27 is open to the media** and will be live-streamed through [http://www.cariri.com/ccic\\_launch](http://www.cariri.com/ccic_launch)

To attend please send your RSVP to Ms. Irma Burkett, tel: (868) 662.7161 (m: (868)774-3170)  
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**WHAT:** Caribbean Climate Innovation Center (CCIC) launch event

**WHEN:** Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:30 PM

**WHO:** Speakers include, among others:

- Mr Phillip Paulwell, Jamaica's Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining
- His Excellency Gérard Latulippe, High Commissioner for Canada to Trinidad and Tobago
- Dr BhoendradattTewarie, Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development, Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms Sophie Sirtaine, Director, Caribbean Country Management Unit, World Bank Group

**WHERE:** CARIRI's Centre for Enterprise Development (Venue of the Caribbean CIC), Innovation Avenue, Freeport (see map attached for details)

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