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### CARIBBEAN AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS SLATED FOR THE ICAC 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE

The 35th Annual Conference of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) to be held on June 22-24, 2017 at the Marriott Hotel, in Georgetown, Guyana will feature an impressive line-up of regional and international speakers.

The 2017 Conference will be hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana (ICAG) under the theme, “**New Horizons - Charting the Course Together**”, and will focus on empowering business, finance and accounting professionals with the knowledge and strategies to advance the development of the region. Presentations and discussions on topical business issues such as the regional impact of significant international developments, the opportunities presented by emerging sectors and markets, and the challenges being faced by established industries are planned. Developments in financial reporting, public sector financial management and information technology are also on the agenda.

Headlining the list of speakers are Sir Ronald Sanders, Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States, and Rachel Grimes, President, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), who will deliver a main address during the opening session of the conference on Friday, June 23. Sir Ronald Sanders will address the topic, “***Caribbean Perspective of World Economic Developments***”. Rachel Grimes in her address on, “***A Future-Ready Profession***”, will speak on key issues and opportunities ahead for the profession in the global economy, including the importance of ethics, technology and attracting next generation talent.

Ian Ball, Chairman of CIPFA International and Chair of the Audit Committee for the financial statements of the New Zealand Government, who has served as an advisor on government accounting matters will speak on the topic, “***Public Financial Accountability - Getting It Right***” and Brian McEnery, President, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), will speak on the topic, “***Future Proofing the Talent Pipeline – Accounting for Generation Next***”.

“We are confident that the diverse range of topics and the high quality of regional and international speakers will contribute significantly towards an empowered regional business community and accounting profession. As with past conferences, the 35th Annual Conference is

expected to attract in excess of 400 accounting and finance professionals from the Caribbean, the United Kingdom, United States and Canada,” states the ICAC President, Jasmine Davis.

Other confirmed speakers include:

- Komal Samaroo, Chairman, Demerara Distillers Limited
- April Little, Partner, Grant Thornton LLP;
- Anthony Zamore and Assaad Sakha, Cyber Security Specialists, PwC;
- Jim Collins, Performance Management Strategy Executive, IBM;
- Jan Mangal, Special Adviser on Oil and Gas to Government of Guyana;
- Rod Henson, Country Manager, Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited;
- Conrad Enill, Former Minister of Energy, Trinidad & Tobago;
- Paul Murphy, Executive Vice-president, Guyana Goldfields Inc.;
- Kyle Rudden, Managing Director, KR Consulting;
- Gowon Bowe, Group Financial Officer, Fidelity Bank & Trust International Limited;
- Marla Dukharan, Group Economist, RBC Caribbean
- Jerry A-Kum, Director, Suriname Tourism Foundation

The wide range of topics to be addressed over the two-days of technical presentations and panel discussions on June 23 and June 24 include:

- A Caribbean Perspective of World Economic Developments
- A Future Ready Profession
- Promoting a Caribbean Brand to the World
- Future Proofing the Talent Pipeline – Accounting for Generation Next
- IFRS 2020
- The Future of Finance – The Impact of Disruptive Technologies
- Addressing New and Emerging Cyber Security Risks
- Public Financial Accountability – Getting it Right
- The Future of Gold
- Oil and Gas Prospects for the Region
- Expected Credit Loss Models – Are Our Banks Ready?
- Tourism in the Caribbean – What the Future Holds

Platinum conference sponsors are Demerara Distillers Limited and Grant Thornton while Gold Sponsors are the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Silver sponsors are Certified Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada); Ernst and Young (EY); KPMG and HLB International. Bronze sponsors are Republic Bank, Free Balance and Scotiabank while other corporate sponsors are National Milling Company of Guyana; Courts Guyana; Banks DIH Limited; PKF, Barcellos, Narine and Co.; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

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