



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean

# 34th ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF ACCOUNTANTS

## BREAKING BOUNDARIES IN THE MARKETPLACE



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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Belize (ICA-Belize) jointly hosted the official media launch of the 34th Annual Caribbean Conference of Accountants on February 12, 2016, at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City, Belize. The ICAC 34th Annual Caribbean Conference will be held in Belize City over the period June 23 – 25, 2016 and is expected to attract more than 300 delegates from the region and internationally.

The Annual Caribbean Conference is the flagship event of the ICAC which brings together leaders in accounting and audit, standard setters, business analysts, government officials and other professionals from the private and public sectors. The Annual Conference features two days of technical sessions led by internationally recognized speakers and experts. The Conference's technical content will focus on developing strategies to counter the threats of de-risking on the region's banking sector, understanding current incentives available, developing global market potential, and discussing the steps necessary to ensure the sustainability of Caribbean businesses within the global marketplace.

The 34th Annual Conference theme, *"Call of the Champions: Breaking Boundaries in the Marketplace,"* was ideally chosen to reflect on the advancements that the Caribbean has made while acknowledging that there is still a lot more work that is required to unify and advance the region to the next level of global recognition and success," stated Shawn Mahler, Conference Chair and Director, Audit & Assurance Services at Moore Stephens Magaña LLP in Belize.

President of ICA-Belize, Reynaldo Magaña, further endorsed the theme stating, *"Call of the Champions, is a call for a revolution in the way we do things. It is a call for us to unite, innovate and actively engage the leaders of the region to ensure the growth and success of the region within today's globally competitive environment."*

Addressing sponsors and guests at the media launch, ICAC President Jasmine Davis stated, *"Under the theme, Call of the Champions: Breaking Boundaries in the Marketplace, the 34th Annual Caribbean Conference will analyse the regional and global environment in which we do business in an effort to determine strategies that can be employed to demolish the boundaries and promote greater economic stability and growth in the Caribbean."*

*"For our region to really flourish in a dynamic global marketplace, it is important for us to be sensitive to the changes around us and engage in a process of reassessment, so that we can contribute to developing the strategic vision necessary to transform the way we do business and maximize the economic potential that this region has long promised."*

The ICAC President thanked the sponsors who attended the media launch and presented their letters of commitment for the 34th Annual Caribbean Conference. Sponsors included Grant Thornton International and Grant Thornton member firms of the Caribbean Region as the Platinum Sponsors and ACCA, CPA Canada and Ernst & Young (Silver Sponsors). Other sponsors include the Belize Tourism Board, Copa Airlines, Belize Travelers and Liquors, Moore Stephens – Latin America, and Courts (Belize).

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Claude Burrell, Managing Partner of Grant Thornton Belize representing Grant Thornton International and Grant Thornton member firms of the Caribbean Region (Platinum Sponsors), makes a presentation to ICAC President, Jasmine Davis (right).



Nancy Foran, Vice President International-Americas, CPA Canada, makes a presentation on behalf of CPA Canada (Silver Sponsor).



Sha Ali Khan, Director – Regulatory Development, ACCA, makes a presentation on behalf of ACCA (Silver Sponsor).



Members of the ICAC 34th Caribbean Conference Planning Committee: Front row (L - R): Jasmine Davis, President, ICAC; Rhoda Turner, Secretary, ICA-Belize; Shawn Mahler, Treasurer, ICA-Belize & Conference Chair 2nd row (L-R): Misha Lobban Clarke, CEO, ICAC; Vanessa Young, Finance Manager, National Bank of Belize; Reynaldo Magaña, President, ICA-Belize; 3rd row (L-R): Giacomo Sanchez, Partner Grant Thornton Belize; David Simpson, Treasurer, ICAC.

*Call of the Champions:  
Breaking Boundaries in the Marketplace*

