



Higher Education Development Unit

BARBADOS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

6th Barbados International Conference on Higher Education October 28-31, 2018

~Call for Papers~



Theme:

“Modern Education and Economic Stimulation: Innovation, Praxis and Sustainability”



Focus Points:

1. The confluence of technical education **relevance**, competent instructors and a partnering private sector is irrefutable for economic buoyancy.
2. If our young men are to be more engaged in post-secondary education, what must we do to make it happen?
3. The Teachers' College is responsible for sustaining **quality** within the school system. Really!
4. A Community/Technical College is a “more necessary” part of **human capital development** in the Region than other levels of post-secondary education.
5. Since the **Return On Investment** to governments is much higher for technical education; then why is more money not invested there?
6. If the current university profile as a model for building a workforce is somewhat **outdated**; how do we make the necessary changes for meaningful impact?
7. The **sustainability** of our education systems is tied to our commitment to the environment and a green tomorrow.
8. Science, Technology and Innovation: STEAM or STEM: Inclusion and School Leadership: A vision without a target is simply robust discussion... How can we make the **vision** real?
9. The Region has been described as economic growth resistant. **Productivity** has been criticised as sluggish. How can education and training help us we evolve with a better rating, ranking or at least a new 21st century skills profile?
10. Medicine, Hegemony, neopositivism, supergravitation unified theory, environmental justice, binary logic, psychological adaptation... From Norway to Chile and all in between, **come share with us and bring your graduate students!**



Context:

Presenters from all over the globe will be joining us again and we have learned to simulate and apply much of their research. However, with growing emphasis in academia on peer to peer sharing and collaborative knowledge development, the Caribbean Region cannot afford to be isolated as the rest of the world integrates around new research ideas and innovations. This year's theme "**Modern Education and Economic Stimulation: Innovation, Praxis and Sustainability**" implies that we are still looking for solutions in this upcoming fora but also suggests that we want solutions with impact. The thematic keystones across the conference this year are reflective of the breadth of our "Call for Papers." Our desire is to have as many disciplines present under a broad umbrella of "economic impact." Our students, teachers, professors, administrators and technical staff from across the Region must recognise the nexus between education and living standards in any country. The conference format will be designed to facilitate discussion among delegates and the sharing of innovations, policies, solutions and strategies relative to all disciplines.



The Challenge:

After investing 40 million dollars in the **Skills for the Future** programme over the last 4 years, a reasonable question to ask would be what has been the impact of the initiative on the TVET sector; and is industry more inclined to partner with institutions to increase the relevance and dynamism of local programming? These questions will be deliberately examined to determine the next logical steps for the TVET sector in Barbados so that gains in quality and effectiveness can be maintained.

This year **Erdiston Teachers' Training College** celebrates 70 years of service to the community and the training of teachers in Barbados and the Region. With the introduction of the B.Ed. and a transformation of the campus physical infrastructure, there is a renewed partnership with the Ministry of Education to provide ongoing professional development for teachers. The College is beginning to blossom; but how can the institution evolve to position itself as a transformative leader in the Region?

The Barbados Community College is celebrating 50 years of offering mid-level tertiary education in Barbados. As the College moves towards a traditional liberal arts university model offering bachelor's and associate's degrees, how will the institution move to redefine itself as more higher-level technical certifications are demanded?

The **University of the West Indies** is our academic leader. The research being done there should be shared. This eminent faculty must help more with shedding light on many of the issues facing Barbados. Come join us!



Guidelines for Submission:

1. Abstracts may be submitted to conference2018@hеду.edu.bb
2. Abstracts are still being received and approved on a rolling basis
3. Preference will be given to early submissions
4. Presenters whose proposals are accepted will be notified immediately
5. Presenters whose proposals are accepted must submit a full paper by September 15, 2018 to be published as part of the conference proceedings
6. Proposal abstracts should not exceed 200 words and be accompanied by a bio-sketch of approximately 75 words
7. The Programme Committee reserves the right to combine similar proposals into special panel sessions



Registration:

1. All presenters selected by the Programme Committee must fully register
2. Registration for Barbadian nationals is \$150 USD
3. Registration fee for CARICOM Nationals \$200 USD
4. Registration fee for Non CARICOM Nationals \$400 USD
5. **Presenters pay 50% of the requisite registration fee**



Who Should Attend?

1. Teachers and administrators of all schools
2. Staff, instructors and professors from post-secondary institutions
3. Researchers, innovators, philanthropists and entrepreneurs



Details:

1. The conference will be held at the Hilton Barbados Resort
2. Scheduled for 28-31 October, 2018
3. The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 28 at 5:00 pm
4. There is an island tour scheduled for Wednesday, October 31 at 1:00 pm
5. Post-conference workshops are scheduled for November 1
6. Contact Mrs Cheryl Gibson at (246)-535-4053 or cgibson@hеду.edu.bb