

BAC Assists Educational Providers with Identifying “Quality Indicators”



Participants at the workshop

The workshop entitled “**Establishing Quality Indicators for Institutional and Programme Accreditation**” held in March at PomMarine Hotel, Christ Church was timely as post-secondary/tertiary educational providers can now seek accreditation from the Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC).

The workshop, facilitated by Ms. Valda Alleyne, Executive Director of BAC, encouraged heads and administrative representatives from various providers to identify the quality indicators (institutional data) which would support their requests for programme and institutional accreditation.

Designed against the background of a survey by the BAC, in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Research Services (CADRES) conducted in May 2009 of ninety (90) tertiary educational providers, it was found that there may not have been a clear understanding of the concept “quality indicator”; hence, the need for the workshop.



Ms. Yvonne Walkes, Chairman of BAC

Ms. Yvonne Walkes, Chairman of BAC, in her Remarks, anticipated “an interactive and exciting discourse for the concept of ‘quality’ in tertiary education as the debate continued worldwide...” Ms Walkes continued that the workshop provided the opportunity for the representatives to evaluate the strengths of their respective institutions and discern where there were areas for improvement. The Chairman vowed continued provision of technical support and assistance to the educational providers to ensure that they met the Institutional and Programme Accreditation Standards of the BAC.