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PRESS RELEASE

Workshop on “Quality Indicators for Institutional and Programme Accreditation”

The Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC) will be hosting a workshop entitled “**Establishing Quality Indicators for Institutional and Programme Accreditation**” aimed at assisting tertiary educational providers with developing/enhancing their internal quality management systems for the purpose of accreditation with the BAC. The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 9:00a.m. to 4.30p.m. at the PomMarine Hotel, Hastings, Christ Church. The facilitator will be Ms. Valda Alleyne, Executive Director of the BAC.

By the end of the workshop, it is anticipated that participants will be able to:

- Agree on a collective definition of the concepts “Quality” and “Quality Indicator”;
- Evaluate their institution’s Quality Indicators within the context of BAC’s Accreditation Standards;
- Identify the Strengths and Challenges/ Areas for Improvement of the Quality Indicators;
- Identify Strategies for successful implementation of Quality Indicators; and
- Produce a Plan of Action for assessing the progress of implementation

When a tertiary educational provider seeks accreditation with the Council, this signals (i) its commitment to quality, and (ii) its accountability to students, society and the educational environment. The benefits include: (i) global recognition of the quality of the educational provision by the provider as formal acknowledgement by the BAC will be accepted internationally; and (ii) the potential for increased revenue due to enhanced marketability.

Space for the workshop is limited. Tertiary providers are therefore encouraged to register early as confirmation will be only given with payment. The cost is BDS\$200 which includes workshop materials, coffee break and lunch. There is also a special offer of BDS\$175 per participant for two (2) or three (3) persons from the same institution. The deadline for Registration is **Friday, March 12, 2010.**

For further information please contact the BAC at 436-7636 or via email at info@bac.gov.bb.

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