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PRESS RELEASE

Workshop on “Curriculum Design and Development for Competence-Based Education and Training”

The Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC), in collaboration with the Technical & Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Council will be hosting a workshop entitled **“Curriculum Design and Development for Competence-Based Education and Training”** from June 22 to 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily at the Savannah Hotel, Hastings, Christ Church. Ms Yvonne Walkes, Chairman of the BAC will be delivering the Remarks.

The workshop is targeted at educational providers which offer education and training at the post-secondary/tertiary level. This group includes principals/owners, teachers/trainers, and persons responsible for curriculum design and development.

Quality tertiary education and training can contribute to the competitiveness of Barbados’ workforce as the focus is on the acquisition of the skills, knowledge and attitudes required of the specific occupational role.

The overall aim of the three-day workshop is to enhance the competencies within the tertiary educational sector as it relates to developing and implementing Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET). Amongst other outcomes, it is anticipated that at the end of the workshop, the participants will:

- Have an understanding of the principles of developing and delivering Competence-Based Education and Training (CBET);
- Know the fundamental differences between traditional and competence-based education and training;
- Be able to interpret occupational standards for use in developing curricula;
- Be able to develop appropriate performance-based tasks to match performance objectives; and
- Be equipped with the skills and expertise to develop and implement a training programme/curriculum using occupational standards.

The facilitator is Ms. Kay Skeete, a Curriculum Development Specialist with over 20 years experience in the tertiary education and training sector. Ms. Skeete possesses a Master of Education with specialization in Educational Policy and Planning. She has received international training in competency-based curriculum development at the University of Connecticut, USA; Humber College, Canada; and the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Canada. As a certified Trainer of Trainers, Ms. Skeete has been a consultant, independently and on behalf of the Barbados Community College, both locally and within the wider Caribbean region. She has written and presented papers at regional and international education conferences.

Space for the workshop is limited. Tertiary educational providers are therefore encouraged to register early as confirmation will be only given with payment. The cost is BDS\$800 which includes workshop materials, coffee break and lunch. The deadline for registration is **Friday, June 16, 2010**.

For further information please visit the Council's website at www.bac.gov.bb or contact the BAC at 436-9094 or 436-7636 or send an email to: info@bac.gov.bb.

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