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### Training Workshop in External Evaluation/Peer Review for the Registration and Accreditation Processes of the Barbados Accreditation Council

The Barbados Accreditation Council (BAC) will be hosting a **Training Workshop on External Evaluation/Peer Review** from May 26 to 28, 2010 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily at Grand Barbados Beach Resort, Bay Street, St. Michael. Ms Yvonne Walkes, Chairman of the BAC will be delivering the Remarks.

This workshop is aimed at equipping the Council's selected pool of evaluators with the requisite skills and knowledge to be effective external evaluators/peer reviewers for the registration and accreditation processes.

At the end of the workshop, amongst other outcomes, it is anticipated that the external evaluators will be:

- a. able to apply the BAC standards/criteria to different institutional types;
- b. equipped with the skills and techniques required of team chairs and members during all stages of the evaluation process including techniques for effective documentary review;
- c. devise strategies for effective and insightful interviews;
- d. know the importance of confidentiality, objectivity and keen observation;
- e. able to exercise reason and judgment to arrive at conclusions;
- f. manage and participate in team meetings;
- g. conduct efficient and successful site visits; and
- h. able to write effective evaluation reports.

The facilitators will be Dr. Ruby Alleyne, Vice-President, Quality Assurance and Institutional Advancement, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) and former Executive Director of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT) and Mr. Jason Stafford, Manager, Institutional Advancement, UTT.

Dr Alleyne has over eight (8) years' experience in Quality Assurance in post-secondary and tertiary education and training. As Vice-President, Quality Assurance and Institutional Advancement at UTT, Dr. Alleyne leads and manages the university's quality assurance systems and processes. During her position as Executive Director of

ACTT, Dr Alleyne was responsible for strategic leadership and management of the national programme for quality assurance & accreditation within the post- secondary and tertiary education sector in Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Stafford, former Research Associate at the ACTT, is the Manager, Institutional Advancement at The University of the Trinidad and Tobago. At ACTT, Mr. Stafford's work required balancing the challenges of implementing comprehensive reform in a previously unregulated higher education sector, and managing the high expectations of the wider national community. At UTT, he has embarked on the implementation of a university-wide institutional research agenda that is linked to strategic planning, informs day-to-day decision-making, and promotes continuous quality improvement.

In November, 2009 BAC requested the services of competent individuals to objectively evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of post-secondary/tertiary education and training institutions in Barbados and their programmes of study.

Tertiary educational providers are reminded that registration annually with the Council is required in order to operate in Barbados. For global recognition of the quality of institutions and programmes of study, registered tertiary providers are urged to seek accreditation with the Barbados Accreditation Council.

For further information on the requirements for registration and accreditation, please visit the Council's website at [www.bac.gov.bb](http://www.bac.gov.bb) or contact the BAC at 436-9094 or 436-7636 or send an email to: [info@bac.gov.bb](mailto:info@bac.gov.bb).

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