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**Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
Sponsored Symposium on Business Opportunities in the US, Latin
America and the Caribbean. Power packed Business Meeting - Business
Networking - Information Sharing - Business Contacts**

New York City. The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and the New York Federal Reserve Bank convened a major Symposium on **Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.** at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York. The theme was "***Doing Business in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean: Job Creation - Access to Financing and Funding for Projects in United States and the Caribbean.***"

The purpose of the Symposium was to present business opportunities, funding and other available resources in New York City, the United States and the Caribbean for entrepreneurs on both sides of the Atlantic. The symposium also addressed business strategies which can be implemented by entrepreneurs to grow their businesses in today's tight economy.

Symposium presenters were: **Tony Davis, Senior Community Affairs Director**, New York Federal Reserve Bank; **Teresa Coaxum, Regional Advocate**, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); **Philip A. Berry**, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, City University of New York (CUNY) and Chair, CUNY's Construction Fund and author of "***Being Better than you Believe: 8 Steps to Ultimate Success;***" **Jennifer Jackson**, U.S. Regional Administrator, Senior Corps Of Retired Executives (SCORE); **Mr. Joseph Olive**, Senior Executive Vice-President, Ovadya Venture Capital, LLC; **Gregg Bishop**, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services (DSBS), **His Excellency Selman Walters**, Consul General, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and member of the Diplomatic Corp.

Other business and community leaders who were in attendance: **Dr. John Graham**, Dean of the School of Business, and **Trisha Hart** of Medgar Evers College, CUNY; NYC

Councilmember **Dr. Mathieu Eugene** and NYS Assembly member **Karim Camara**, and School Construction Authority Assistant Director **Gregory Glasgow**.

The Honorary Co-Host and presenter **Honorable Yvonne Graham**, Deputy Borough President of Brooklyn brought welcoming remarks and commended CACCI on its advocacy on behalf of small businesses in the Borough. CACCI Board Chair **Derek E. Broomes, CPA**, Board Executive Vice Chairman, **Gerald White Davis**, President, International Consortium of Caribbean Professionals; **Edmund Sadio** and other Board Members **Atty. Christiana Bridgewater**, **Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick** and **David Morrisett**, Attorney-At Law, CACCI's Legal Advisor were also in attendance. CACCI president and CEO Roy A. Hastick, Sr., served as convener and **Ana Walker**, Director of Flatbush Caton Market helped to facilitate the evening's proceedings.

Dr. Roy Hastick, CACCI President and Founder, expressed his enthusiasm and his gratitude with the outcome of this Annual Symposium, and for the high caliber of guest speakers and the participant interest as evidenced by the excellent turnout of CACCI members, special guests and other participants. "Our primary objective was to continue to focus on business areas of special interests to our members and the wider small business community such as **Job Creation, Access to Financing and Funding for Projects in the United States and the Caribbean Trade Agreements**," **Hastick** said. "In these challenging economic times, CACCI is committed to creating opportunities such as monthly seminars and other small business networking meetings that bring business leaders in the public and private sectors together with our members so that they may access business resources" **Hastick** said.

For further information on upcoming events, CACCI membership and other CACCI small business programs, to make an appointment with CACCI/SCORE Business Clinic, **development of the Caribbean Trade Center** and the Flatbush Caton Market, contact CACCI: Email: info@caribbeantradecenter.com or Tel.: **(718)834-4544**.
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