



## **WINDS@WEST INDIES Conference: fostering strategies for increasing participation of Caribbean actors in FP7**

*Northern Kingston, 1 February 2009*

The third WINDS-Caribe conference will take place in the Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre, University of the West Indies, Jamaica on March 18-19, 2009. The event is being organised in collaboration between the WINDS-Caribe and EuroAfriCa-ICT projects, and is convened and designed by the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC), the WINDS local partner, in collaboration with the Caribbean Academy of Science (CAS).

The project partners and European Commission representatives will present the opportunities provided by the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). The workshop will bring together ICT researchers and stakeholders from six English-Speaking Caribbean States (Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Saint Lucia, Anguilla, Suriname and Jamaica) to discuss on the following research topics:

- e-learning and distance education
- e-government and public sector reform
- e-commerce and ICT research for business
- ICT regulation and national ICT strategies
- e-Health
- Climate Change and disaster management

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'Framework Programmes' (FPs) have been the main financial tools through which the European Union supports research and development activities covering almost all scientific disciplines. FP7 is the current programme which runs for the period 2007-2013 and is open for the first time to countries that are not member states of the European Union (called 'third countries').

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The WINDS-Caribe project ([www.winds-lac.eu](http://www.winds-lac.eu)) aims at deepening strategic R&D cooperation between Europe and the Caribbean by building a multinational and multistakeholder community involving relevant R&D European and Caribbean actors (researchers, policy makers, users) and by identifying common needs, research issues and opportunities for cooperative R&D between the two regions, setting the basis for the formulation of a common strategy for future research.

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Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre, University of the West Indies, Jamaica  
18-19 March 2009. Opening Ceremony: 9.00 – 9.45

The event is public and free; for space reasons, please confirm your participation to Roderick Sanatan at [rsanatan@gmail.com](mailto:rsanatan@gmail.com)



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