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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Invitation to 15th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives
in Bucaramanga, Colombia, October 4-7, 2023**

**Theme - Health Financing in the Caribbean: Optimizing Efficiency in Governance and
Public-Private Partnerships**

The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics (UWI-HEU) is delighted to collaborate with the International Hospital of Colombia-Cardiovascular Foundation (HIC-FCV), the host agency in Bucaramanga, Colombia in convening the *15th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives* from October 4-7, 2023.

These Conferences originated from discussions at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Caribbean Social Security Organisations in Belize to establish a regional forum aimed at enhancing knowledge and capabilities in planning and administering Health Financing Initiatives.

Our previous Conferences were held in Turks and Caicos Islands, 2006; Aruba, 2007; Trinidad and Tobago, 2008; St. Maarten, 2009; Belize, 2010; Bermuda, 2011; Curacao, 2012; Jamaica, 2013; Trinidad and Tobago, 2014; Turks and Caicos Islands, 2015; Bonaire, 2016; Suriname, 2018; Anguilla, 2019; and Antigua and Barbuda, 2022.

In keeping with recommendations, the 15th Conference focuses on *'Health Financing in the Caribbean: Optimizing Efficiency in Governance and Public-Private Partnerships'*. Key areas of emphasis will be global, regional and national perspectives on getting governance and public-private partnerships right, lessons from thirty years of health financing reforms, as well as a special expert panel on anticipating challenges and building resiliency in health financing systems.

The Conference will include special arrangements for a tour of the HIC-FCV facilities (internationally accredited as a centre for excellence in health care), as well as a tour to showcase some of the sites and culture of Bucaramanga.

In view of the above, we wish to formally extend a warm and special invitation to you to participate in the Conference.

Visit the Conference's website at <http://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/healthfinancing/> to register and for information on the agenda, accommodation, travel and other arrangements.

Please contact any of our key Conference Planning Team members for further information.

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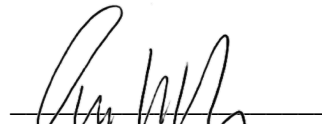
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We look forward to welcoming you and to sharing knowledge on 'Health Financing in the Caribbean: Optimizing Efficiency in Governance and Public-Private Partnerships' at the 15th Conference in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

Yours sincerely,



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