



## WELCOME MESSAGES

### MESSAGE FROM CONFERENCE CHAIR

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The International Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology (*IConETech-2020*) is hosted by the Faculty of Engineering of The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago on 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March 2020, **in collaboration with engineering firms such as The ANSA McAL Group of Companies, and The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (NGC).**

This conference aims at bringing together leading academics, innovative engineers, government officials, and environmental policy makers to share their experiences on fundamental developments in science and engineering concepts and their contemporary applications in technological advancements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *IConETech-2020* focuses on providing a platform for researchers and practitioners to present their findings in various disciplines such as Advancing the Chemical, Food & Petroleum Sectors, Sustainable Built Environment, Smart & Intelligent Systems, Applied Spatial Information Systems, Innovative Mechanical and Manufacturing Systems as well as Entrepreneurial Approaches in Engineering Education.

The conference organising committee has received 110 full papers and 50 abstracts. Over 20 of them have been submitted from other countries including USA, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, France, and Portugal as well as other Caribbean nations. All peer reviewed papers will be published on the university website as post conference proceedings, so it may be accessible to all. Subsequently, the information shared in the conference will be disseminated through various publications including peer reviewed special issues journals. The best of the paper submissions will be awarded Innovative Engineering Prizes.

In addition to the special research outputs to be presented in five parallel sessions, the conference also features several keynote addresses from distinguished international speakers. The conference also includes poster presentations, plenary sessions, engineering exhibition and island tours.

I would like to thank all the Booth Sponsors and the other partners of the conference as well as the Technical Chairs, Organizing Committees, Paper Reviewers, and International, Regional & Local Advisory members for their support and value addition to the conference. My special thanks to the Chief Guest and all international, regional and local speakers for spending their valuable time and adding great value to the conference. I hope that *IConETech-2020* will be beneficial and enjoyable to all participants.