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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Invitation to 16th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives,
Nassau, The Bahamas, October 15-18, 2025**

**THEME: Information Systems, AI and Data Analytics in Health: Managing Costs,
Optimising Benefits for the Caribbean**

The University of the West Indies, HEU, Centre for Health Economics (UWI-HEU) is delighted to collaborate with the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) of The Bahamas in convening the *16th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives* from October 15-18, 2025.

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; Antigua and Barbuda, 2022; and Colombia, 2023.

In keeping with recommendations from the last Conference, the 16th Conference focuses on *'Information Systems, AI and Data Analytics in Health: Managing Costs, Optimising Benefits for the Caribbean'*. Key areas of emphasis will be:

- global, regional and national perspectives on cost effective design and implementation of health information systems, AI and Chat Gpt;
- experiences of end users and provider agencies in managing costs and benefits of IT systems, including the role of public-private partnerships;
- ongoing country progress in advancing Universal Health Coverage; and
- a special panel on new directions in health financing featuring presentations by young researchers.

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 <https://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/healthfinancing/> to register and for information on the agenda, accommodation, travel and other arrangements. Information on the conference can also be sourced on the NHIA's website at <https://www.nhibahamas.gov.bs>.

For further information on the Conference, please contact any of our key Conference Planning Team members.

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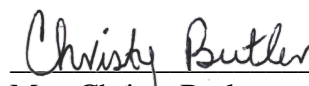
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We look forward to welcoming you and to sharing knowledge on 'Information Systems, AI and Data Analytics in Health: Managing Costs, Optimising Benefits for the Caribbean' at the 16th Conference in Nassau, The Bahamas.

Yours sincerely,



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