WELCOME MESSAGE

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Warm greetings to our participants, presenters and sponsors.

We are truly delighted to be in Bermuda for the second time (first was in 2011 at the 6th Conference) joining hands and minds with The Bermuda Health Council in convening and welcoming you to the 17th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives.

For this year's Conference, we have blended insights from scanning the global, regional, and local health environment with suggestions from previous Conferences for practical applications aimed at advancing local capacities to strengthen and future-proof our health systems. In this regard, we have deliberately designed the Conference Program around the theme, ***'Resilient Health Financing Systems in the Caribbean: Confronting Change, Transition and Transformation'.***

Along with our unique mix of international, regional and institutional presentations, the programme sets aside time for policy roundtable discussions, interactive debates, highlights of new research and networking opportunities that foster collaboration and partnerships. In addition, there will be adequate opportunities in between sessions and outside the Conference Room for facilitated dialogues with peers and sponsors on matters of mutual interest.

As a signature Caribbean event, we fully recognize that there is a 'time to work and a time to play' so we have ensured a balanced schedule of events outside the Conference Room to immerse ourselves in the cultural delights and commercial offerings of Bermuda.

Save the dates, tick off the planning milestones and join us at the 17th Conference in Bermuda, as we keep striving to 'do more and do better' in health financing policy and practice.