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**PRIME MINISTER HONOURABLE DR KENNY D ANTHONY  
TO ADDRESS  
OPENING CEREMONY AT CAIB'S 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

*Caribbean Association of Indigenous Banks Inc (CAIB) is delighted to announce that Honourable Dr Kenny Anthony, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia has confirmed his participation in CAIB's 31<sup>ST</sup> Annual Conference under the theme "Building On Our Strengths In A Changing Marketplace" to be held November 14 - 18, 2004 at the Sandals Grande St Lucian Beach Resort & Spa, SAINT LUCIA. Prime Minister Kenny Anthony will address the Opening Ceremony, on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> on the topic of "Saint Lucia's Policy Responses to the Challenges of Financial Systems Competitiveness".*

*This year's conference will focus on "Impact of Emerging Trends and Advancements in the Global Banking/Financial Services Industry on the Way We Do Business" and "Improving Indigenous Banks/Financial Institutions Competitiveness In A Liberalized CSME, FTAA, WTO Environment". Presentations and subsequent Discussions/Group Break-out Sessions will contemplate the present state of the financial services industry and give insights as to the way forward, future industry competitiveness strategies, the regulatory/compliance and anti-money laundering framework including up-dates on Basel 11 Capital Accord, Sarbanes Oxley Act, Corporate Governance and Risk Management Strategies. Macro-economic issues facing/impacting the industry vis a vis the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) will also be highlighted with focus on the opportunities and threats of our indigenous organizations, given the peculiarities of our small/medium economies. **Delegate will definitely be able to take-away some winning strategies and best practices.***

***Confirmed speakers** at the conference include Prime Minister Kenny Anthony of Saint Lucia, Sir Dwight Venner, Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Dr Terrence Farrel – Group Executive Director, Business Development, Strategic Planning & Technology, Guardian Holdings Limited, Dr Rolph Balgobin – Head of Institute of Business, UWI St Augustine Campus, Trinidad, Mr David McConney – Banking Consultant and President, Vision to Reality (V2R) Financial Services Inc, Florida, Ms Marguerite Orane – Founding Partner, Growth Facilitators, Jamaica, Mr David Peterson, Founder of Goldleaf Technologies Inc & Pioneer in Electronic Banking, Florida, Mr Venkat Raman, Director, Ratings CIRISIL Ltd, India & Chief Ratings Officer, Caribbean Credit Rating Services Ltd, Mr R. Suresha, Senior Consultant, i-flex Solutions Ltd, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young Caribbean.*

***Confirmed sponsors** for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference include **PREMIER PLATINUM** - Cable & Wireless, **PLATINUM** – Vision to Reality (V2R) Financial Services Inc, Jack Henry & Associates, Goldleaf Technologies Inc, Bank of America, Visa, Caribbean Money Market Brokers Limited/Jamaica Money Market Brokers Limited, PricewaterHouseCoopers, **GOLD** – i-flex Solutions Ltd, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, ExactPay Network, **SILVER** – T D Securities, Gresham Computing, Union Planters Bank, FutureSoft, Fujitsu Transaction Solutions (Ja) Ltd, **BRONZE** –*

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*For more information on the CAIB Conference and a link to online registration visit our website at [www.caibinc.org](http://www.caibinc.org).*