

Three central bank governors to attend Kingston conference

THREE CARIBBEAN central bank governors are among a panel of international and local finance industry presenters and business consultants who will explore 'Strategies to Cope with Global Uncertainty – Choices for Caribbean Business & Finance', with participants during a seminar scheduled for the Jamaica Conference Centre, downtown Kingston today.

The three governors, Jamaica's Derrick Lattibeaudiere; Glenford Ysaguirre of Belize and Trinidad and Tobago's Ewart Williams, will make remarks and chair sessions at the seminar being presented by the Caribbean Centre for Money & Finance (CCMF) of the University of the West Indies and hosted by the Bank of Jamaica.

Among the presenters are Dr Arnold McIntyre, deputy division chief for the Caribbean Division of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); Dr Badrul Haque, who has worked at the IMF, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank; and Professor



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Derrick Lattibeaudiere, Bank of Jamaica governor.

Avinash Persaud, a member of the United Nations Secretary General's Special Committee on the Global Financial Crisis.

They will be joined by Aaron Hou, vice president, Market Risk Management Group, Goldman Sachs & Company; Eric-Vincent Guichard, CIO, Gravitas Capital Advisors; Philippe Carrel, executive vice president, risk & trade management, Thompson Reuters; and Dr Auliana Poon, founder & CEO of Tourism Intelligence International (Germany & Trinidad & Tobago).

Complementing the slate of international presenters are Dr

Andre Gordon, managing director of Technological Solutions Ltd., Jamaica and former president of the Jamaica Exporters Association; Mark Linehan, CEO of Digicel Jamaica Limited and Suresh Sookoo, CEO of RBTT Financial headquartered in Trinidad & Tobago.

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"The seminar will take an in-depth look at strategies for coping with the impacts of the global economic crisis now being felt across the region," said Dr DeLisle Worrell, executive director of the Caribbean Centre for Money & Finance and chair of the committee established by the CARICOM Heads of Government to study the impact of the global economic crisis.

The CCMF, a policy information and research institute headquartered at UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago and mainly funded by Caribbean central banks, annually presents seminars to update business leaders and policy-makers on current issues.

"We believe that the path to better economic performance in the Caribbean is by way of more informed decision making by corporations, public officials, investors, consumers and the general public," Worrell explained.