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T & T AT AMERICAS COMPETITIVENESS FORUM

Senator Hazel Manning, Minister of Education is leading this country's delegation at the "Inaugural Competitiveness Forum: Promoting Prosperity and Economic Opportunity" being held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA today, June 11 and 12, 2007." Senator Manning was specially invited to the Forum by the USA Secretary of Commerce of the Department of Commerce, Mr. Carlos Gutierrez.

The Americas Competitiveness Forum is a forum of the US Secretary of Commerce to spark innovation, regional cooperation and, ultimately, economic growth. It provides a venue for government ministers from the Western Hemisphere to meet with USA private sector and academic leaders to explore cutting-edge ideas and highlight 'best practices' related to competitiveness. Senator Manning will represent the CARICOM countries in a discussion on "Maximizing Public/Private Partnerships: Education and Workforce Development."

Senator Manning's participation at this Forum will provide an opportunity to detail those activities that are being carried out by the Ministry of Education as it reforms and modernizes the education system with special reference to the Technical/Vocational Education and Training.

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