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Caribbean Journalists tackle Human Rights

Young journalists from sixteen Caribbean countries and territories will attend the “Information for Action IV” training workshop in Port of Spain from 3 to 4 December 2007 at the Cascadia Hotel and Conference Centre, St. Ann’s, Port of Spain. The Attorney General of Trinidad and Tobago, Senator the Honourable Bridgid Annisette George, will deliver the feature address.

You are invited to cover the Opening Ceremony, which will be held on 3 December 2007 from 9:30 to 10:30am in the Cascadia Hotel Conference Room No. 1.

“Information for Action IV: The Rights of the Child – Building the Future” has been organised by the United Nations Information Centre for the Caribbean Area (UNIC) in Port of Spain and the Association of Caribbean Media Workers (ACM) in association with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). This is the fourth workshop organised by the UNIC and its partners to support the media in fulfilling its monitoring and public education roles.

Trainees will include broadcast and print journalists from the majority of countries that are served by the UNIC: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, The Netherlands Antilles (Curaçao and Sint Maarten), St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. International human rights lawyers, United Nations experts and senior Caribbean journalists are among the workshop’s resource persons and presenters.

This workshop will expose trainees to the international human rights framework, including the International Bill of Human Rights and the Core International Human Rights Treaties, with a specific focus on the rights of the child. Participants will discuss the role of the media in upholding human rights commitments, through monitoring, commentary and public education. This discussion will include a special session on “The Free Press”, which will address human rights and freedom of expression issues as they impact on the work of the media.

The Information for Action IV workshop convenes as the peoples of the United Nations observe International Human Rights Day (10 December), which this year will mark the beginning of the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.