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Grenada hosts regional media conference

More than 30 media professionals from around the Caribbean are assembling in Grenada Thursday and Friday for a two day conference in observance of World Press Freedom Day which was observed on May 1st.

The Caribbean Media and Communication Conference is being funded by the United Nations, Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and will take place at the Flamboyant Hotel in St. George's. The conference is being coordinated by the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU), UNESCO and the Media Workers Association (MWAG).

Regional media professionals participating in the exercise include President of the Guyana Press Association Denis Chabrol, Julius Gittens of Barbados, Jamaica's Claude Robinson, a communication and media specialist, Sir Ronald Sanders, International media and business consultant, and Kaymar Jordan, the head of news at the Caribbean Media Corporation. Local media managers and top media personal in Grenada have also been invited to participate in the two-day exercise. This year, the theme is Media and Dialogue. How can media facilitate and encourage dialogue among actors in the state and the society?

Topics range from training, standards, ethics in the profession and social issues reporting to relations between media and law enforcement agencies—police and the courts. Each session will have a moderator, a presenter and 2 panelists, one of whom would be the presenter. A special two-hour session will examine the Status and Direction of Regional Media Policy and will take the form of an open session in which all participants are invited to contribute to the development of a conference perspective on future media policy in the region.

The expectation is that the Conference will come up with concrete suggestions for policy makers and decision-makers towards the strengthening of dialogue among media, government and civil society. The Caribbean Media and Communication Conference, inaugurated in 1998, is the only annual regional forum that brings together media and communications practitioners, policy makers and civil society actors to discuss issues facing the media sector.

Corporate Grenada has responded positively and is playing its part in ensuring the event is a success, namely, LIME, DIGICEL, Grenada Electricity Company, St. George's University, as well as the Government of Grenada.