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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

On The Theme:

Trinidad and Tobago at 50: A Model Nation?

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

Trinidad & Tobago gained independence from Great Britain in 1962 and the country's leading calypsonian, Slinger Francisco (Mighty Sparrow), announced to the world in song that here was "a model nation at last!" How true was that assertion 50 years ago? How true is it now? Will it be true tomorrow? How does Trinidad & Tobago compare with other countries of similar age? How does it compare with other countries that did not seek the route of independence (Martinique, Guadeloupe)? The Faculty of Social Sciences and the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) of the University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine Campus are organizing an international conference on the theme *Trinidad and Tobago at 50: a model nation?* where answers to these and other questions shall be sought. The conference will be held over the period **April 25-27, 2012**, on the **St Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies**, Trinidad and Tobago.

PAPERS AND PANELS ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES ARE INVITED:

- Economy and Society in Pre Independence Trinidad & Tobago;
- The March to Independence;
- Economy, Governance and Society in Trinidad & Tobago since independence;
- Political formations in Trinidad & Tobago;
- Constitutional issues in Trinidad & Tobago;
- The financial services sector and its evolution;
- Issues of the environment and sustainable development;
- Trinidad and Tobago and the regional integration movement;
- Trinidad-Tobago relations before and after independence and the issue of the unitary state;
- Economic development and transformation policies;
- The Energy Sector;

- Labour issues;
- Economic diversification;
- Literature and the Arts;
- Issues of culture and diversity;
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship;
- Focus on Tobago;
- The road ahead.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PANELS IS JANUARY 30, 2012.

Convenors of special panels and authors of included papers will be notified by February 25, 2012. Abstracts and suggested panels should be sent to fss-salises@sta.uwi.edu or to salises@sta.uwi.edu. Abstracts should be no longer than 200 words and should include a short list of key words.