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ONE CARIBBEAN SOLUTIONS SYMPOSIUM 2019

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Universities Caribbean (formerly UNICA) aims to foster cooperation among the Higher Education institutions in the wider Caribbean region. The concept “One Caribbean” was introduced in Santo Domingo in November 2018 as the organizing principle guiding all the projects initiated by *Universities Caribbean* the recently rebranded Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes.

The *One Caribbean Solutions* symposium was organized on 13-14 June 2019 with the support and collaboration of The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). This symposium has contributed to creating awareness among academic leaders, practitioners and other stakeholders of the important role that universities play in the advocacy for finding practical solutions to challenges faced by the Caribbean and Latin American (LAC) region.

Discussions have been fruitful and have allowed to highlight a number of significant areas of action and future collaboration:

- Enhance the role of universities by facilitating their transformative capacity beyond the limits of academia through the development of strong technological agendas and hubs for knowledge innovation.

- Facilitate the creation of workshops on Quality Assurance mutuality and joint accreditation exercise across the region with a diversity of institutional profiles
- Develop human capacity, promote creative entrepreneurial leadership among Caribbean youth and capitalize on new knowledge
- Expand the possibility thinking to achieve better results and rethink Higher Education with regards to current challenges faced by Caribbean universities
- Develop transversal networks and research units on one Caribbean solutions in specific areas

Universities Caribbean executives and members are committed to playing a significant role in the development of the region and are eager to creating innovation, facilitating cooperation and mutualization of resources so as to boost human potential.

Universities Caribbean ultimately aims to become an open collaborative space to each and every university of the region in order to build a One Caribbean academic space. Besides, scholars are continuously encouraged to collaborate with practitioners so as to engage with Caribbean policy change, promote industry-university collaboration, boost Caribbean global development and respond to the needs of Caribbean communities.

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