

INFORMATION NOTE ON THE COUNCIL FOR INVESTMENT, EXPORTS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND THE DIASPORA (CIEX)

On July 7th 2008, in his Financial Statement and Budgetary Proposals, the Prime Minister of Barbados mandated the establishment of the Council for Investment, Exports, Foreign Exchange and the Diaspora (CIEX), charging it with the specific responsibility of coordinating the efforts of Barbados' principal foreign exchange earning sectors, and of exploring creative new ways to attract investment into Barbados. The CIEX has a tripartite membership structure representing the public sector, profit and non-profit entities.

The responsibility for implementing the mandate of the CIEX has been entrusted to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade .

The following are amongst the major priorities of this Council :

1. Harmonizing and coordinating the efforts of our Foreign Affairs, Tourism, Investment and Labour officials in our overseas missions through a re-energized Team Barbados.
2. Strengthening the relationship with the Barbadian Diaspora, whether they return to Barbados or not, through the creation of a new unit, Barbados Network, to provide enhanced incentives to attract the participation of Overseas Barbadians in our development effort; and
3. the creation of a Centre for Philanthropy which will provide a comprehensive legal and administrative framework to channel the contributions and good works of individuals and corporations towards projects for the social and economic development of Barbados

Below is a list of the institutions or agencies represented on the CIEX. The membership is broken into various Committees, Task Forces and Project Groups within the CIEX in an effort to carry out the mandate set by the Prime Minister

AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE CIEX-

MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS & STATUTORY CORPORATIONS

Ministry of Finance and Investment, Labour, Civil Service and Energy

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Empowerment, Innovation, Trade Industry and Commerce

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of International Business and International Transport

Ministry of Agriculture

Department of Inland Revenue

Office of the Solicitor General

Office of Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property

Division of Culture

Immigration Department

Central Bank

National Cultural Foundation

Invest Barbados

Barbados Investment and Development Corporation

Barbados Tourism Authority

Barbados Tourism Investment Inc.

**PRIVATE SECTOR &
NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

Barbados Agricultural Society

Barbados Manufacturers Association

Barbados Private Sector Association

Barbados Small Business Association

Barbados Chamber of Commerce

Barbados Coalition of Service Industries

Congress of Trade Unions and Staff Association of Barbados

National Union of Public Workers

Barbados International Business Association

Barbados Workers Union

Barbados Public Workers Co-operative Credit Union

City of Bridgetown Co-operative Credit Union

Barbados Bar Association

University of the West Indies

Barbados Stock Exchange

Barbados Economic Society

Barbados Association of Retired Persons

