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Finance Minister Winston Dookeran to deliver keynote address at the North-South Institute International Forum in Canada

Port of Spain: Winston Dookeran, Finance Minister, will deliver the key note address at the North South Institute (NSI), International Forum entitled “The Future of Multilateral Development Cooperation in a Changing Global Order.” This forum takes place on June 20th and 21, 2011 in Ottawa, Canada.

The Finance Minister will also pay a courtesy visit to the Minister of Finance Canada where he will discuss the issues of small states representation in the G 20 forums. These discussions are a continuation of the discussions held at the Commonwealth Finance meeting earlier this year.

The NSI is one of the most respected think tanks in North America and focuses on the future of development finance in the world economy. Minister Dookeran in his address will speak about the Caribbean experience and more particularly the role of development banks in reigniting the economic recovery process in Trinidad and Tobago.

This comes in the wake of a statement Minister Dookeran wrote today to the IMF on the occasion of the elections of the new managing director of the IMF. In the statement, the Minister requested that candidates make a commitment to include the concerns of small economies in the leadership position of the International Monetary Fund.

NSI is Canada's first independent think tank dedicated to research that reduces poverty and promotes economic progress in the developing world. The sessions over their two-day forum will:

- Examine the role of emerging donors in relation to multilateral institutions and focus on the challenges related to the changing international landscape.
- Aim to stimulate discussions on the current and future status of multilateral development corporation by bringing together a wide range of stakeholders such as academics, policy makers, the civil society and private sector companies.
- Aim to increase public awareness on the current challenges facing development cooperation and identify ways in which to strengthen the multilateral system.
- Produce recommendations on how best bilateral donors, including the emerging economies, can support multilateral development in a way that produces both effective aid and development outcomes.

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