



Greetings!

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 is [National Innovation Day](#) in the U.S. For us, every day is innovation day, and I do not say that with tongue-in-cheek. February actually begins the *season of innovation* for us. Specifically, it is a season where we commence celebrating the prevailing innovators who first joined us in 2021 for months-long journeys that lead to the April 2022 awarding of, separately, the [Guyana Innovation Prize](#), sponsored by GTT, and the [Economic Development Accelerator](#) scale-up grant, sponsored by USAID.

Post awards, this innovation season continues through June 30, 2022, where we invite thinkers and doers everywhere in Guyana to join us. **We are gearing up, and will be thrilled to share the season's journey with you over the coming months.**

In this month's edition of the *Innovation Monthly*, first, we share the latest episodes of [Innovate Guyana TV \(IG-TV\) on YouTube](#). You will learn about two new platforms: one that enables art lovers to purchase directly from Guyana's stand-out visual artists; and one that brings e-commerce and mobile transactions, powered by acceptance of MasterCard, Visa and Paypal, to every Guyanese.

And, as always, below, you will find stories of regional innovation, all to fill you with pride and inspiration. The Caribbean welcomes you on the journey!

Thank you for your support.

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## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### IDB Offering Online Courses for Regional for Growth and Recovery

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) says it has been developing high quality open online courses (MOOC), as a result of more than 60 years of experience, to improve the capacities of all development actors in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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### Young Dominican Entrepreneurs to Benefit from \$1M Grant

The Dominica Youth Business Trust (DYBT) will benefit from an additional \$1 million made possible by the Government of Dominica to support its activities.

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### Zeemoney Launched in Barbados

One of the world's fastest growing financial technology firms based in Africa is about to tap into the estimated US\$7 billion remittance market in the Caribbean to make it easier for individuals to receive and send funds.

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### Digital Assets for Jamaica Stock Exchange Listing this Year

The Jamaica Stock Exchange, JSE, expects to allow trading of tokenised listings this year through a platform developed by Blockstation, its Canadian partner.

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### T&T: Electric Vehicles the Future of Transport

Trinidad and Tobago is headed towards a low carbon future, achieving e-mobility and contributing to the net zero emissions goal, says president of CNG NGC and vice president of sustainability at National Energy Curtis Mohammed.

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### Caribbean Artists Selling Art Through NFTs

The future for artists and Caribbean creatives lies in their ability to create and market non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

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### Farming Investors: 'You Can Taste The Difference'

The Bahamian principals behind a \$60m hydroponic farm project yesterday voiced hope it will inspire "our fellow Bahamians" to invest in the sector, adding: "We're full speed ahead."

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### bpTT Joins Forces with UWI, UTT on Carbon Capture and Storage Research

bpTT has announced that it has committed \$340,000 to a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Atlas project which is jointly led by the University of the West Indies and University of Trinidad and Tobago.

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### LIAT Begins Cashless Journey

LIAT has announced it will be conducting cashless transactions at its counters at the Princess Juliana International Airport, St Maarten, from Thursday, January 27.

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### Nassau, Bahamas Airport Going Cashless by End of Q1

Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) anticipates the full transition of its parking and ground transportation (PGT) operations at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) to cashless by the end of the first quarter of 2022, utilizing Island Pay's debit card kiosks for those who may not immediately have access to credit or debit cards, NAD revealed in a recent press statement.

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### Antigua and Barbuda Gets Hooked on Aquaponics

The quiet residential area of Upper Renfrew in St John's is home to Indies Greens, the island's only aquaponics farm and training centre, which combines aquaculture and hydroponics to produce fish and vegetables at the same time.

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### Greening of Caribbean capital markets

New standards in ESG reporting (environmental, social, governance) present a tall order for all Caribbean financial-market participants.

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### Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panama: Key US trading partners

The Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Panama seek to become key trading partners of the United States, taking advantage of the reconfiguration of global supply chains.

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### Regional Musicians Showcase Talent in New Markets via Online Platform

Performing artists from the Caribbean region are given a new platform to showcase their talent.

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### Green Climate Fund and IICA Sign Agreement That Will Increase Funding for Climate Resilience Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) signed an agreement to support climate adaptation and agriculture initiatives for agriculture and rural areas in the countries of the Americas.

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## RESOURCES

### Consultancy: Support for the Growth of the Outsourcing Sector in Guyana

The growing competitiveness of global markets and ensuing pressures on businesses to run efficiently and cost effectively is providing opportunities for continued accelerated growth in the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector.

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### 8 Caribbean Podcasts to Improve Your Entrepreneurial Skills

Entrepreneurs are always on the hunt for new skills and expertise to help their businesses thrive and survive in today's competitive business environment.

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Innovate Guyana (IG) incubates and accelerates target startups and growing businesses in Guyana. IG provides access to resources, training, coaching, capital for breakthrough ideas and businesses. Through the Guyana Innovation Prize, Economic Development Accelerator, the Global Entrepreneurship Network (Guyana), and Innovate Guyana TV on YouTube, IG is helping to transform the innovation landscape and entrepreneurship ecosystem in Guyana.

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