



Greetings!

A very belated Happy New Year. Please forgive the tardiness of the January 2023 newsletter because...it's our anniversary!

Since 2018, we have worked with constituents and collaborators to help close the innovation gap in science, technology, and agro-processing for EVERY Guyanese. By helping ordinary citizens bring standout ideas to market, we assist innovators on the path to creating jobs and generating wealth, all while building communities.

Join us throughout 2023 as we celebrate 5 years of showcasing Guyanese inventiveness. Stay tuned for more showcasing, more celebrating, and more innovating!

As always, thank you for your support.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Environmental Education Development in the Dominican Republic

The British Embassy in the Dominican Republic announced that it will support the Terra & Marre Foundation, in collaboration with SOS Carbone, to promote its work in favor of environmental sanitation on the country's coasts, the expansion of research and development programs, the creation of educational programs on environmental awareness, and the empowerment of communities.

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Proposal Made for Eastern Caribbean Ferry Service

The Proposal For The Implementation Of A Ferry Service Through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), was prepared by Diogo Aita, an associate economic affairs officer at the Economic Commission For Latin America And The Caribbean.

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Suriname Enters into Diplomatic Relations with Cape Verde

The Republic of Suriname and the Republic of Cape Verde have formally established diplomatic relations at the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the United Nations in New York.

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Afreximbank Board Approves \$1.5 Billion for Caribbean Countries

US\$1.5 billion financing approved by the Afreximbank enables CARICOM countries to access the Bank's financing instruments through financing facilities.

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Dominican Republic Low-cost Airline Interested in Flying to Guyana

The Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) has confirmed that the Dominican Republic-headquartered low-cost airline, Arajet, is interested in adding Guyana to its routes.

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St. Kitts and Nevis to Undergo a Digital Transformation

The initiative was commemorated on Tuesday 20th December 2022, at a Signing Ceremony for the Digital Identity Authentication Project chaired by the Director (Ag) in the Department of Technology, Ms. Ophelia Blanchard.

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Latin America Emerges as a Renewable Superpower

Any way you look at it, Latin America is a green leader. The only country in the world with a 100% renewable energy grid is Costa Rica.

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GKOne Introduces Debit Card for Remittances

The app and card, products of the GK Digital Factory, have been launched.

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LAC is Primed For Solutions in The Plastic Circular Economy

Plastic pollution is a unique environmental crisis in that it is a global problem with local solutions.

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Massy Buys US Supermarket Chain

T&T's distribution conglomerate, Massy Holdings, has acquired US grocery store chain Rowe's IGA Supermarket for US\$47 million.

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Digital Transportation Pass to Drive Unity of Bahamian Jitneys

The United Public Transportation Company's president has said that the electronic Jitney Pass will give Bahamians access to 220 jitneys, and cover more than 40 routes that collectively transport between 60,000 and 90,000 passengers per day.

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IDB, UWI To Research T&T's Mangroves

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the University of the West Indies have signed a technical cooperation agreement for the implementation of a regional Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV) system for mangrove ecosystems.

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Rural TeleMedicine Clinic Launched in Guyana

A Rural TeleMedicine Clinic in Masakenari (Gunns Village), South Rupununi, Region Nine, Guyana has been launched.

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Nigeria Technology Company Announces Afro-Caribbean Expansion

A Nigerian technology company, Wennovation Hub, has announced its expansion into the Afro-Caribbean corridor.

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Bahamasair Targeting \$2m Bulk Cargo Boost

Bahamasair is targeting an initial \$2m annual revenue boost from launching bulk cargo services, it has been revealed, with the number of passengers transported in 2022 set to almost double year-over-year.

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New Farming Model' to Aid 57,000 Bahamians Trapped in Poverty

A "new food production model" will aid up to 57,000 poverty-stricken Bahamians through the location of ten hydroponic container farms "in poor and vulnerable communities", it has been revealed.

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Solar Farm Will Allow Brewery to Produce with Renewable Energy

Akuo, Cerveceria Nacional Dominicana, and Altio confirmed that the Solar Park located in Nagua, María Trinidad Sánchez province, is expected to be operational by the first quarter of 2023, generating 550 direct jobs and more than 2,000 indirect jobs.

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BPL's Solar Drive Targets \$30m Customer Savings

Bahamas Power & Light's (BPL) said the utility could create \$30m per year in savings when its proposed 60 MegaWatt (MW) solar project for New Providence becomes operational.

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Dragonfly Fintech, 876 Solutions Partner to Speed up Carib Digital Banking

The partnership will make available Dragonfly's award-winning digital banking products powered by private enterprise-grade blockchain technology (a form of distributed ledger technology or DLT).

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Caribbean Tech Entrepreneurs Say Collaboration is Key to Future Growth

A Regional forum, organized by the Caribbean Export Development Agency and others, brought together impressive and inspiring Caribbean founders of successful technology start-ups – living proof of what regional entrepreneurs and innovators can achieve.

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INSPIRATION OUTSIDE OF THE REGION

IndyGeneUS AI Joins Inaugural Cohort of Merck Digital Sciences Studio

IndyGeneUS AI, a digital health company accelerating the discovery, development, and manufacturing of advanced therapeutics to address health disparities impacting African diaspora populations in accessing equitable, precision healthcare - is one of twelve disruptive biotech companies selected for this highly competitive program.

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Kenyan Wealth-tech Startup Prepares to Scale

Hisa has publicly launched after receiving regulatory approval from the Nairobi Securities Exchange and the Capital Markets Authority to launch its fractional shares trading platform.

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Nigerian Internet Connectivity Startup Eyes Pan-African Expansion

Nigerian startup, Tizeti, a solar-based internet and voice service provider, is set to expand its operations within Nigeria and Ghana, and into neighbouring Ivory Coast and Togo, in addition to mulling listing its Nigerian subsidiary.

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