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January Newsletter

Message to the Members from the GCCCI President—Deodat Indar

The GCCCI continues to advocate for the business community, facilitate meetings and provide networking opportunities. For this month, the GCCCI continued advocacy in local content and jointly held a job fair for the displaced GUYSUCO workers. Some highlights for the month were the training jointly facilitated by GNBS on ISO 9001 certification as well as hosting a Trinidad Trade Mission, Dominican Republic Chamber of Commerce and the country's Export Promotion Agency for the upcoming Pro-Dominicana Trade Fair. We look forward to your continued support and hope you enjoy our very first Newsletter!



President of GCCCI
Deodat Indar

Chamber in the News

- KAIETEUR NEWS : JAN 12, 2018 -

Calls made for legislation to command local content contribution from oil companies

President of the (GCCCI), Deodat Indar recently pointed out that Guyana is in serious need of legislation which would not merely encourage but command that there be local content contribution from oil companies.

- GUYANA CHRONICLE : JAN 30, 2018 -

Private Sector in move to employ sugar workers

In an effort to absorb some of the sugar workers who were laid-off by the Guyana Sugar Corporation (GuySuCo), the President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI), Deodat Indar has asked the corporations for a list of the various skill-set of those workers in order to ensure that they are properly placed in the private sector.



Special Feature: Chamber featured on CDB website

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE POVERTY THROUGH AGRICULTURE:



Known in the agricultural sector for its sugar and rice, the Government of Guyana, with support from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), is aiming to add honey to the list, and in the process, provide a sustainable pathway out of poverty for Guyanese. Having wrapped up five days of training at the end of 2017, 25 new beekeepers have charged into the New Year eager about their prospects—some of them youth, launching businesses for the first time, some women, excited about the financial independence the industry can bring. But why honey? Guyana's apicultural industry is currently producing 11,300 gallons of the golden nectar annually, and by-products such as bees' wax, pollen and royal jelly also contribute to the country's gross domestic product (GDP). Demand is, however, greater than supply and Guyana imports over 4,000 gallons from markets such as Jamaica and the United States each year to make up the shortfall. The project aligns with CDB's commitment to enhancing the managerial, technical and operational capacity of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the Bank's Borrowing Member Countries.

CTCS-funded the workshop, which targeted vulnerable groups at risk for lower participation in available economic activities, including Amerindian communities, youth, women and people with disabilities. CTCS facilitates the transfer of knowledge and skills within the private sector by linking people who have business and technical experience with businesses that need consulting advice and assistance. Some technical and marketing skills required for managing an apiary, and taught during the sessions included: fundamentals of starting an apiary, types of bee hives, conditions under which honey bee colonies thrive, harvesting techniques, and packaging and labeling techniques. The project aligns with CDB's commitment to enhancing the managerial, technical and operational capacity of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the Bank's Borrowing Member Countries. CTCS-funded the workshop, which targeted vulnerable groups at risk for lower participation in available economic activities, including Amerindian communities, youth, women and people with disabilities.



Participants returns from the apiary after a honey extraction exercise.

GCCI Annual General Meeting

The GCCI will be hosting its 127th Annual General Meeting in March 2018. There are currently 21 seats on the Council of the Chamber. During the AGM, in keeping with Section 9, 1 (a) of the rules of the chamber, the council elects out it's own body and Executive Management Committee comprising a President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary.



Business Guyana Magazine



The Business Guyana Magazine has been an essential resource for investors, known for bringing the business community at large the information needed to navigate the business landscape in Guyana and providing constructive commentary on key issues affecting private sector development. 2018 will see the 9th Edition of the Business Guyana Magazine a feature on entertainment as well as interesting articles on business in Guyana. **Find out from the Chamber how you can advertise your company in this premier magazine!**

Business Mixer

Creating an inviting networking environment for its members is one of the aims of the Business Mixer hosted by the GCCI. It is a great way to maintain and build stronger relationships with your pre-existing partners and clients as well as meet new ones. **Purchase your tickets for the next Mixer on Feb 22, 2018 today!**



What the Chamber has been up to for the month of January

Date	Meeting and Events
January 5 th , 2018	Fundraising & Facilities Committee Meeting
January 8 th , 2018	Executive Management Committee Meeting
January 11 th , 2018	GCCI Statutory Council Meeting
January 12 th , 2018	IAC - Inter-faith and Ethnic Relations Discussion in Guyana
January 16 th , 2018	Multi Stakeholder Expert Group Meeting
	Meeting with British High Commissioner Greg Quinn and Mr. Ian Hansen
January 18 th , 2018	Finance Committee Meeting
January 19 th , 2018	Opening Ceremony: National Regional Development Consultative Committee
	Membership Committee Meeting
	Fundraising & Facilities Committee Meeting
	Social Networking: National Regional Development Consultative Committee
January 22 nd , 2018	Planning Meeting for hosting of Business, Financial and Investment Forums and coaching clinics for former employees of Guysuco.
January 23 rd , 2018	Validation workshop on Green Climate Fund
January 24 th , 2018	HR Committee Meeting
	Advocacy Committee Meeting
January 25 th , 2018	Launching of the XXIV Inter-American Congress of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Tourism
January 26 th , 2018	Green Economy Committee Meeting
	Meeting on the Feasibility study and Impact of Entering into Free Trade Agreements with Panama and the Central American Common Market Members of MERCOSUR and Other Selected Countries in South America
	GNBS Awareness Session on ISO Certification
January 29 th , 2018	Trinidad & Tobago Trade Mission to Guyana Seminar
	Meeting with Emmanuel Guzman - Representative of the Dominican Chamber of Commerce
	Meeting with Go-invest CEO, Pro Dominicana Representatives & Representatives of the Dominican Chamber of Commerce
January 30 th , 2018	GSDS Expert Group Meeting on International Trade, investment and cooperation
January 31 st , 2018	GCCI-UWI Information Session -Defining your space in the Global economy

The first General Meeting for the GCCI was held on the Monday, 8th July, 1889 and the President, Vice-Presidents and Council were elected. The Membership roll for the year 1889-1890 was 77. Of these three were struck off for non-payment of Subscription. The membership subscription per year was \$10.00.

