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CARIBBEAN CONSULTANTS JOIN COLLEAGUES AROUND THE GLOBE TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS' DAY 2018

CHRIST CHURCH, BARBADOS, (June 7, 2018) - Caribbean consultants are joining their colleagues from around the globe in a celebration of creativity and progressiveness on International Consultants' Day.

For the past fourteen years, the first Thursday in June has been recognized as International Consultants' Day and today, the Caribbean Institute of Certified Management Consultants (CICMC) joins fellow institutes, collegial members and other consultants in commemorating this event.

In April of this year, CICMC celebrated its 10th Anniversary and successfully hosted its annual conference in Curacao. The organisation continues to spotlight and acknowledge the strong intrinsic values that the institute and members bring to the region. CICMC highly regards its affiliation with the umbrella organization, the International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI), which is comprised of 56 regional institutes and 56,000 consultants. This relationship facilitates access to an extensive regional and global network for its members, and by extension, the communities they serve.

Recognizing that members of CICMC are drawn from throughout CARIFORUM and the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), the organisation focuses on seeking areas of commonality and formulating network partnerships to strengthen its offerings to clients and stakeholders. Today as CICMC celebrates these strengths, it challenges governments and stakeholders to draw on this deep reservoir of talent and resources, which are being utilized by so many external entities.

This week CICMC members are also lauding the 'first' anniversary of what is currently the only global standard on services, ISO 20700: 2017 Guidelines for management consultancy services. ICMCI was instrumental in the crystallization of this standard and has just concluded its first round of 'train the trainer' sessions. CICMC participated in this training and will be introducing the standard and underlying processes to the Caribbean region in short order.

As the capacity building champion for regional consultants, CICMC plans to focus its efforts on advocating for the enactment of enabling legislation for management consultants, lobbying governments for equal access for members, capacity building training for professional consultants, and public service education, particularly with regard to the benefits that can be achieved by utilising regional consultants.

As CICMC marks International Consultants' Day 2018, it is mindful of its role in the region as thought leaders and drivers of innovation, and affirms its commitment to the promotion of knowledge and interaction among its members, and the provision of quality services to the Caribbean community. In this vein, the organisation will continue to seek to attract and utilise the skills and experiences of specialists and young consultants, by tailoring committee and outreach programmes to address the professional development needs of these groups. CICMC fully expects that these initiatives will encourage members to support national development efforts and use their competencies and expertise to advance growth in their individual jurisdictions.

Finally, of equal importance on this day, the organisation recognizes and thanks regional stakeholders for their ongoing support, acknowledging that its positive trajectory would not have been possible without them.

About the CICMC

The Caribbean Institute of Certified Management Consultants (CICMC) is a member of the International Council of Management Consultants Institutes (ICMCI), a registered United Nations Consultative Status Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and global network of management, advisory and consultancy associations, with a common purpose, shared values and goals. CICMC, as a member of ICMCI's NGO network, was established in 2007, to regulate the practice of management consultancy, to advocate for the profession and to advance the effectiveness of management consulting practices and processes in the region.

CICMC is one of 60 global management consulting institutes which award the Certified Management Consultant™ (CMC®) certification. The CMC® designation is the international mark of excellence in management consultancy, recognised directly in the countries covered by the 50 Members of ICMCI®.

CICMC's annual regional symposia provide professional and network development opportunities to its members and partners. This includes opportunities to establish strategic partnerships with regional and international counterparts, for improved access to markets and quality engagements.

CICMC has Chapters in The Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, the Eastern Caribbean States (ECS), the Caribbean's Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) and Trinidad & Tobago.

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