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ADD: PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY AN INVESTMENT IN HEALTH - 2

Some of the issues being considered in relation to the policy include generic versus branded drugs; restricting pharmacy shopping; adequate stocking of state owned pharmacies; greater utilisation of technology in both the public and private pharmacies; legislative reforms for pharmacists and pharmacies, improved patient education, and some shifting of dispensing charges in a more equitable manner.

Minister Inniss further noted that the workshop was timely as Barbados was in the process of amending the Drug Service Act to include Drug Registration, Pharmacovigilance and Drug Counterfeiting, which all fell under the ambit of an enlightened pharmaceutical policy. **(JG/BGIS)**

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REGIONAL EXPERTS TO MEET FOR CONSULTATION

Regional experts will this week be putting their heads together to share information and discuss ideas on operationalising the Caribbean Sea Commission.

Under the theme, '**Operationalisation of the Caribbean Sea Commission (CSC) – The Way ahead: Building a science-policy interface for oceans governance,**' the UWI Cave Hill Campus will be the venue for the three-day consultation from Wednesday, July 7 to Friday, July 9.

The workshop, coordinated by the Centre for Resources Management and Environmental Studies (**CERMES**), UWI Cave Hill and the Association of Caribbean States (**ACS**), will bring together international and regional experts, country representatives as well as donors.

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The Caribbean Sea Commission was established under the aegis of the ACS in September 2006 to provide a structured mechanism through which work on the Caribbean Sea Initiative could be pursued. Barbados has held the Chairmanship of the Commission since its establishment.

The Caribbean Sea Initiative is an international lobby by ACS States in the United Nations which calls for international recognition of the Caribbean Sea as a special area within the context of sustainable development. **(TB/BGIS)**

ATTENTION NEWS EDITOR:

ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE, CHRISTOPHER SINCKLER, WILL DELIVER THE FEATURE ADDRESS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONSULTATION AT UWI, CAVE HILL, IN THE SOLUTIONS CENTRE (BUILDING BETWEEN THE GUILD AND THE BOOKSHOP) THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, AT 9:15 A.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THIS EVENT.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, SENATOR HAYNESLEY BENN, WILL DELIVER THE FEATURE ADDRESS AT THE LAUNCH OF THE MINISTRY'S NEW WEBSITE. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAVANNAH HOTEL, HASTINGS, CHRIST CHURCH, TOMORROW, TUESDAY, JULY 6, BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M.

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