



The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) presents the 2014 Caribbean Conference, with the theme, **"Towards a Corruption-Free Caribbean: Ethics, Values, and Morality."** UCCI is collaborating with Canada's Carleton University's Centre for Values and Ethics (COVE); the Department of Government of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona, Jamaica; and the National Integrity Action (NIA) of Jamaica.

This conference aims to reflect on various aspects of values and ethics, as they relate not only to the function of Caribbean governments and political parties, but also to the role of every institution – whether educational, religious, or social -- across the region.

The importance of this conference lies in the principle that values and ethical philosophies are intrinsic to every human activity. Interrogations of these mores have consequences for the policies and practices of public institutions at all levels. In turn, the choices about values in these institutions impact individuals, families, and, indeed, nations. One of the most important exercises, therefore, is to deliberate thoughtfully about values, making sure that decisions are accordingly responsive to the voices of reason and humanity.

Conference Objectives

The main Conference objectives are to:

- Bring together the main thinkers and political actors, as well as religious, business and other private-sector interests from all regional territories, to examine the state of ethics and values in the Caribbean and to formulate solutions going forward;
- Foster an intellectually rich and open environment in which to discuss these critical and urgent issues;
- Demonstrate the clear link between corruption and economic stagnation and social decline;
- Bind Caribbean political leaders to ethical processes of decision making; and to
- Develop effective strategies for the implementation across the region of outcomes of the conference.

Conference Planners

As in the three previous conferences, focused on themes of importance to the region, this conference is organised by UCCI in collaboration with regional and international entities.

Sub-themes of the forthcoming March 2014 Conference

The Theoretical Dimensions of Ethics

- Philosophical issues in ethics and corruption
- Culture, values and ethics

The social dimensions of ethics

- Psychological dimensions of ethical decision making

- Theoretical models for ethical decision making
- Making ethical decisions
- Moral philosophy

Ethics and Government

- Forms of corruption in government
- The costs of political corruption
- Strengthening the national integrity system
- Ethical leadership and its challenges
- Organisational values and ethics
- Constitutional reform and corruption
- Ethics and the police and army
- The media and ethics
- Ethics and displacement by development
- Ethics, rights and responsibilities
- Ethics and trust
- Campaign finance reform

Ethics and the Economy

- Business ethics
- The economics of ethical behavior
- Poverty, corruption and ethics
- Ethics and social welfare
- Political corruption and the role of Caribbean Diaspora

Ethics, Societal Institutions and Development

- The church and corruption in society
- Ethics, moral education and professional practice
- Ethics relating to justice and the law
- Values, corruption and the environment
- The ethical dimensions of tackling climate change
- Ethics and health care, and sexuality and ethics
- Ethics and technology

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is **December 31, 2013**.
Full papers must be submitted on or before **January 31, 2014**.

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