

**Message for Conference on Science and Technology**  
**27-30 November 2018**

On behalf of The University of the West Indies, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to this collaborative conference between The Caribbean Academy of Sciences, Jamaica and The University of the West Indies (UWI) on Science and Technology. The UWI is proud to be a part of the work which has emanated from many of the leaders in the field.

Over these next days some of the leading advocates in the sector will discuss a range of ideas, frameworks and methodologies with a view to enhance the quality of human life and contribute effectively to sustainable economic development. The focus on teaching STEM subjects across the region makes it an imperative for educational institutions such as ours to focus our academic agenda on improving existing knowledge arenas and developing new knowledge. One of the key strategies in our Triple A Strategic Plan speaks to greater alignment of The University with international partnerships relevant to the region's needs. The UWI will continue to work collaboratively with all sectors to achieve this goal in order to improve the lives of Caribbean people.

I congratulate the organizers for hosting another important conference and my sincere thanks to each of you for making the time to engage in this important discussion.

My best wishes to all for a successful and productive session.

Blessings!

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