

## Caribbean Development Bank 47th Meeting

The 47th Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank was hosted by the Turks and Caicos Islands on 24 and 25 May. Five hundred delegates, including Ministers and Government officials, private sector representatives, members of civil society, academia, and media attended the meeting. The flagship event highlighted the impact of the Bank's investments in its 19 borrowing member countries including Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands. In addition, stakeholders took part in strategic discussions on resolving some of the Caribbean region's most pressing economic and social development issues.

"We extend our appreciation and thanks to the Government and people of the Turks and Caicos Islands for agreeing to host the Bank's 47th Annual Meeting. This is the second time



From left to right: Dr. William Warren Smith, President, CDB; Hon. Sharlene Cartwright Robinson, Premie; Yvette Lemonias-Seale, Vice-President (Corporate Services) and Bank Secretary, CDB; and Volville Forsythe, Assistant Bank Secretary, CDB.

that TCI has hosted this event. We see this as a strong show of support for our institution and the work we do in helping to drive economic and social development across the Caribbean Region," said Dr. William Warren Smith, President of the Bank.



Attendees at the CPA Seminar.

## Commonwealth Parliamentary Association pays visit

The Government welcomed the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in June as they hosted a post-election seminar for newly elected Members of the Legislature to strengthen parliamentary practice and procedure following the recent elections. The CPA is the only Commonwealth body that works to strengthen territorial assemblies

and legislatures such as the House of Assembly in Turks and Caicos, as well as national, state and provincial legislatures.

In her address at the opening ceremony, the Premier, Hon. Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson MP, said that she wholeheartedly welcomed the CPA seminar, the purpose of which was to equip local Parliamentarians with the tools

## Athlete captures Bronze in World Juniors Championship

The Government congratulates seventeen-year-old Turks and Caicos athlete Mr. Colby Jennings, who won a bronze medal in the under 17 boys 400 metre race. The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Juniors Championship event took place in Nairobi, Kenya in July.

The track and field competition welcomes junior athletes from around the world and is widely regarded as important stage to gain international experience in building their athletic careers.



(Left to right): Minister of Education, Youth & Sports Hon. Karen Malcolm, Mr. Colby Jennings and Ms. Edith Skippings, local President Athletic Association.

and knowledge they need to better serve the people who elected them. She further encouraged: "It is so important that as Parliamentarians we sharpen our skills and that we keep doing so to better equip ourselves."

On 15 December 2016, Turks and Caicos held transparent, free and fair elections. The elections demonstrated the Islands' commitment to the democratic ideals and standards upon which the Commonwealth is founded and the ideals enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter. The election also resulted in the first female Premier, signifying a strong commitment to gender equality and the importance of women's political leadership.

The seminar provided an excellent opportunity for newly elected Members of the House of Assembly to ask questions about parliamentary practice and procedure, and provided Members with a better understanding of the parliamentary system and democratic processes in other Commonwealth jurisdictions. The seminar was opened by Hon. Dwayne S. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Assembly. Commitment to improving democratic processes in the legislature was demonstrated by the active participation in the seminar of Members from all sides of the House.

### Turks and Caicos – At a Glance

Capital: Cockburn Town | Size: 98 sq km | Population: 36,689 (2015) |  
 Currency: United States Dollar (US\$) | Time Zone: Greenwich Mean Time -4 hours |