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Suriname Guyana Chamber of Commerce Successfully Launches International Business Conference

Georgetown, Guyana – July 14, 2024 - The Suriname Guyana Chamber of Commerce (SGCC) is delighted to announce the successful launch of the International Business Conference (IBC) held at the Marriott Hotel on July 13, 2024.

The launch event was opened by CEO Rahul Lildhar, who highlighted the preferences of the SGCC membership for a setup that enables missions, B2B meetings, and direct business engagements. This preference was the driving force behind the SGCC's co-hosting of the event. The CEO stated, "Our members value opportunities for direct engagement and meaningful business interactions, which is why we have focused on creating a platform that facilitates these connections."

The Chair of the SGCC, Dr. Vishnu Doerga also in his address, emphasized the importance of the conference in fostering regional cooperation and economic growth. He remarked, "The International Business Conference is a testament to our commitment to creating a conducive environment for business and investment in Guyana and Suriname. We are proud to bring together key stakeholders to explore and capitalize on the vast opportunities available in our region."

Mr. Ramsey Ali, President of the Guyana Manufacturing & Services Association (GMSA), shared his vision for Guyana as the primary destination for manufacturing in the Caribbean. He stated, "Guyana has the potential to become the manufacturing hub of the Caribbean, and the IBC is a crucial step towards realizing this vision."

Ambassador Liselle Blankendal, Suriname Ambassador to Guyana and also honorary member of the SGCC, spoke on the importance of collaboration between Guyana and Suriname. She highlighted the shared commitment of both nations to fostering economic growth and strengthening bilateral ties.

Mr. Amar Alakhramsing, Director of the Suriname Investment and Trade Agency (SITA), addressed the role of SITA in promoting Suriname as an attractive destination for business. He stated, "Suriname is open for business, and through collaboration with our regional partners, we aim to create a thriving business environment that benefits all."

Dr. Peter Ramsaroop, CEO of the Guyana Office for Investment, expressed his support for the IBC and emphasized the importance of practical engagements focused on closing business deals. He welcomed the hosting of the event in Guyana and encouraged the actionable outcomes.

In a significant development, several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed at the sidelines of the event. These included an MOU with SITA and SGCC to strengthen trade opportunities between Suriname and Guyana. Additionally, MOUs were signed with the Canada Chamber of Commerce, represented by Ms. Rochelle Parasram, the Dominican Republic Chamber of Commerce, represented by Ms. Leonida Foo, and the European Chamber of Commerce, represented by Dr. Alista Bishop. These agreements foster stronger advocacy, joint events for members, and collaborative efforts to address cross-cutting issues while preventing duplicity.

The SGCC is excited about the potential of the International Business Conference to unlock new opportunities for businesses in Guyana and Suriname. The conference, scheduled for October 15-17, 2024, promises to be a dynamic and engaging event, bringing together over 500 delegates from local and international business communities. It will feature focused conference sessions, workshops, and interactive seminars, providing valuable insights and practical knowledge across various sectors.

We encourage all businesses and stakeholders to participate in the International Business Conference. For more information and to register, please visit www.guyanabusinessconference.com. Members of the Guyana Manufacturing & Services Association (GMSA) and the SGCC are entitled to a 50% discount on delegate passes. Act now to take advantage of this exclusive offer and secure your spot at this transformative event.

The SGCC extends its deepest gratitude to the governments of Guyana and Suriname, the Guyana Manufacturing & Services Association, and all partners and participants for their unwavering support. We look forward to a successful International Business Conference and the continued growth and development of our region.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rahul', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rahul Lildhar
Chief Executive Officer
Suriname Guyana Chamber of Commerce

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