

First Young Entrepreneurs Symposium Coming to St. Maarten

PHILIPSBURG – Truly Caribbean Network, a St. Maarten-based foundation will be hosting their first annual Young Entrepreneurs Symposium (YES 2006) at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino from May 24 to 27.

“Turning Passions Into Enterprise” is the organization’s slogan for YES 2006. According to Nerissa Golden, President of Truly Caribbean Network the event is geared towards young business-minded people who are interested in starting their own business or have already begun a new venture.

“Our goal is to provide an event that will give Caribbean people a much-needed boost to take their dreams from ideas to reality. There will be lots of workshops led by local and regional entrepreneurs and other professionals who have hands on knowledge of the two areas of focus this year, which are Technology and The Arts,” explained Golden.

“We wanted to choose two of the sectors in which there is still room for exploitation. Technology involves persons who use the internet, computers, any electronic device to operate a business or that provides as a service to others. The Arts area of focus include television, dance, music, and film production and film production.”

“An interesting development that will be highlighted is the way in which today’s technology is making the work of artists more accessible to a wider market and more affordable while creating new and viable businesses for our young people that reflect our Caribbean heritage.”

The TCN Founder and President said that young people on



The spectacular Sonesta Maho Resort & Casino is the venue for YES 2006.



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Highlights of the symposium include the Me Inc. workshops, the Telem Group Technology Expo, the Caribbean Showcase which will offer participants the opportunity to perform and show their video or film productions and the YES Awards ceremony to recognize local and regional Outstanding Entrepreneurs.

The conference fee is US\$ 125 and includes participation in all workshops. For more information on the conference and to register for the expo call (011) 599-580-1070 or log on to www.trulycaribbean.net.



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Visit us at the **TELEM GROUP Tech Expo** on Saturday, May 27 9 am - 2 pm in the Maho Room.

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TELEM Group Sponsors Tech Expo at YES 2006

PHILIPSBURG – The TELEM Group of systems, products and services which is providing new opportunities for creating new upcoming Technology Expo, which is one of entrepreneurs. The Telem Group Tech Expo will take place on Saturday morning, May 27 at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino. It is open to all companies, who have a product or service that they believe up and coming entrepreneurs can make use of. Preference will be given to those who have a new product or service that highlights new technology. Registration forms available online or at your local Chamber of Commerce.

REGISTRATION FORM

Send Back This Form By Fax to (011) 599-548-5020 or mail to: Truly Caribbean Network, #6 Annatto Tree Drive, Well Road, Cole Bay, St. Maarten

Fees

US\$ 125 (Early Bird Registrants February 1 – May 1)

US\$ 175 (Late Registrants May 2 to May 15)

US \$ 100 (Technology Expo & Caribbean Showcase Booth for YES Participants)

Contact Information Please print clearly

Company Name _____
Your Name & Position _____
Address _____
City _____ Island/State _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____ Website: _____
Number of employees _____ Year of Established _____

Briefly describe your business or your area of interest (Technology/Arts/Service/Hospitality/etc):

Company's Monthly/annual income: _____

What information would benefit you greatly in the startup or expansion of your business?

- ___ Writing a Business and/or Marketing Plan ___ Forming Strategic Alliances ___ Using the Internet to Develop Business
___ Financial and/or Project Management ___ Finding Your Passion ___ Obtaining Venture Capital/Bank Loans
___ Writing for Television or Film from a Caribbean Perspective ___ NGOs vs. Corporations ___ Other (Explain below)

YOUR STAY IN ST. MAARTEN

Date of Arrival: _____ Airline/Flight No. _____
Date of Departure: _____ Airline/Flight No. _____
___ Staying at Sonesta Maho ___ Other Hotel/Guesthouse ___ Friends and Family

Host Hotel Room Choice (prices are all inclusive of taxes, meals, etc. See website for details)

Single US\$ 168 per night DbI US\$ 110 p. night p. person Triple US\$ 100 per night per person

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