Convention 2013



Join the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions for its 56th Annual International Convention and 42nd Annual General Meeting which will be held from June 21 – 25, 2013, at the RIU Panama Plaza Hotel, Panama City, Panama, under the theme "The Credit Union Difference: Members Matter Most".

The historically and architecturally rich Panama City, will host a truly global event as Credit Union Executives Society (CUES) whose membership comprises Credit Union Executives and Directors in fourteen (14) countries worldwide, again partners with the Confederation to host the event.

Co-operative Sector leaders, managers and their peers will have the opportunity to network and participate in general and breakout sessions emphasising the Credit Union Difference and its services and systems to satisfy members' needs.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Convention registration and payment can be made online by visiting CCCU's website at www.caribccu.coop for direct links to the registration page. Registration may also be made by email to admin@caribccu.coop or fax to 869-466-6957 or to michgellineau@yahoo.com or 868-640-6867.

Payments may also be made via wire transfer using the following information:

Account Name: Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions

Address: Cnr Wilkin Street & St Johnston Ave, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts

Account #: 42090 Bank: St Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Ltd Address: Central Street,

Basseterre, St Kitts Swift: KNANKNSK

Intermediary Bank

Wachovia Bank,N.A. FL6079, 200 South Biscayne Boulevard, 12th Floor Miami, Florida 33131

Swift: PNBPUS3NNYC

ABA: 026005092

REGISTRATION FEES

All registration fees are quoted in US dollars. Your registration will not be processed without payment.

On or Before February 28 On or Before April 30th, 2013 On or After May 1st, 2013

Full participant	995	1200	1300

Non-Sponsor Vendor

1,500 1,700 1,900

Eligibility for Reduced Registration Fees

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On or Before February 28 On or Before April 30th, 2013 On or After May 1st, 2013

CU < US\$10M Assets		
200.00 off		
200.00 off	200.00 off	
<pre>< or = 35 Years of Age</pre>		
200.00 off		
200.00 off	200.00 off	
Regulators		
300.00 off		
300.00 off	300.00 off	
Non. CU Co-ops		
500.00		
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Note: Only one (1) discount applies. CANCELLATION

Cancellations and refund requests forwarded in writing to Michelle Gellineau via fax at 1-868-640-6867 or by email to michgellineau@yahoo.com on or before May 15, 2013 are subject to US\$100 cancellation fee. Registration or cancellation fees are not refundable after May 15, 2013. Substitutions are accepted any time prior to the start of the Convention at no additional cost.

HOTEL VENUE

The RIU Panama Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of the financial district in Panama City in close proximity to restaurants and shopping and is capable of housing all participants. Bookings for Hotel accommodation must be made directly with the hotel either on-line using the link www.riuplaza.com/en/CCCU.php or by email to the CCCU/CUES Group Co-ordinator Daphne Subia at dsubia@riu.com or phone 507-378-9000 Ext. 865.

The following accommodation rates have been negotiated.

Single: US\$199.00 per night.

Double: US\$278.00 per night [US\$139.00 per person] **Additional Person in a double room** – US\$86.00 per night.

Children 1 - 11 Years US\$45.00 per night.

The Room rate includes the following:

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Initial complimentary Mini-bar. [Extra charge for refills]
- Taxes and gratuities
- Use of the Pool and Fitness Centre
- 1 welcome drink for each guest
- Wireless Internet Access

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Participants can have the option of purchasing a supplementary daily beverage package at a cost of US\$50.00 per person. This includes the consumption of premium alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Panama City is provided with scheduled flights daily by the National Airline COPA as well as American Airlines from Miami, Florida. COPA also provides scheduled services from Kingston, Jamaica, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and St. Maarten but these do not operate on a daily basis.

However, for the convenience of participants, A's Travel Service of Port-of-Spain, has agreed to arrange a charter service between Port-of-Spain and Panama City, that will depart Port-of-Spain on June 21 and return on June 26. The airfare for this charter will be US\$699.00, which will also include ground transfers between the airport and the hotel.

Participants wishing to take advantage of this facility should contact A's Travel by phone at 868-622-5502 or 868-628-2429 or any one of the following persons:

Karlene Browne, Email Karlene.as-travel@tstt.net.tt

Kevin Edwards, Email ksedwards01@msn.com Alice Scott, Email as-travel@tstt.net.tt

To secure a reservation, a deposit of US100.00 per person is required by December 30, 2012, with the remainder due by April 30, 2013.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Participants will be required to make their own arrangements for ground transfers between the airport and the hotel. The cost of this is approximately US\$36.00 per person. The addresses of recommended tour companies will be communicated at a later date.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

The Convention Programme will feature several international and regional speakers and presenters, including the Chairman of the World Council of Credit Unions Mr. Manuel Rabines. The detailed programme will be published at a later date.

SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL TOURS

A number of Tour Operators have been approached to provide both social and educational tours to places of interest such as the Panama Canal. These discussions are on-going.

Visits to Credit Unions will also be arranged.

SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

The International Convention offers Service Providers and Vendors an excellent opportunity to market their goods and services or showcase their products to a diverse and developing Credit Union market. Sponsorship and marketing packages are available and queries or requests should be sent by email to admin@caribccu.coop or by fax to 1-869-466-6957.

Click here to download sponsorship details