

Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI) Leadership to Provide for the Sustainable Use, Conservation and Effective Management of Marine and Coastal Resources

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To: Participants in Caribbean Summit of Political and Business Leaders

From: Summit Secretariat

Re: SUMMIT REPORT

Date: July 2, 2013

Greetings. Thank you once again for your participation in the Caribbean Summit of Political and Business Leaders, held in the British Virgin Islands on May 17 and 18, 2013. We are pleased to send you the attached Summit Report, highlighting the major outcomes of the event. In addition to the Summit Report document, we have attached the three formal outcome documents: (i) *Leaders Declaration*; (ii) *Corporate Compact*, and (iii) *Summit Communiqué*.

The feedback on the Summit suggests that the Summit was broadly perceived as a major success. Participants seem to share a common view that the Summit—with the launch of Phase II of the *Caribbean Challenge Initiative* (CCI) and with the many commitments made—could be seen in the years ahead as an important turning point in efforts to safeguard the region's marine and coastal environment, for the benefit of this and future generations.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this historic event, and look forward to the important follow-up work ahead to help translate commitments into action and to realize our shared vision. In the coming weeks and months, we will facilitate consultations regarding the organizational structures needed to support implementation of Phase II (e.g. permanent Secretariat and CCI Council referred to in *Leaders Declaration*).

Some additional information for inclusion in Annex II of the Declaration is pending. As soon as this information is received, the Secretariat will circulate an updated version.

Should you find any information in this report requiring correction, please notify Mr. Cohen and Ms. Sawney in the Summit Secretariat (contact information provided above).