

**Report on Auditor General's Attendance at the
1X Congress of the Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
(CAROSAI) held in Trinidad and Tobago
From 18th - 21st March, 2013**

Caribbean regional public sector Auditors General met in Port of Spain from 18th - 21st March, 2013 for their ninth Congress with a theme of "collaboration to promote best audit practices." This Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI) Congress coincided with its 25th anniversary. CAROSAI was formed in 1988 to promote the exchange of ideas and experience amongst public sector audit institutions in the Caribbean region; it currently consists of 22 members. The heads of these public sector audit institutions meet every three years to approve their strategic direction. A major focus for the 2013 Congress was the implementation of new international auditing standards.

2. A number of speakers addressed the challenges facing the Supreme Audit Institutions including adequate funding and the implementation of the United Nations Resolution supporting greater independence for public sector audit offices. The United Nations Resolution also recognizes the important role of state auditors play in promoting efficiency, accountability, effectiveness and transparency of public administration.



3. With many countries facing difficult economic conditions, severe austerity measures and charges of inefficient government operations, the auditors proposed conducting audits on revenue departments with a view to making recommendations to improve their efficiencies.

4. Attending the four day conference was Mr. Terrence Nombembe, the Auditor General of South Africa who is also President of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), Dr. Josef Moser, the Secretary-General of INTOSAI and President of the Austrian Court of Audit. Also present were representatives of various stakeholders and donor organizations who support CAROSAI with funding and expertise. These include the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

5. Mr. Leigh Trotman, Auditor General of Barbados was elected to the Executive Council of CAROSAI for the period 2013-2016.