MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of Missions and Consuls General

FROM: Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

DATED: May 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Virtual Diaspora Conference 2021: Promotional Activities and Registration

In keeping with the promise by His Excellency President Irfaan Ali to aggressively pursue the involvement of the Diaspora in national development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation will be hosting its first Virtual Diaspora Conference under the theme “A New Era of Engagement for the Guyanese Diaspora”, on Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 9 AM EST (1 PM UTC).

The Conference will provide a platform for the Government to garner feedback from the Diaspora on proposed plans to engage, enable and involve active participation from Guyanese abroad. Most importantly, it is envisioned that the hosting of this Conference will assure the Diaspora of the Government's commitment to fostering their participation in the process of national development.

Registration Process

An electronic registration form is available on the Ministry's website via the following link: https://www.minfor.gov.gy/virtual-diaspora-conference-2021-registration/. Due to the limitation of the virtual platform, only the first 1,000 registrants will be allowed access to the Conference. All other participants will be able to view the Conference on YouTube and Facebook. Provisions will be made for the latter to submit questions to the panelists.

Missions’ Database

In order to update the Ministry's main diaspora database, the Diaspora Unit is kindly requesting that each Mission submit its diaspora database information on or before Monday, May 10, 2021, to the following email address: diasporaunit@minfor.gov.gy.
Public Awareness Material

For the purpose of raising awareness of the Conference, staff at both Headquarters and the Missions abroad are encouraged to update their email signature to include the attached *mini-conference promotional banner*.

Please note that the Department will be disseminating public awareness material, ahead of the Conference, and would appreciate its publication on each Mission's website and social media platforms.

Furthermore, Missions are also asked to provide the names and contact details of hosts or producers of popular radio/TV/online programmes which attract a large Guyanese following to the aforementioned email address.

The Ministry appreciates your involvement in this initiative.

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