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### Renowned Economist to give Keynote Address at the ICAC's 29<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Conference of Accountants



Professor Henri Ghesquiere

Economist Henri Ghesquiere, Visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, will be the keynote speaker at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean's (ICAC) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Conference. This year's conference is being hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (ICAJ) at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica from June 23-25, 2011.

Mr. Ghesquiere, whose career at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) spanned nearly three decades – from 1978-2005 – holds humanities and economics degrees from the University of Leuven in Belgium and earned his doctorate from United States Ivy League University, Yale. He has served in various senior capacities at the IMF, among them Economist, Mission Head, and Senior Resident Representative. His considerable expertise in comparative development and applied macroeconomic policy makes him an apt commentator on economic initiatives critical for the transition from “developing” to “developed-world” status, a goal of many regional states.

Mr. Ghesquiere's involvement in the development of growth-focused economic stabilization policies has carried him to more than two dozen countries, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Venezuela, Algeria, Ukraine and Brazil. His seminal work is his book titled '*Singapore's Success: Engineering Economic Growth*', an in-depth analysis of Singapore's metamorphosis, over four decades, into one of the fastest-growing states on the planet. The author explores the prospects of expropriating some aspects of the Singaporean model to inform economic policy in other states. The Visiting Professor will be joined by a number of accomplished scholars and business leaders who will also make presentations at the 29<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Conference of Accountants.

“The conference theme, '*Third to First – Going the Distance*', draws its inspiration from Jamaicans' and other Caribbean nationals' superlative achievements in track and field, science and literature, and acts as a metaphor for breaking new ground in business and national economic development, with accounting being the language of business,” says Raymond Campbell, Chairman of the 2011 Conference Planning Committee. The Conference promises to be a rich and rewarding experience and is expected to attract an estimated 1,000 delegates from the region and internationally. For registration and other details, visit the Conference website – [www.conference.icaaj.org](http://www.conference.icaaj.org).

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