

## THE CARIBBEAN INNOVATION CHALLENGE PROGRAM



The UNDP-funded *Youth Innovation (Youth-IN): A Caribbean Network for Youth Development* program responds to the needs of youth identified in the report of the CARICOM Youth Commission (2010): 'Eye on the Future: Investing in YOUTH NOW for Tomorrow's Community'. The project promotes Caribbean youth INclusion, youth INnovation, youth INterest and youth INvolvement. It also addresses the challenges of young people in the region and provides them with opportunities to make a difference

in their communities and their nations.

A major component of Youth-IN is the promotion of youth entrepreneurship in the Caribbean and is implemented in partnership with the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT). The Caribbean Innovation Challenge combines an international competition and business start-up accelerator program that spurs the innovative and creative talents of young people in the region.

### SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

*To develop and strengthen, as appropriate, strategies and policies on youth employment, as well as to promote technical and vocational education and training opportunities in order to improve and increase the entry of young people into the labor market, the quality and stability of their jobs, as well as their social protection. (Poverty, Inequality, and Inequity)*

### ACTIONS:

- Provide an international support platform for young entrepreneurs in CARICOM Member and Associate States while increasing opportunities to create micro enterprises and youth employment.
- Provide practical training to thousands of Young people in the Caribbean through business creation and innovation workshops focused on green, cultural and rural enterprises.
- Stimulate innovation, generate new entrepreneurial initiatives, and tap the potential of young people to generate new ideas to benefit society and their community.

### PARTNERS:

