



## A NEW DOCUMENTARY ON THE DIASPORIC ECONOMY!

Described as “cerebral stimulation”, and a “fantastic film”, the 50 minute documentary, *Forward Home: The Power of the Caribbean Diaspora*, reveals the economic power of Caribbean transnational communities, showcasing the experiences of diasporic peoples who straddle the dual worlds of Caribbean homelands and global cities.

According to Dr. Nurse, the executive producer, “the documentary maps the uncharted territory of diasporic tourism and provides empirical evidence to support what we have known anecdotally, which is that the diasporic economy is of huge significance to the diversification and competitiveness of the Caribbean economy”.

The documentary is key outcome of an IDRC funded research project examining "Strategic Opportunities in Caribbean Migration: Brain Circulation, Diasporic Tourism and Investment", undertaken by the Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of the West Indies, Barbados in partnership with the Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University. The research was published in a Special Edition of the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (2011: 17.2) <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rcfp>.

The *Forward Home* trailer can be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cj0vLkUyRtU> and the abridged ten-minute at: <http://www.imaginemediatt.com/#/e-zone-entert-10forward-home/4572629107>

## List of Screenings:

*Forward Home* had its premiere in September 2011 at the CaribbeanTales film festival, Harbourfront Centre in Toronto and its Caribbean premieres in Barbados and Suriname in October. In May 2012 the documentary was screened at the American Film Institute in Washington DC, the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, the ACP House in Brussels and at Sussex University in Brighton, UK. *Forward Home* was the opening film at the 5th Eco-Cultural Seaflower festival in Providencia Isla, Colombia and at the Caribbean Studies Association 2012 conference, Guadeloupe. The film has also been shown at tourism industry events such as the Gala Tourism Awards of the Ministry of Tourism in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, the XIX Inter-American Travel Congress in San Salvador, El Salvador and the Caribbean Tourism Organization diaspora forum in New York city. It has also been screened at the French Cultural Center in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania on the occasion of ACP Day. The documentary has been screened in Barbados by CIDA and DFID and by CIDA in Jamaica, and the Barbados Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *Forward Home* was screened at the Caribbean Trade Policy conference (Barbados June 2012) and at the Commonwealth Secretariat expert meeting on migration and development (Jamaica, July 2012). In September 2012 it was screened at the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

## Recent screenings include:

- Caribbean Tourism Organization (<http://www.onecaribbean.org>), Diaspora Forum Toronto, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre (October 24).
- International Migration Institute, Oxford University (November 01). <http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/events/film-forward-home-the-power-of-the-caribbean-diaspora>
- Institute of Contemporary Arts ([www.ica.org.uk](http://www.ica.org.uk)), London, under the auspices of the Trinidad and Tobago High Commissioner (November 05).
- The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (<http://graduateinstitute.ch/globalmigration>), Geneva with an introduction from the Barbados High Commissioner (Dr. Marion Williams) to Geneva (November 13).
- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ([www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)), Paris (November 19).
- Globe Lecture, Department of Geography, Planning and Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam (November 22).
- Int Ent ([www.intent.eu](http://www.intent.eu)) The Hague (November 22)

*Forward Home* is also available with French and Spanish subtitles. For further details kindly visit: <http://www.shridathramphalcentre.org/>