



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

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### **Regional public forum to hear governance issues related to The UWI takes place on April 24.**

**The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica, W.I. Tuesday, 23 April 2019**—On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, an independent team of high-level persons from across the region, established as the Chancellor's Commission on Governance, will host a public forum to listen to Governance issues related The University of the West Indies (The UWI).

The forum which takes place at The UWI's St Augustine Campus (Lecture Theatres A1-A2, Teaching and Learning Complex) from 6:00 p.m. Trinidad and Tobago time, will be a synchronized regional event, allowing interested persons from all 17 UWI territories to participate by attending either in person at St Augustine or online by live chat on UWItv [[www.uwitv.org](http://www.uwitv.org)].

The forum is one of a series of engagements begun by the Commission to examine the performance of The UWI, including its management practices, features of transparency and accountability within the University system, then to make recommendations to the Chancellor. As a regional institution serving stakeholders across the Caribbean and beyond, The UWI, through the Commission is seeking contributions from a wide cross-section of staff, students, alumni, partners and other interested persons.

The Chancellor, who is the highest office-holder in The UWI, is traditionally responsible for establishing this high level committee, every 10 years, with overall duties to streamline and review the administration of The UWI. The current Commission which is chaired by former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron includes a multidisciplinary team with expertise in law, people, finance and corporate governance.

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## About The UWI

For the past 70 years The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has provided service and leadership to the Caribbean region and wider world. The UWI has evolved from a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948 to an internationally respected, regional university with near 50,000 students and four campuses: [Mona](#) in Jamaica, [St. Augustine](#) in Trinidad and Tobago, [Cave Hill](#) in Barbados, and an Open Campus. As part of its robust globalization agenda, The UWI has established partnering centres with universities in North America, Asia, and Africa such as the [State University of New York \(SUNY\)-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development](#), the UWI-China Institute of Information Technology, the University of Lagos (UNILAG)-UWI Institute of African and Diaspora Studies and the Institute for Global African Affairs with the University of Johannesburg (UJ). The UWI offers over 800 certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in Food & Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities & Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Sport.

As the region's premier research academy, The UWI's foremost objective is driving the growth and development of the regional economy. Times Higher Education has ranked The UWI among the top 1,258 universities in world for 2019, and the 40 best universities in its Latin America Rankings for 2018, and was the only Caribbean-based university to make the prestigious lists. For more, visit [www.uwi.edu](http://www.uwi.edu).

(Please note that the proper name of the university is The University of the West Indies, inclusive of the "The", hence The UWI.)