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THE WAY FORWARD: **Caribbean Workshop on Education** **for Sustainable Development**

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Educators from across the wider Caribbean region as well as several regional and international institutions gathered in Port of Spain on April 28th and 29th 2011 at the Cascadia Hotel to participate in a Regional Workshop for the Caribbean on Education for Sustainable Development.

Under the theme “Assessing Progress and Developing Capacity in the Caribbean Region in the Context of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development”, this two-day event was organized by the Cropper Foundation with the support and partnership of UNESCO among other international organizations.

The workshop has also received the support of the Minister of Education, Dr the Honourable Tim Gopeesingh, who told participants of the need for change in Education as he shared the commitment of the Trinidad and Tobago government to bring about changes in the curricula and methods of assessment, with the vision of having students that are socially integrated, physically fit and capable of realizing their potential.

“We have embarked on a retooling of our education system – moving towards innovation in education to foster critical thinking,” said Gopeesingh, while outlining developments in his Ministry.

He stressed that for there to be strategic education for sustainable development the impact of such action must be clearly understood.

“The fundamentals of our education system must be clearly defined and understood,” he said and added that his Ministry had close to 250,000 students, almost 900 schools and spends about 4.2 billion dollars to keep the educational system functional.

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