Regional and Global Opportunities:
PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

36th ICAC
CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF ACCOUNTANTS
JUNE 21-23, 2018

ICAC E-BROCHURE INFORMATION
On behalf of the ICAC organising and program committees, I extend a warm invitation to you to attend the 36th Annual ICAC Caribbean Conference of Accountants.

Once again, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) takes great pride in welcoming all delegates, spouses and guests to its Annual Conference that will be held from June 21-23, 2018 in Nassau, Bahamas.

Scheduled for the beautiful Atlantis Paradise Island Resort, our 36th Annual Conference will provide another opportunity for us to assess the state of our profession, its influence and impact on the wider region; and to refine our strategies for moving forward. We thank our hosts, the Council and members of the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) for their hospitality, and are confident that we can anticipate another event that meets the traditionally high standards set for our Annual Conference and for our profession.

In a world that continues to contract even as the challenges multiply, it is important for us to frequently examine how we strategize to harness talents and seize opportunities to advance not only the interests and goals of the accountancy profession, but the Caribbean region as a whole.

Ongoing developments in information-communication technologies including cloud-based services and cognitive computing, globalization and changes in financial regulations are just some of the issues that confront professionals in accounting, finance and related areas; and the Caribbean is no exception. The job of the accountant today is no longer just about balancing the books but providing guidance and offering higher value services to our clients in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

It is in recognition of this rapidly changing environment that the theme, “Regional and Global Opportunities: Preparing for Success,” was chosen for this year’s Conference, since it is not only important to examine the challenges but also to identify and explore the opportunities, if we are to successfully achieve our professional and development goals.

From the exploration of Global Accounting Profession Trends to the Accounting Profession’s Value Proposition for the Digital Age; Leadership in the 21st Century; Recent Developments in Public Sector Accounting in the Region to Caribbean Economic Development and The Ease of Doing Business in the Region, among other subjects; this year’s Conference will not only seek to increase awareness about the requirements for meeting the demands of this new era but to equip professionals to examine the issues and processes that will assist them to remain relevant while adding value to their clients’ operations and the region.

This Conference promises to be both engaging and game changing. I therefore urge you all to be guided by the information that we have posted on our website as you register and book your accommodation early.

We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Paradise Island of The Bahamas!

Register Now!

Anthony Pierre, FCCA, CA, CFC  
President, ICAC
On behalf of the 2018 ICAC Conference Planning Committee and the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA), it is our pleasure to again host the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean's Annual Conference.

We welcome you to Atlantis, Paradise Island where you will have an opportunity to not only participate in the technical aspect of the Conference but to also indulge yourself in our special brand of Bahamian hospitality.

Our theme for the 36th Annual Caribbean Conference of Accountants, “Regional and Global Opportunities: Preparing for Success” is reflective of the evolution of the accounting and business environment in which we live. Success in today's global marketplace requires, among other things, global literacy, critical and creative thinking, innovative ideas, strategic decisions and the development of cultural competency. It is also increasingly apparent that digital technologies are transforming industries and perhaps, the world, creating both challenges and opportunities. With this in mind, we have crafted an agenda and engaged high quality regional and international speakers that focus on these diverse areas bringing their insight and experience.

We have also planned some exciting events where you can kick back, relax and have fun. There is a reception on the evening of June 21 followed by a spouses programme on June 22 and 23 and the President’s Dinner on June 22.

Welcome to the Bahamas and to the 36th Annual ICAC Conference of Accountants. It is our hope that your stay will be a truly unforgettable and enjoyable experience.

With accommodation likely to sell out fast, it is time to start planning your attendance and travel now. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

**Nerika Burrows and Darnell Osborne**  
Conference Chairpersons  
36th Caribbean Conference of Accountants
SOCIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME RECEPTION
It’s A Multicultural Affair
June 21, 2018 at 6:45 pm
Crown Ballroom – Atlantis
Dress – Elegant Casual – Wear Your Flag Colors/Native Attire

PRESIDENT’S DINNER AND
BAHAMIAN CULTURAL SHOW
It’s a Night of Great Bahamian Food and Culture
June 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Crown Ballroom – Atlantis
Dress – Lounge Suit

CLOSING PARTY
It’s a Night of Fun and Fantasy Under the Stars
June 23, 2018 at 8:00 pm
River Pool Deck – Atlantis
Dress – Casual – All White Attire
SPUSES PROGRAM

Friday, June 22, 2018
Time: 11am to 4pm
PICK UP TIME: 10:30 AM
(Hotel Lobby, Atlantis Coral Towers)
BUS TOUR

HISTORIC SITES
POMPEY MUSEUM
FORT CHARLOTTE
Lunch @ Arawak Cay
Island Tour
VISIT TO BAHAMAS
RUM CAKE FACTORY

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Time: 11am to 2pm
PICK UP TIME: 10:30 AM
(Hotel Lobby, Atlantis Coral Towers)
BUS TOUR
• Junkanoo World
• Learn to Shake Cowbells
• Make your Own Costume
• Learn the History of Junkanoo
• Food Sampling
• Bahamian Delights
  (Conch Salad & Conch Fritters)
• Junkanoo Rush Out

SHOPPING AT THE STRAW MARKET AND DOWNTOWN
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Conference Chairperson                                             |
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President, BICA  
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| **8:45-8:55** | **Anthony Pierre**  
President, ICAC  
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| **8:55-9:25** | **The Hon. K. Peter Turnquest, M.P.**  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Finance, The Bahamas  
Opening Address                                                      |
| **9:25-10:10** | **Keynote Speaker: The Rt. Hon. David Lammy, M.P.**  
House of Commons, British Parliament  
Caribbean Sustainability in the Present Geo-political Climate       |
| **10:10-10:55** | **Tommye Barie**  
Board Member, IFAC  
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Chairman, Board of Directors, AICPA  
&  
Yasmine El-Ramly  
Senior Technical Manager, Global Alliances, AICPA |
| | A Statistical Analysis of Women in The Accounting Profession and The Opportunities for Growth |
| | Kyle Rudden  
Managing Director, KR Services Limited |
| | A Practical Guide To Implementing IFRS 9 and The First Glimpses of The Impact of IFRS 9 Adoption |
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| **BREAKOUT SESSION 2** | Lisa Padmore  
Partner, EY Barbados |
| | Professional Ethics: IESBA 2018 Update |
| | Gravette D. Brown  
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This year’s conference will feature an exciting line up of international and regional speakers including:

**TOMMYE BARIE**
Board Member, IFAC & Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Tommye E. Barie, CPA, joined the IFAC Board in November 2016. She was nominated by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA).

Ms. Barie is a partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, a full-service US accounting and consulting firm, and the firm’s Client Advisory Services practice. She is located in the Bradenton, Florida office, where prior to launching the consulting practice, her focus was serving governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations by providing financial and compliance audits, compilations, reviews, internal audits, and consulting services.

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**TASHIA BATSTONE**
Senior VP, External Relations & Business Development, CPA Canada

Tashia Batstone, FCPA, FCA, MBA is Senior Vice President for External Relations and Business Development of Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. In this capacity, Ms. Batstone is responsible for providing strategic direction and operational oversight to the leadership teams of Precertification Education, Member Development and Support, Research Guidance and Support, International, and Corporate Citizenship to ensure high performance in the achievement of business objectives and initiatives. Her key role is in expanding CPA Canada's stakeholder relationships in Canada and internationally, developing business opportunities within existing and new channels, and promoting market brand activities to enhance the vision of the CPA as a pre-eminent, globally respected business and accounting designation.

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**GRAVETTE BROWN**
Chief ALIV Business Developer

Gravette is the Chief Aliv Business Developer at Aliv, the Bahamas’ newest and best telecommunications company. She is the VP responsible for the marketing, communications, business and product development portfolio at Aliv. Before joining Aliv Ltd. She was an investment professional with 18 years of experience in the fields of portfolio management and emerging market principal investing. Gravette has lived and worked in New York, New York; Washington, DC; Geneva, Switzerland; Dakar, Senegal and Lagos, Nigeria. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA where she graduated with Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees in International Relations, French and Economics. She is also the holder of a Master’s of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Columbia University in New York, New York with a concentration in Finance. She speaks fluent French.
ANDREW BURNS
President, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Andrew Burns is President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), Director of Finance and Resources for Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB). He was elected to CIPFA Council in 2010 and has chaired the Group Board, Policy and Standards Board and led CIPFA’s Aligning Public Services Working Group.

DATUK ALEXANDRA CHIN
Former ACCA President

Alexandra hails from Sabah, Malaysia and runs her own public practice in Malaysia. She is also a Board Member of the Sabah Tourism Board. She qualified as an ACCA member in 1986, and was elected to ACCA’s council from 2005 to 2017 and served as the ACCA Global president from 2015-2016. She was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2009 and is a member of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association.

Besides ACCA, Alexandra has also been actively involved in various professional bodies and community organization in Sabah, Malaysia. These include the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (Sabah Branch) and the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia, Sabah Branch. Previously, she has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Sabah Park and as a Board member of Sabah Sports Board.

KENDRICK CHRISTIE
Partner, Grant Thornton, The Bahamas

Kendrick K. Christie became an Assurance and Forensic Partner in Grant Thornton Bahamas in October 2007, Kendrick is a Chartered Accountant, member and licensee of BICA, an Associate in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Member of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation and a Certified Fraud Examiner with over 20 years experience. He is also a Justice of The Peace in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

KIMBERLY ELLISON-TAYLOR
Chairman, Board of Directors, AICPA

Kimberly has a lengthy history of volunteering for the profession, including serving as a member of the AICPA Business and Industry Executive Committee as well as the AICPA Board of Directors where she served as a member of the Audit and Finance committees. Kimberly also worked with the Benevolent Fund and has served as a Council representative. She is a past Chair of the Maryland Association of CPAs and has served on many of its committees, including the New Young Professional Network and Tomorrow’s CPA. Kimberly is currently the Global Accounting Strategy Director for the Financial and Professional Services Industries for Oracle America, a leader in cloud solutions and enterprise technology. In this capacity, she provides insight to help drive innovation in this important domain, particularly as disruption is enabled by technology.
The Rt. Honourable David Lammy, M.P. has been the Member of Parliament for his home constituency of Tottenham, since 2000, and in the 2017 General Election he was re-elected for the sixth time with 82% of the vote. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1994, and practised as a barrister in England and the United States of America. David became the first black Briton to study a Masters in Law at the Harvard Law School, graduating in 1997. David was elected as Labour MP for Tottenham and Baby of the House of Commons, London at the age of 27 in June 2000. He served for 8 years (2002-10) as a Minister in the last Labour government, including as Culture Minister and Higher Education Minister, and was appointed to the Privy Council in 2008. Since 2010, David has been an active backbench MP. David is an Ambassador for Action Aid, President of the British and Foreign School Society and a Trustee of the National Youth Theatre as well as Patron of a number of charities in Tottenham.

Myra is an assurance and risk assurance partner with PwC Bahamas and primarily services clients in the retail banking, private banking and wealth management industry. She has more than 23 years of public accounting professional experience, two of which were spent working internationally in the PwC New York office.

Yasmin El-Ramly is a Senior Technical Manager, Diversity & Inclusion at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. She oversees women’s initiatives programs, firm services and international projects.

Prior to joining the AICPA, Yasmin worked for CPA firms of various sizes: a big four, a national firm and a local firm. Yasmin published articles on Women in Accounting- Removing the barriers to success, Women’s initiatives: A strategic Advantage, Lowdown on High Potentials, and Keep the Best and Brightest.
The Hon. K. Peter Turnquest, M.P. Member of Parliament, East Grand Bahama Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

The Hon. K. Peter Turnquest was born in the Bahamas and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from Prairie View A & M University, and his MBA from Nova Southeastern University. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has been in public and private practice for over 30 years in the area of financial accounting and reporting, audit, corporate services, mergers & acquisitions, receiverships and liquidations. Mr. Turnquest has had wide business experience having led international sales and manufacturing operations in several countries.

Kyle Rudden, FCCA, CA(T&T), FIA, FSA, ACAS, ACIB, is an actuary and chartered accountant with over 30 years’ experience in financial services consulting.

A former president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad & Tobago, and former director of the Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago, he currently heads a team providing actuarial consulting services throughout the Caribbean and beyond. His team specializes in practical solutions to the challenges of applying international financial reporting and actuarial standards in developing countries and illiquid markets. He is also involved in several international initiatives on values based business development and professional ethics. Kyle is married with four children.

Lisa Padmore, Fellow of CPA Canada – Province of British Columbia, Canada, is an assurance partner with EY Caribbean. She has enjoyed approximately 25 years of public accounting experience serving as engagement lead partner for large, complex clients in the retail, import distribution, manufacturing and construction sectors in Barbados and within the wider Caribbean.

Lisa was the 4th female President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados, is the Vice-Chairman of the Barbados Chapter of CPA Canada, the alternate director for Barbados of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean and the CPA Canada representative on the Professional Accountancy Office (PAO) Development Committee of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).
Online registration is now open: https://2018conference.icac.org.jm/

Conference Registration
Includes 11 CPD Hours
Group 1 $615
Member 2 $635
Non-Member $690
Accompanying Persons $325

- All prices in USD and include full access to all technical sessions
- Privacy Commitment

1 Minimum of 5 persons from the same organization
2 Members include ICAC Member Bodies, Affiliates and Associates

CONFERENCE VENUE & HOTEL: ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND RESORT

Atlantis Paradise Island is an ocean-themed resort on Paradise Island in The Bahamas. It features a variety of accommodations built around Aquaventure, a 141-acre waterscape, which includes fresh and saltwater lagoons, pools, marine habitats, and water slides and river rides. The property the Atlantis Paradise Island stands on was originally part of the Paradise Island Hotel and Casino, which opened in 1968.

GUEST ROOM / SUITE RATES

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The rates quoted above are exclusive of mandatory taxes, resort levies, gratuities, resort fees, and other charges

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Call-in Reservations: Reservations will be made by telephone based upon the information and directions to be provided by the Resort. In order to receive the Group’s room rate, guests must identify their affiliation with the Event. Rates cannot be changed for any guests who fail to identify their affiliation with the Event at the time the reservation is made.

Event Code: GiCACU8

Internet Reservations: individual attendees/delegates should make their reservation through http://book.passkey.com/e/49624910 or navigate to the hotel through the conference website.
CUT-OFF DATE

The cut-off date for making reservations will be **Monday, May 28, 2018**. Reservation requests received after the Cut-Off Date will be accepted by the Resort on an availability basis only. If the Group Rate is unavailable after the Cut-Off Date, the prevailing public/rack rates will apply for any reservations confirmed after the Cut-Off Date.

BILLING PROCEDURES

Each individual guest will be responsible for their own room, resort charges and other incidental charges. The guest shall provide an acceptable credit card at the time of making the reservation or upon check in to cover all charges incurred by the guest.

INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS

Each attendee shall submit a deposit equal to two (2) night’s guest room/suite rate as a guarantee, at the time the attendee makes their reservation. Refunds will be issued on individual attendee’s reservations cancelled at least 30 days in advance of the confirmed arrival date.

COMFORT SUITES

The Comfort Suites is one block from Paradise Shopping Plaza and a three-minute walk from the Atlantis resort. Two miles away is the Straw Market in historic Nassau, and the Cable Beach Golf Course is a 15 minute drive. Visit the Retreat Gardens which is 10 minutes away by car, or cruise 25 minutes to check out Bonefish Pond National Park. Guests appreciate the easy access to Atlantis Resort next door.

Rates apply June 19, 2018 – June 24, 2018

| Daily Rate per Room: | $175.00 single/double occupancy net |
| $215.00 triple occupancy net |
| $255.00 quadruple occupancy net |

Maximum of 4 people per room

$10.75% resort levy and room tax

$5.00 per person, per day, housekeeping gratuity (All persons 12 years and older)

$15.95 per person, per day, energy surcharge (all persons 12 years and older)

$1.60 per person per day, pool/beach surcharge (all persons 12 years and older)

7.5% VAT on total nightly charge, excluding housekeeping gratuity.

Minimum two (2) nights stay required for each booking.

Meal Plan: All guests enjoy COMPLIMENTARY full buffet breakfast daily.

RESERVATIONS / PAYMENT PROCEDURE

A Reservation Form is to be completed by each guest requiring accommodation. Guests should fax or email in their reservation requests and payment method directly to Comfort Suites Paradise Island at reservations@comfortsuitespi.com
RECREATION / DINING FACILITIES

Hotel facilities include a freshwater swimming pool with swim-up pool bar, Crusoe’s – our casual garden restaurant and Bamboo – our cocktail lounge. Guests of Comfort Suites Paradise Island have use of all facilities at the Atlantis Resort, including their pools, beaches, water slides, lazy river ride and signing privileges in their restaurants and lounges. There is a charge for using some facilities, including tennis, health club and Atlantis Kids Club for children.

CHECK-IN POLICY

Each guest, upon check-in to the Hotel, is required to leave either a credit card imprint or a $50.00 per person cash deposit for incidentals. Any unused portion of the cash deposit will be refunded upon check-out. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 a.m.

CANCELLATION POLICY

One night’s room rate will be charged per room if cancellation is received by the hotel less than 30 days prior to the scheduled arrival.
GOLD

ACCA  Think Ahead  aliv  EY  Grant Thornton  pwc

SILVER

bahamas  CPA  Deloitte.  CIBC

BRONZE

Baker Tilly-Gomez  Commonwealth Bank  Commonwealth Brewery  Higgs & Johnson  KPMG  Sun Oil Limited  Sunshine Holdings

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ABOUT THE BAHAMAS

Explore the Beautiful Islands of Bahamas: What You Need To Know

The Bahamas archipelago is an ecological oasis sprinkled over 100,000 square miles of ocean, starting just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. It comprises 700 breath-taking islands, over 2,000 rocks and cays, and boasts the clearest water on the planet—with a visibility of over 200 feet. You can see your toes as easily as you can the world’s third largest fringing barrier reef.

Only about 30 of the islands are inhabited; the most important is New Providence (80 sq miles; 207 sq km), on which the capital, Nassau, is situated. Other islands include Grand Bahama, Abaco, Eleuthera, Andros, Cat Island, and San Salvador (or Watling’s Island).

Once heavily reliant on agriculture and fishing, the Bahamas has diversified its economy into tourism, financial services, and international shipping. The nation enjoys a per capita income that is among the top 30 in the world.

We invite you to explore all of our islands. One step and you’ll realize our beauty extends far beyond our extraordinary natural wonders. It’s the smiles on the faces of the Bahamian people. The unique sounds of our rich culture. The warm hospitality of our heritage and our colorful history.