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RE: First Ever Caribbean Carnival Championships and Caribbean Carnival Conference

Dear Dr. Ramlal Rai,

I extend cordial greetings to you on behalf of the Directorate of Sustainable Tourism of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and wish to make mention of your correspondence dated 15th April, 2011 in which you expressed your interest in convening a meeting with the Directorate of Sustainable Tourism to discuss the advancement of your concept for the creation of a Caribbean Carnival Championships and Caribbean Carnival Conference. The Directorate is pleased to oblige and suggests a date within the second week of May (9th - 13th) that would be convenient to you.

Additionally, it may interest you that the Directorate issues a quarterly newsletter, *In the Zone*, which focuses on the diverse culture of the Greater Caribbean region and highlights the Sustainable Tourism practices of the ACS Member and Associate Member States. Our 3rd Edition, to be published shortly, will focus specifically on Festivals of the Greater Caribbean. In keeping with your work, we would like to invite you to submit an article, by April 30th, of 150 - 500 words on Carnivals of the Caribbean in which could introduce your initiative to our Member and Associate Member States.

I thank you for your kind attention and look forward to receiving information on your availability for the proposed meeting. Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



Gloria de Mees
Director