



## DHTA Fact Sheet July, 2007

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## Dissolution of NDC and Creation of Discover & Invest Dominica Authority

28 June 2007

With Effect from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007, the National Development Corporation has been dissolved and the new entities ***Invest Dominica Authority*** and ***Discover Dominica Authority*** have been created by an Act of Parliament to focus on Investment Promotion and Facilitation and Tourism Marketing & Product Development respectively.

In light of this, all investment related correspondence should now be addressed to:

**The Executive Director**  
INVEST DOMINICA AUTHORITY  
Valley Road, P O Box 293  
Roseau  
Commonwealth of Dominica  
Tel: 767-448-2045 Fax: 767-448-5840  
Email: [industry@dominica.dm](mailto:industry@dominica.dm)  
website: [www.investdominica.dm](http://www.investdominica.dm)

And all Tourism related correspondence should now be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Director/Director of Tourism**  
DISCOVER DOMINICA AUTHORITY  
Valley Road, P O Box 293

Roseau  
Commonwealth of Dominica  
Tel: 767-448-2045 Fax: 767-448-5840  
Email: [tourism@discoverDominica.com](mailto:tourism@discoverDominica.com)  
website: [www.DiscoverDominica.com](http://www.DiscoverDominica.com)

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## **Dominica, Costa Rica Explore Ways for Deeper Cooperation**

Monday, 02/07/2007

Dominica is seeking to broaden its bilateral relations with the Republic of Costa Rica by exploring cooperation in the areas of Tourism, Sustainable Agriculture, Renewable Energy, Housing and Agro-Processing.

This information was revealed by Dominica's first Non-Resident Ambassador to Costa Rica, Dr. Damien Dublin on his return from Costa Rica where he presented his letter of credence to the President of Costa Rica, Oscar Arias Sanchez and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bruno Stagno Urgarte. [More on this story](#)

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## **Caribbean Hotel Association**

### **American Express, Johnson & Wales University and the Caribbean Hotel Association bring hospitality training courses to Caribbean**

North Miami, Fla. – June 17, 2007 – More than 2,600 travel and tourism professionals and managers will have the opportunity to continue developing their guest service skills as part of a training program presented by the Caribbean Hotel Association, American Express and Johnson & Wales University.

For the past 20 years, the Caribbean Hotel Association and sponsor American Express have hosted several hospitality training programs. Last year they introduced Total Service: The Caribbean is Quality training program. This year's Total Service training will feature Quantify the Quality of Service (Q2), an award-winning hospitality training program developed by Johnson & Wales University. [Full Story](#)

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## **Caribbean Hotel Association**

**JAMAICA'S JOSEF FORSTMAYR, ROUND HILL HOTEL AND VILLAS, HONORED AS 2007 CARIBBEAN HOTELIER OF THE YEAR**

MIAMI, Florida (June 22, 2007) – Joseph Forstmayr, managing director of the Round Hill Hotels and Villas, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, was recognized by his peers with the 2007 Golden Conch Award as Caribbean Hotelier of the Year, during a special Gala Dinner on June 19th to close the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Conference 2007, in Miami. Each year, a winner is chosen who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and commitment to the continued success of the Caribbean hotel industry. “Josef is a man who knows what it means to lead, to aim for nothing short of excellence in hospitality, and to give back to the community generously - clearly deserving of this award,” said Peter Odle, President of CHA and a winner of the Caribbean Hotelier of the Year Award in 2000. [Full Story](#)

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## **Caribbean News Digital**

### **CTO Unveils Hospitality Assured Pilot Program**

Ten HA advisors from five CTO member countries. Barbados, the Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, and Trinidad and Tobago- participated in the first workshop held recently at CTO headquarters in Barbados. Two other similar workshops are being planned this year. [More on this story](#)

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## **E TURBO NEWS**

### **Club Peace & Plenty Walks on Red Carpet with Royals, While Grening the Planet are Growing**

A crucial interdependence exists between tourism, climate, the environment and communities. The tourism industry, in its position as one of the world's largest economic sectors and one of the most climate and environmental-dependent, is inextricably linked to economic development, sustainable livelihoods and environmental protection, according to Murray Simpson, United Nations World Tourism Organization's Climate Change Consultant and research scientist, Oxford University Center for the Environment. Log onto [www.dhta.org](http://www.dhta.org) for More on this story

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## **NOTICES**

**DHTA & Swingin' Stars Dance at Springfield  
Sunday July 29, 2007 more Details to follow**

➤ **NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF OFFICES**

The Office of the National Authorising Officer/EDF has relocated to the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Financial Centre, Kennedy Avenue, Roseau.

Our mailing address is:

Office of the NAO  
6th Floor  
Financial Centre  
P.O Box 1102  
Kennedy Ave., Roseau  
Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies

Our telephone lines remain as 767-448-2424, 767-448-5512.

Our fax line remains as 767-449-9443

Our email address remains as [edf@cwdom.dm](mailto:edf@cwdom.dm)

## Contract Rates

➤ Dear Hoteliers:

Authentic Caribbean Holidays Ltd is now in the process of uploading our 2008 hotel rates into our system.

Please can you forward to us your 2008 Tour operator contract rates ASAP? We are not receiving request from our overseas tour operator for 2008 rates.

If you have already sent us these rates, please ignore this message. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Warmest regards,

Andrew Sharpe  
Manager  
Authentic Caribbean Holidays Ltd.

Authentic Caribbean Holidays Ltd.  
18 Trinidad Terrace  
Kingston 5, Jamaica  
Tel: (876)-906-6770, 754-2368 or 773-5533  
Fax #: (876)-754-2368  
USA Toll Free - 1-866-978-4436  
UK Toll Free - 0800-097-0869  
Website: [www.authenticcaribbeanholidays.com](http://www.authenticcaribbeanholidays.com)

➤ **30th Caribbean Tourism Conference -**  
Click [here](#) for details and registration forms

➤ **Caribbean Food & Hygiene Bureau**

**The Food Hygiene Bureau invites you to register  
for the International HACCP Level 1 Certificate  
Course scheduled for July 17th 2007.**

Hazard Analysis Principles and Practice is an 18-hour course aimed at organizations that have or need to implement a HACCP system. This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills required to risk assess a food process, design and implement food safety controls and monitor HACCP systems.

**Target Audience:**

- Plant Operators
- Chefs /Cooks
- Team Leaders
- Supervisors
- Engineering Personnel
- Plant Maintenance Staff
- Nurses
- HACCP Team Members
- Owner and Managers

**General Course Content:**

- Documentation of GMP/HACCP pre-requisite
- Benefits of food hazards identification and control systems
- Monitoring, documenting and reviewing procedures
- Introduction and application of HACCP principles
- Standards, Legislation and Enforcement
- Case Study

**Once again:**

Date: July 17th - 20th 2007

Venue: Blue Horizon Hotel, Rockley, Barbados

Presenter: Ms. Hewitt-Haven, BSc MSc

Registration Deadline: July 3rd 2007

We also offer in-house training on your facilities, please [contact us](#) for further details.

<http://www.foodhygienebureau.org>

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## Links of Interest:

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[www.dhta.orgT](http://www.dhta.orgT)