Supporting IOSCO’s World Investor Week 2019

IFIE Americas Chapter-IFIE Caribbean Working Group
Caribbean Fintech Pledge Initiative 2019

The IFIE Americas Caribbean Working Group—representing 16 jurisdictions across the Caribbean—is collaborating once again to observe IOSCO’s World Investor Week 2019. This year we focus on the protection of our financial markets by raising awareness and understanding about Financial Technology via a Caribbean Fintech Pledge Initiative.

Virtual and digital currencies/assets are gaining popularity. However, it should be underscored that consumers need to assess the risks associated with holding and/or investing in virtual or digital assets prior to investing in these assets. In particular, consumers should be aware that providers of virtual or digital assets are mostly not regulated. Regional and Global regulators emphasize that consumers should know the potential risks of buying or investing in virtual currencies and assets.

The IFIE Caribbean Working Group will jointly highlight key fintech concepts, and inherent risks, which will be shared across all jurisdictional websites and online platforms, and will enable a pledge button for capturing regional support for protecting our financial markets.

Strengthening Financial Resiliency through Preparedness in the Caribbean

Strengthening lifelong financial resiliency of our residents and communities remains a critical goal for the Caribbean region, particularly during this time of the year. We remain committed to sharing information and educating the region on how they can become financially prepared and resilient in the event of an unfortunate disaster and life changes. As a second region-wide initiative, each jurisdiction contributed to the development of content that will aid residents in better preparing themselves for a disaster. This content will also be shared across each jurisdiction’s websites and online platforms, on IFIE’s website, and other outreach platforms, and used in various aspects of our collaborative work together.

Some IFIE Americas Caribbean Working Group members will also be supporting World Investor Week through their own investor education and financial capability activities such as: investor education outreach at schools and communities, and launching new investor education initiatives.

IFIE Americas Caribbean Working Group Members/ Participants include:

- British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission
- Cayman Island Monetary Authority
- Central Bank of Curacao and Sint Maarten
- Financial Services Commission of Barbados
- Financial Services Commission of Jamaica
• Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission (representing Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda; Dominica; Grenada; Montserrat; St. Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; St Vincent and the Grenadines) in conjunction with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.
• Securities Commission of the Bahamas
• Superintendencia de Valores, Dominican Republic
• Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission