

A new documentary on the Caribbean diasporic economy is now available!

Described as “cerebral stimulation”, and a “fantastic film”, the documentary, *Forward Home: The Power of the Caribbean Diaspora*, reveals the economic power of Caribbean transnational communities, showcasing the experiences of Diasporic peoples who straddle the dual worlds of Caribbean Homelands and Global Cities as travelers and entrepreneurs, and the organizations that make the relationship work.

According to Dr. Nurse, the executive producer and director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre “the documentary maps the uncharted territory of diasporic tourism, and provides empirical evidence to support what we have known anecdotally, which is that the diasporic economy is of huge significance to the diversification and competitiveness of the Caribbean economy”.

The documentary is key outcome of an IDRC funded research project examining “Strategic Opportunities in Caribbean Migration: Brain Circulation, Diasporic Tourism and Investment”, undertaken by the Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of the West Indies, Barbados in partnership with the Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University. The research will also be published in a Special Edition of the Canadian Foreign Policy Journal <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rcfp>.

The documentary, which is produced by award-winning Trinidad-based media professionals Lisa Wickham and Sheldon Felix of Imagine Media International Limited, is based on an analysis of the diasporic tourism and investment flows of four Caribbean countries and counterpart global cities – Jamaica and London; Guyana and Toronto; Suriname and Amsterdam; and The Dominican Republic and New York.

Forward Home had its premiere in September at the CaribbeanTales film festival, Harbourfront Centre in Toronto and its Caribbean and Barbados premiere at the Olympus VIP Cinema. Extracts of the film has also been shown at the Gala Tourism Awards of the Ministry of Tourism in Port of Spain, Trinidad and at the XIX Inter-American Travel Congress in San Salvador, El Salvador. The next screening will be in Paramaribo, Suriname in mid-October. Forward Home is available through Caribbean Tales World Wide Distribution <http://caribbeantales-worldwide.com/> or email info@caribbeantales-worldwide.com. Forward Home is also available with French subtitles. Kindly check the SRC website <http://www.shridathramphalcentre.org/> for future screenings and updates.