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**Connecting the Caribbean, the continent of
Africa, and the Diaspora**

Africa Caribbean Intellectual Forum

INAFRICARA Hosts Africa-Caribbean Intellectual Exchange Forum with Morgan State University

The PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy (INAFRICARA), in collaboration with Morgan State University, successfully hosted the Africa Caribbean Intellectual Exchange Forum at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona, under the theme "Pan-African Scholarship, African Spiritual Traditions, Ethiopia and Global Africa."

The forum brought together scholars, students, diplomats and members of the public to explore the historical and contemporary connections between Africa, the Caribbean and the wider African Diaspora. The programme featured a keynote lecture by Ethiopian Fulbright Scholar Professor Getachew Metaferia on Ethiopia's role in African sovereignty and global religious-political traditions, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Marcus Goffe, Mr. Steven Golding and Dr. Michael Barnett, moderated by Professor Rupert Lewis. Discussions encouraged participants to challenge colonial narratives, strengthen Pan-African scholarship and promote community-centred, solution-oriented leadership.

The Morgan State University delegation, led by Ras Dr. Wayne Rose, also highlighted the importance of experiential learning through the University's Ubuntu Study Abroad Programme, emphasising meaningful engagement with African-descended communities.

The forum reaffirmed INAFRICARA's commitment to strengthening Africa-Caribbean partnerships through scholarship, dialogue and collaboration, while promoting greater cooperation in education, research, culture and sustainable development across the Global African community.

Africa Caribbean Reasoning Series

Tune in to Flow and UWITV to catch our upcoming series. You may also view on INAFRICARA's YouTube with Distinguished Scholars:

- Professor Hopeton Dunn, Professor of Communications Policy and Digital Media.
- Professor Clinton Hutton, Professor of Caribbean Culture.

<https://www.youtube.com/@inafricara/videos>

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Dante's Inferno- The Launch of Lorna Goodison's latest Classic

The PJ Patterson Institute for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy (INAFRICARA) hosted the launch of Lorna Goodison's reimagining of Dante's Inferno at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona, bringing together literary figures, academics, diplomats, political leaders and students to celebrate one of the Caribbean's most significant contemporary literary achievements.

The event highlighted Goodison's innovative translation of Dante Alighieri's classic into Jamaican language and cultural expression, demonstrating how Caribbean perspectives can reshape global literary traditions. Guest speaker Dr. Anthea Morrison emphasised the work's importance in affirming the richness of Jamaican language and culture, while discussions explored the role of Caribbean writers in contributing to world literature.

The launch, complemented by readings and live musical performances, reinforced INAFRICARA's commitment to promoting Caribbean scholarship, cultural dialogue and literary excellence while celebrating Lorna Goodison's enduring contribution to regional and international literature.

For more information visit the website from the link below.



The Most Honourable PJ Patterson being introduced to Professor Ted Chamberlin by his wife, Writer Professor Lorna Goodison

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