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CIBC Caribbean to Host Third Annual Business Banking Seminar in Antigua, Spotlighting Technology as a Driver of Business Growth

Bank to unveil Tap on Phone — a new product that turns Android smartphones into payment terminals

St. John's, Antigua, May 11, 2026. CIBC Caribbean will host its second annual Business Banking Seminar on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, at Sandals Grande Antigua, under the theme, Tap into Growth: Powering Business Through Technology.

The event will bring together business owners, entrepreneurs, and corporate decision-makers for a morning of practical insights, live demonstrations, and expert-led discussion centred on how technology can be harnessed to grow and strengthen businesses in Antigua and Barbuda.

The seminar, which is free to attend and open to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), start-ups, existing business banking clients, and business professionals, builds on the success of last year's inaugural edition and reflects CIBC Caribbean's commitment to empowering clients beyond the traditional boundaries of banking.

"Technology is transforming the way businesses operate, and it is essential that business owners are equipped to take advantage of the opportunities it presents. At CIBC Caribbean, we are committed to providing our clients not just with financial products, but with the knowledge, tools and conversations that position them for long-term success in an increasingly digital economy," said Ms. Priscilla Leonce, Antigua and Barbuda Head of Country, CIBC Caribbean.

Among the highlights of this year's seminar will be the launch of Tap on Phone, a new product that allows businesses and vendors to accept card payments directly through an Android NFC-enabled smartphone, eliminating the need for traditional point-of-sale hardware. The product is delivered through the Fygaro app, an all-in-one e-commerce and business management platform designed for small and medium-sized enterprises and payments are deposited directly into the client's account.

Ariel Rochwerger, Chief Executive Officer of Fygaro, will lead a live demonstration of the product at the event, allowing attendees to see the technology in action and explore how it can be integrated into their own business operations.

The seminar programme will feature a keynote address by Mr. Laurence Francis, Managing Director of Indies Greens and founder of Worldnet Concepts Limited, who brings more than three decades of experience at the intersection of technology and business. Mr. Francis will share practical insights drawn from his own entrepreneurial journey, offering attendees a real-world perspective on the power of digital innovation.

Ms. Jennifer Fuller, Director of Enterprise Payments, Cards and Merchant Services at CIBC Caribbean's Head Office in Barbados, will also address attendees on the bank's broader payments and merchant services agenda and the digital payment transformation reshaping how businesses transact across the region.

A Fireside Conversation will follow, offering attendees the opportunity to engage directly with panellists on strategies for business growth through technology. A brunch and partner engagement session will provide additional networking opportunities.

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