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Sentiments of the incoming BES President, Mr. Simon Naitram

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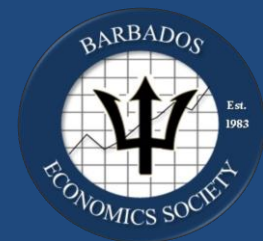
Summary

The membership of the Barbados Economics Society has elected Mr. Simon Naitram as its new President to replace its Immediate Past President, Mr. Shane Lowe. The BES held a special election on January 18, 2019 in light of Mr. Shane Lowe's recent appointment to the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group in Washington D.C., USA.

The Barbados Economics Society wishes to extend its enduring gratitude to Mr. Shane Lowe whose tireless work over the past year has been a shining light. His professionalism and insight will be sorely missed, both by the BES and by the wider public. Under Shane's leadership, the BES has contributed to the national economic discourse via provision of economic projections and pre-budget analyses and hosting of seminars on key topics including energy, culture, fiscal consolidation and ideas for restructuring the Barbadian economy. Further, its periodic newsletter provides members with timely commentary on seminars, conferences, publications and economic developments. We are sure you will join us in wishing him the best for his future endeavours.

The Incoming BES President Mr. Simon Naitram is a Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. His response to the new post:

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“I am looking forward with great excitement at the challenge that lies before us. That challenge is to create an innovative, productive and welcoming Barbados that works for all of us. The role of the Barbados Economics Society will be to foster broad public debate about our country’s collective of Barbados in the coming decade.”

The BES also held a Panel Discussion centred around the theme ‘*Priorities for Economic Growth and Development in 2019*’ which attracted a wide cross section of participants. The session was chaired by Mr. Christopher Kinch and comprised of panellists such as Dr. Troy Lorde, Head of the Department of Economics; Mr. Simon Naitram, Lecturer in the Department of Economics; and Mr. Shane Lowe. This intellectually stimulating discussion provided an assessment of the short and long-run paths towards economic success, big ideas for the future, and the need for a wider debate about the economy’s structural flaws. In particular, participants noted the need for investment, vision, and risk-taking in order to spur the Barbadian economy towards sustainable growth.

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