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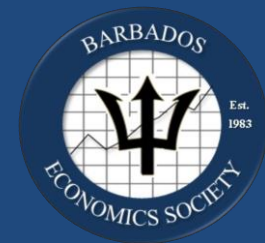
### Summary

On December 19, 2017, the Barbados Economics Society (BES) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and hosted a panel discussion on the Barbadian economy. The panellists, which included Dr. Don Marshall, Mrs. Lisa Gale, Mr. Shane Lowe and Dr. DeLisle Worrell discussed Dr. Worrell's most recent paper entitled, 'The Barbados Economy – The Road to Prosperity'. During such deliberations, a robust discussion on the challenges of short-term economic stabilization and longer-term economic development ensued. Panellists noted the urgent need of the government to reduce its current account deficit - thereby restoring fiscal credibility and sustainability, to improve the effectiveness of the public sector in execution of national plans and priorities, and to pursue non-traditional industrial sectors in efforts to improve competitiveness on the local, national and international scales, amongst other recommendations.

At the conclusion of the AGM, the membership of the BES elected a new executive committee. The new Executive members are:

- President – Mr. Shane Lowe
- Vice-President – Mr. Christopher Kinch
- Treasurer – Mr. Kester Guy
- Secretary – Miss Carol-Anne Blenman
- Floor members – Ms. Alexis Lescott, Mr. Justin Carter, Mrs. Lisa Gale, Professor Winston Moore
- Student Representative – Miss Jade Kirton
- Immediate Past President – Mr. Jeremy Stephen

The Incoming President Mr. Shane Lowe commented, "I am delighted to have been elected as President of the BES. My vision is that the Society will play a crucial role in helping Barbados to emerge confidently from its current economic difficulties."



The new Executive would like to express its gratitude to the Immediate Past President Mr. Jeremy Stephen and the outgoing executive for their stewardship over the past four years. The new Executive looks forward to continuing the excellent work advanced by Jeremy and his team. At its inaugural meeting on January 5, 2018, the new Executive developed its plans and agreed on the vision for 2018. Aspects include continued engagements with its membership and the wider public on local economic issues and developments. The Executive looks forward to working with the membership, other professionals and the general populace to achieve the Society's goal of providing clarity on critical economic matters.

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On the Left: Mr. Christopher Kinch, Mr. Justin Carter, Miss Carol-Anne Blenman and Mr. Shane Lowe | On the Right: Mrs. Lisa Gale, Mr. Kester Guy, Miss Jade Kirton, Professor Winston Moore and Ms. Alexis Lescott.