



**The Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT)**

**In collaboration with**

**The Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE)  
And the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)**

Presents

**Caribbean Land Conference 2019**

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Theme: Surveying best practice toward the sustainable  
development of Caribbean SIDS**

**Dates: October 10 & 11, 2019**

**Venue: To Be Announced**

**Location: Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

**Background:** Land is arguably the most powerful resource a country can have and thus forms the basis of many social and economic development plans. Indeed, it is often used as a measure of a country's wealth. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) have unique land issues due mainly to the limited developable land space and the associated climatic, environmental and social constraints. In addition to the common traits of SIDS across the globe, Caribbean States are unique in terms of their history of settlement, development, culture and politics. The responses by state governments and citizens vary from one jurisdiction to the next and have a tendency to carry with them a milieu of controversies and further problems. Small size, coupled with its complex land tenure systems, soil types, topography and climatic variation, restricts the area available for human settlement, agriculture, forestry, mining/quarrying, tourism and infrastructure, and creates intense competition among land use options. This competition is further intensified by the recent influx of migrant refugee populations from Latin American neighbours. The practice of surveying has a major impact on the sustainable development of Caribbean SIDS that ought to be critically explored so that the profession can adapt to meet evolving needs and demands of the Island States.

**Aim and Objectives:** The aim of this conference is to critically examine the impact of Surveying best practice toward Caribbean development. This conference would seek to address such issues relating to land in the Caribbean by highlighting the nature and form of the relevant problems and proposing approaches to dealing with these issues. The objectives of this conference are as follows:



- a. To facilitate a forum where stakeholders can dialogue on the best practice in the surveying disciplines on development goals
- b. To explore potential actions that will ensure that challenges are addressed
- c. To share best practices when dealing with tenure issues

**Target Audience:** Land Development professionals, surveyors, senior government officials, politicians, academia and others

**Call for papers:** This conference is seeking papers based primarily on practical experiences and/or strong theoretical foundations in the following sub-themes:

- Land Acquisition
- Land Titling
- Property Valuation and Taxation
- Real Estate Market Analysis
- Land Development and Ownership
- Natural Resource Management
- Quantity Surveying and Construction
- Impact of natural hazard: flood and landslide
- Post-disaster recovery
- Legal and administrative frameworks
- Gender and poverty Issues
- Information technology
- Geographical Information Systems
- Sustainable construction

#### **Submitting Papers**

Full papers must not exceed ten (10) sides of letter size paper. If the paper is accepted, the author(s) will be invited to present the paper and have it included in the published conference proceedings. It is a condition of inclusion that at least one of the author(s) attends the conference. Authors also have the option of submitting extended abstracts of two (2) pages in length or PowerPoint Presentations for inclusion in the proceedings.

#### **Submitting Abstracts**

Abstracts of 150-300 words, and up to five (5) key words, should be submitted.

#### **Schedule**

Submission of Abstract	22 March, 2019
Notification of acceptance of Abstract	30 April, 2019
Submission of First draft of paper	1 July, 2019
Submission of final paper	23 August, 2019

**Further Information and submission of abstracts please contact:**

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