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XXXVII Annual Monetary Studies Conference

The Central Bank of The Bahamas and the Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies will co-host the XXXVII Annual Monetary Studies Conference at the British Colonial Hilton Hotel, Nassau, Bahamas, **November 1-4, 2005**.

A number of special activities have been programmed for the conference which is being held under the theme ***“Regional Economic Integration: Issues and Challenges”***. Highlighting these activities will be the 20th Adlith Brown Memorial Lecture. This year, Dr. Marion Williams, distinguished Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, will present the lecture, which will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November beginning at 7:00 p.m, at the British Colonial Hilton Hotel.

It is expected that approximately 35 overseas delegates, including central bank governors, central bank economists, academicians and Caribbean and international scholars, will participate in the conference, which will be officially opened by the Honourable James Smith, Minister of State for Finance.

The Monetary Studies Conference, which has continued uninterrupted since 1968, provides a critical forum for both young and experienced researchers, economists and econometricians to exchange ideas and information and statistical techniques related to monetary, financial and central banking issues. It also serves as a training ground for evaluating new ideas and thinking on matters critical to the development of the region's monetary and financial systems.