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Growing the Caribbean Innovation Economy

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 - Advance U.S. competitiveness through better policy,
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 - Promote dialogue and learning about national and regional policies and practices.

The Innovation Policy Forum

- Innovation is globally recognized as a key to economic growth and competitiveness.
- The Forum is a focal point for a national and international dialogue on innovation policy.
- Co-Chairs
 - Dr. David M. Hart, George Mason University
 - Dr. Luis Proenza, University of Akron
- Forum members include experts in science policy, innovation, manufacturing, trade, and diplomacy.

Today's Symposium

- Our symposium today will explore how the United States and the nations of the Caribbean can learn from each other in order to...
 - Adapt best practices in innovation policy
 - Foster entrepreneurship
 - Grow robust innovation ecosystems
 - Encourage cooperation on R&D and Innovation
 - Cooperate on shared interests in energy and resilience
 - Foster inclusive, innovation-driven development

Today's event has been organized in cooperation with...

- The CARICOM Science, Technology and Innovation Committee
- The Organization of American States
- The Inter-American Development Bank
- University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park
- Tambourine Innovation Ventures

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It is now my pleasure to introduce our
Keynote Speaker for this morning.

The Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

- Dr. Mitchell is Grenada's longest serving Prime Minister, holding the office for over 13 years.
- Not a stranger to Washington, DC, Dr. Mitchell has a Master's degree from Howard University and a doctorate from American University in mathematics and statistics.
- An avid sportsman, he captained the Grenada Cricket team in 1973.
- He leads CARICOM's science and technology initiative.

Thank You

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