



# Innovation in the Caribbean: Building and Strengthening Capabilities

## Hearing from the Youth

The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park (UVI RTPark) together with Avantor Commercial Incubators (ACI) and with technical support from SiliconCaribe.com have designed and will be rolling out an intergenerational dialogue on innovation in the Caribbean. The intention is to find better ways for young people (aged 18-35) to share ideas and engage with those who occupy positions of influence and leadership.

We believe that policies and policy making matter and want to improve their outcomes.

### Activities will be organized from mid-September to end December 2016:

- Online consultations through Twitter chat, moderated discussion forums and other social media platforms
- Blogs
- In-person meetings
- Presentation at the *Growing the Caribbean Innovation Economy* which will be held in Washington DC on Thursday September 15, 2016 - a symposium organized for the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine  
[http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga\\_174183.pdf](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga_174183.pdf)

### Objective

Solicit the opinions of Caribbean youth on policy relevant to growing an innovation culture, economy and society and share these views with decision makers.

### Outcomes

This exercise will provide a concrete example of the need to support, encourage and strengthen youth participation in policy engagement and policy dialogue.

This is an open inclusive activity and anyone interested in contributing should continue to check for updates on the SiliconCaribe hosted platform at <http://www.siliconcaribe.com/our/growing-caribbean-innovation/>



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