



PRESS RELEASE: CBCU16 - GUYANA TO HOST 2016 CBC U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

The Caribbean Basketball Confederation (CBC) Executive Committee wishes to announce that the Guyana Amateur Basketball Federation - GABF has been successful in its bid to host the 2016 CBC U16 Championships for Young Men and Women in July 2016. We wish to congratulate and thank Mr. Nigel Hinds, GABF President for this undertaking. We are confident that it will be an excellent event of the highest standard.

The bid was ratified by the CBC Executive Committee after being presented to the committee at the 2016 CBC Assembly this February in the Bahamas by the GABF President Mr. Nigel Hinds.

The bid by the GABF was seen as the Federation's desire to focus on the development of youths while the nation celebrates its 50th Independence Anniversary on May 26 this year.

This will be the first occasion where Guyana will be hosting the CBC's U16 Championships. The inaugural Caribbean Seniors Championships was hosted by Guyana in 1981 and was again hosted in 1988 and 1994 and a U19 CBC Championships in 1999 under the CARICOM brand.

To date, twelve (12) men and Nine (9) women national teams have confirmed their participation. This includes Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and the host Guyana in the Men's Championship. The Women's Championship will include national teams from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, and the host Guyana.

The Youth Championships was last held in St. John's, Antigua in 2008 and both the Men and Women Championships winners were the Bahamas.

FIBA in the Americas, Regional Director - Mr. Alberto Garcia, congratulated the GABF and their authorities for hosting the first youth event in the region in the last 8 years.

GABF President, Mr. Nigel Hinds expressed his thanks to the CBC Executive Committee for awarding Guyana the opportunity to host the 2016 CBC U16 Men and Women Championships.