

# Bonaire 1<sup>st</sup> Investment Conference

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2005

With great pleasure we invite you on behalf of the people of Bonaire to participate at our 1st Annual Investment Conference.

We are very excited with regard to this event, not only because our Government is a firm believer that micro and small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but also because it can be seen as a stepping stone towards the achievements of our set objective, which is sustainable growth for all parties involved while maintaining our nature and culture.

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The major economic activity areas of concentration are :

- Tourism
- Medium & Small Business Development
- Airport & Seaport Business Development
- E-Commerce
- Telecommunication
- Ecological Projects
- Health Oriented Projects
- Agriculture
- Livestock
- Fisheries

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## Why invest on Bonaire ?

- The Bonairean Government has started a structural process of improving its investment climate and at the same time stimulating competitiveness, within the philosophy that the private sector is the engine of the economy
- A number of investment incentives have been devised to stimulate prospective investors to start new business ventures in Bonaire such as accelerated depreciation, reduced profit tax, tax holiday, investment allowances
- Bonaire possesses a well-educated and qualified manpower requested by investors
- Bonaire's airport has just been upgraded to a fully equipped international airport with all the facilities and infrastructure to service short and long haul international flights. The airport can serve as a hub between Europe, North America and South America. These improved airport facilities are also envisioned to create possibilities for the development of activities other than tourism including transshipment, cargo-hub, e-commerce, assembling companies. Bonaire has a full modernized and competitive telecommunications service for both local and international clients
- Bonaire has a well-developed banking system that plays a vital role in both local and international business on the island. Most of these banks have international ties, while branches of well-known European and American banks are established in the Netherlands Antilles.
- Bonaire is a politically stable entity in the Caribbean region
- Its judiciary system is an integral part of the kingdom of the Netherlands. Numerous offices of reputable world-renowned law firms have been established in the Netherlands Antilles.

# Bonaire 1<sup>st</sup> Investment Conference with Exhibition and Matchmaking

## Participation Costs



Congress fee \$ 195

Including :

2 days congress & matchmaking program  
1 day matchmaking program & tour Bonaire

### Exhibition

Floor space as from 6 M2 \$ 135 p/M2

Booth rental (on request)

Table : \$ 400

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## Airfare Lodging Car

(On Request)

### Congress and Exhibition (Matchmaking):

During the 2 day congress the Investment areas will be discussed and also the financial and governmental input.

Beside the congress the exhibition will be open featuring local entrepreneur and business showing their services and products as well as International businesses looking for partners in Bonaire.

Under the motto "**Growth while maintaining nature and culture**" the congress program will feature topical aspects of Bonaire. This will include a policy vision, the infrastructure (ports, airports, free zones) and the business climate as well as training/education, health care, renewable energy, water, trust, finance and tourism etc.

Bonaire 1<sup>st</sup> Investment Conference will be organized in conjunction with the Floating Trade Mission of "Doing Business in the Kingdom of the Netherlands". Following the Bonaire 1st Investment Conference and Exhibition the boat trip on the "SS Adventure of the Seas" will start out of San Juan PR. to Aruba, Curacao, St. Martin, Saba en finishing in St. Eustatius.



Packages including both events are available.



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