



## Press Release

### 37<sup>th</sup> Congress and debates

#### ***“Growth, innovation, and prosperity in the Dutch Caribbean through strategic investments”***

InterExpo Caribbean NV is organizing the 37th congress "Growth, Innovation, and Prosperity in the Dutch Caribbean through Strategic Investments" on 8, 9 and 10 December 2026, at the Nieuwspoor press and debate centre in The Hague.

In addition to political themes, the 37th congress and debates will also explicitly focus on economic themes aimed at the growth, innovation, and prosperity of the islands within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The world order is subject to change, partly due to geopolitical developments in the Caribbean and elsewhere. Events in the Middle East influence the politics and economies of the islands within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. A key political question is how to prevent these geopolitical developments from increasing poverty on the islands and decreasing prosperity. To address this question and to highlight possible answers, the conference will put the following sub-themes on the agenda:

- Reducing the asymmetric economic dependence on tourism in the Caribbean islands;
- Characteristics of good political governance and trust in local politics;
- Integrity in government policy;
- Dispute resolution within the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- Budget and financing of the islands;
- Investment climate on the islands;

- The need for good education;
- Maintaining and improving the financial and economic reputation;
- Investment opportunities on the islands;
- Fiscal incentive policies;
- Labour market bottlenecks.

The final agenda of the congress is being prepared and will be filled in based on the aforementioned themes.

The InterExpo congresses are unique because political officials, scientists, and entrepreneurs from the six Caribbean islands within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Netherlands gather in one location for three days and debate on issues considered relevant within the Kingdom.

The InterExpo conference offers space for speakers who are critical of the structure of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the roles played and still played by the Netherlands and its Caribbean constituents. It also features speakers who champion the shared values within the Kingdom and the opportunities it offers. The conference provides a platform for scholars to reflect on relevant aspects of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom from their own perspectives. InterExpo expects to welcome approximately 40 speakers. The first speakers have already been confirmed.

In recent years, elections have been held in various countries within the Kingdom, and new parliaments have been installed. It is unique that all the countries within the Kingdom are meeting in The Hague, in the House of Representatives building, with new members of parliament and following the installation of a new government in the Netherlands. This provides an opportunity for parliamentarians from the various countries within the Kingdom to meet and exchange ideas. As in previous years, InterExpo expects to welcome approximately 200 guests to the conference. The 37th conference will be organized along the same lines as in previous years. Enclosed is the brochure for the 36th conference in December 2025.

During the 37<sup>th</sup> InterExpo congress in December 2026, Suriname will also contribute after many years. The trade volume between Suriname and the Caribbean islands within the

Kingdom of the Netherlands has clearly increased in recent years. We anticipate several presentations by prominent Surinamese entrepreneurs.

The 37th congress will feature panel discussions moderated by various discussion leaders. The chair is Prof. dr. Peter Diekman RA, founding partner of FourValue BV, Amsterdam.

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