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## CARIBBEAN-CANADA EMERGING LEADERS' DIALOGUE 2015



*Delegates Participating in CCELD15*

Higgs & Johnson Partner, Tara Cooper Burnside, is an alumnus of the Caribbean-Canada Emerging Leaders' Dialogue (CCELD). The CCELD is led by HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, its President and is the Canadian arm of The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences.

A general objective of the CCELD is to help develop in Canada and the Caribbean, a new generation of leaders in the public and private sectors, who are equipped with the skills to resolve complex governance, economic and social issues and advance the values of gender equality, human rights, equity and democracy. This objective is achieved through an intensive two-week in-field leadership development experience, held quadrennially, which broadens perspectives and improves decision-making practices for the high-calibre, mid-career men and women from business, government, labour, and civil society, who participate.

The 2015 CCELD theme was "Leading Through Innovation and Transformation" and the Dialogue included a study-tour in Nassau, Bahamas. The Bahamas study-tour included site visits at various establishments and covered topics such as cultural intelligence, ethics and good governance, integrating technology, collaborative leadership and embracing failure. The Dialogue incorporated The Bahamas as a destination in its annual tour. There was also a reception held Government House and a dinner presentation hosted by the Commissioner of Police. And on the final day of the Bahamas study-tour, Higgs & Johnson was pleased to host CCELD delegates at its Ocean Centre Chambers for a luncheon presentation by trailblazers in the Information and Communications Technologies sector of The Bahamas.

Tara Cooper Burnside attended the closing ceremony of CCELD 2015 in Kingston, Jamaica and noted, "The feedback regarding the Bahamas study-tour was very positive and the goals and expectations of the CCELD were ultimately achieved. I am very proud that Higgs & Johnson contributed to this wonderful and impactful initiative".