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EMANCIPATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE TO LAUNCH EMANCIPATION CELEBRATIONS 2009

May 19, 2009 - The Emancipation Support Committee (ESC) is pleased to announce that the launch of the Schedule of Events for Emancipation celebrations 2009 will take place on May 25th at 7:00 pm at the Lions Civic Centre in Port of Spain. The theme for this year's celebrations will be, "Seize Opportunities as the World Changes."

According to the Chairman of the Emancipation Support Committee, Mr. Khafra Kambon, "The theme emphasizes that we should focus on positive motivation and action rather than on the despair that could easily arise out of the current global economic crisis and other major international changes that are reshaping the world. We need to lift our sights from increasing misery to the real opportunities that are emerging for countries like ours, for Africans globally, and for developing countries with foresight, precisely because of the economic fault lines, climate change and power shifts. President Obama's victory in the United States is one signal of the new possibilities that we have to grasp."

The ESC will also use the occasion to unite with Africans around the world in celebration of African Liberation Day to pay tribute to those ancestors and great African leaders who struggled for freedom and whose example continues to uplift and motivate Africans across the Diaspora today.

The public is invited to attend the program which will feature the usual mix of information, education and great entertainment. For further information, please contact the ESC at 628-5008.

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