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Health Research Conference to Focus on Family Health

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, April 20, 2016: Child health, Zika, Healthy ageing and HIV AIDS are just some of the family health issues that will be addressed at the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Health Research Conference this year.

The Conference, which will be held at Beaches Resort in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), has received the full support of the Turks and Caicos Government. At a media conference held at the Office of the Premier, TCI, this morning, Premier, Dr Rufus Ewing expressed his delight at hosting the Conference. He said "TCI will gain tremendous exposure from this Conference. It is an opportunity for local health professionals, to share their experiences and challenges, to be educated and informed and for delegates to enjoy activities in the 'beautiful by nature' Turks and Caicos Islands."

Executive Director, CARPHA, Dr C. James Hospedales, said the Conference is the longest running health conference in the Caribbean and Latin America and attracts leading health professionals from across the globe. Dr Hospedales said one of the features of the Conference will be a policy dialogue on childhood obesity, including the need for a comprehensive approach and use of a suite of measures, trade and fiscal adjustments, coupled with consumer education to improve the healthiness of the food environment, including reducing the importation of food with high levels of salt, fat and sugar.

The Conference offers networking opportunities for sponsors and attendees, and will host a series of events including a Data Analysis Using Epi Info™ 7 Training Workshop to strengthen national research capacity; and a Risk Communications Workshop for senior health professionals from across the Region.

This is the 61st CARPHA Health Research Conference which takes place from June 23 - 25 and attracts regional and international researchers, students and health professionals. Information about the Conference, including sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, and registration can be found at http://conference.carpha.org/