

## **KINGSTON ACCORD**

### **Caribbean Academy of Sciences**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Caribbean Academy of Sciences, CAS, in collaboration with CAS, Jamaica held the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting and Conference at the Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre, The UWI Mona Campus, from 27<sup>th</sup> November to the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The theme of the conference was “Science, Technology and Innovation: Vehicles for a Knowledge Based Economy”. Based on extensive discussions the members agreed to issue the following declaration.

The Academy calls for:

1. recognition of CAS by CARICOM and the regional Chapters by their local Governments
2. the region to assume a more positive strategy to deal with the consequences of climate change; specifically the meteorological phenomena, storms and hurricanes in the region, flooding and mean sea level rise
3. a broad commitment in the region to provide the environmental support for research, development and innovation with respect to identifying and developing of niche areas for economic development in respect of the next two decades
4. a revisiting of the implementation of STEM programmes in the region, especially examining the objectives of CSEC and CAPE as presently implemented
5. greater support for gender equality in science and technology in the region
6. greater and more integrated research and development between the private sector industries, public sector policy planning and research and academic institutions in the region
7. greater collaboration between research agencies and regional universities in identifying and pursuing research on the regional challenges
8. greater integration and assault on the question of natural and anthropogenic hazards that threaten the Caribbean region

**CAS holds itself ready and willing to provide greater leadership on the issue of development and oversight of regional policies and strategies on sciences and technology at the individual and regional level.**