



What is entrepreneurship?

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SISTEMA ECONÓMICO LATINOAMERICANO Y DEL CARIBE

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Facilitating the Growth & Development of SMEs in the Region

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Zinergy International Group Women Entrepreneurs Network of the Caribbean (WENC) Seminar on Entrepreneurship "Towards the Creation of an Entrepreneurial-Driven Economy – Demystifying the Journey

Objective:

- 1. To promote exchange of entrepreneurial experiences
- 2. Analyze the progress of regional entrepreneurship
- 3. Consider the prospects and features for dynamic enterprises
- 4. Suggest new mechanisms for financing the entrepreneurship process

What is entrepreneurship?

 "Any attempt at new business or new venture creation, such as self-employment, a new business organization, or the expansion of an existing business, by an individual, a team of individuals, or an established business." (Reynolds et al.,

• 1999, p. 3)

Why is Entrepreneurship Important?

- Creates new jobs
- Generates revenue
- Advances innovation
- Enhances productivity
- Improves business models and processes

Focus: DRIVING REGIONAL ECONOMY THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

GEM Economies in the LAC & Caribbean by economic level, 2014

Factor-driven	Efficiency-driven	Innovation-driven
Economies	Economies	Economies
Bolivia	Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay	Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago

Perception of social values toward entrepreneurship in the GEM economies in 2014

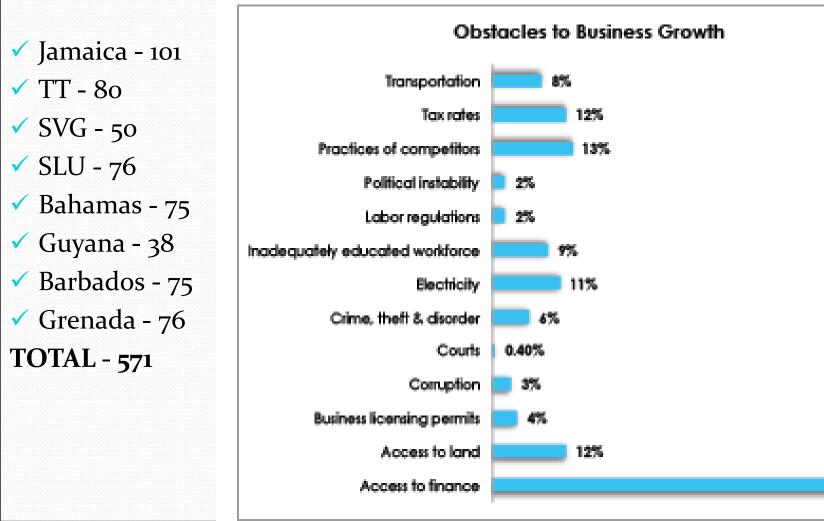
	Entrepreneurship as a good career choice	High status to successful entrepreneurs	Media attention for entrepreneurship
Barbados	57.6	58.5	46.3
Colombia	70.5	67.1	74.4
Jamaica	83.5	84.0	83.9
Puerto Rico	18.5	51.1	72.7
Trinidad and Tobago	79.5	69.5	65.6
Average for LAC & Caribbean	66.8	64.6	67.3

Individual attributes in the GEM economies in 2014

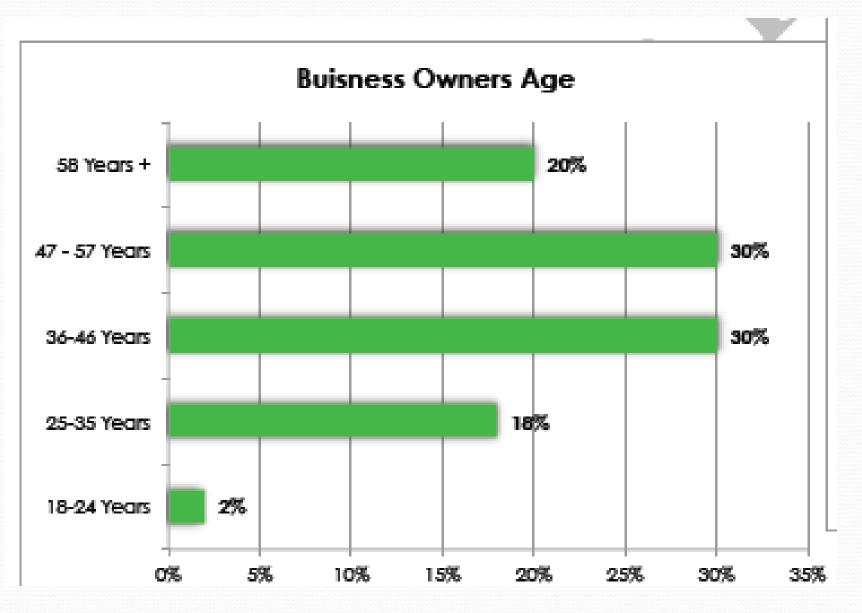
	Perceived opportunities	Perceived capabilities	Fear of failure	Entrepreneurial intentions
Barbados	38.2	63.5	23.4	11.5
Colombia	65.7	57.4	30.7	47.0
Jamaica	57.0	81.2	22.0	35.3
Puerto Rico	25.1	48.8	24.0	12.5
Trinidad and Tobago	58.6	75.2	16.8	33.9
Average for LAC & Caribbean	49.4	64.5	27.7	28.8

Caribbean Survey

- Conducted region wide entrepreneurship needs Survey
- 571 participants out of the 600 target (please see below):



58%



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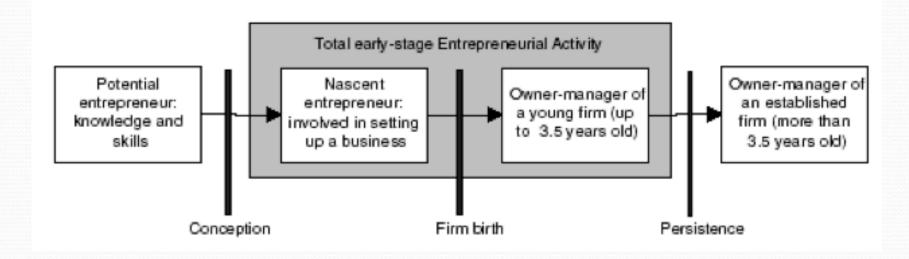
- The age of the successful entrepreneur 36 57 yrs old
- How many Mark Zuckerberg.... Segei Brinn ...
- How many successful business get started in a garage or living room... or the office of your last job?

GEM Indicators

Total Entrepreneurial Activity Index (TEA)

- The main measurement of GEM is the (TEA)
- Made up of individuals aged 18-64 who have already started their business and are in one of the two initial stages:
 - Nascent entrepreneurs or
 - New Entrepreneurs

GEM Entrepreneurial Phases



GEM

GEM identifies different phases in the entrepreneurial process. Early-stage entrepreneurial activity (TEA) is the phase centred around the birth of the firm; it includes the *pre-start-up* phase.

Phases of entrepreneurial activity in the GEM economies in 2014

	Nascent entreprene urship rate	New business ownership rate	Early-stage entreprene urial activity (TEA)	Established business ownership rate	Discontinu ation of businesses (% of TEA)
Barbados	8.5	4.2	12.7	7.1	3.7
Colombia	12.4	6.7	18.5	4.9	5.6
Jamaica	7.9	11.9	19.3	14.4	6.3
Puerto Rico	8.8	1.3	10.0	1.3	3.6
Trinidad and Tobago	7.5	7.4	14.6	8.5	2.8
Average LAC & Caribbean	11.4	6.7	17.6	8.0	5.4

The **GEM** Pipeline

- 6 Phases of the entrepreneurial pipeline:
 - Socio Cultural Acceptance
 - Potential entrepreneurship
 - Entrepreneurial intentions
 - Nascent activity
 - New Entrepreneurs
 - Established business ownership



Socio Cultural Acceptance

- Socio Cultural Acceptance
 - measures the amount of people that have a positive perception about entrepreneurship

Potential entrepreneurs

- Potential entrepreneurs are defined as those who consider they:
 - Are able to perceive opportunities in the area of living
 - Have the necessary skills and capabilities to create and start a new business
 - Have the capacity to overcome the fear of failure



• Potential entrepreneurs who express their intentions to pursue a business opportunity alone or with others within the next 3 years

Nascent entrepreneurship

- People have started to do specific activities in setting up a business they will own or coown;
- This business has not paid salaries, wages, or any other payments to the owners for more than 3 months.

New Entrepreneurs

 People owning and managing a running business that has paid salaries, wages, or any other payments to the owners for more than three months, but not more than 42 months.

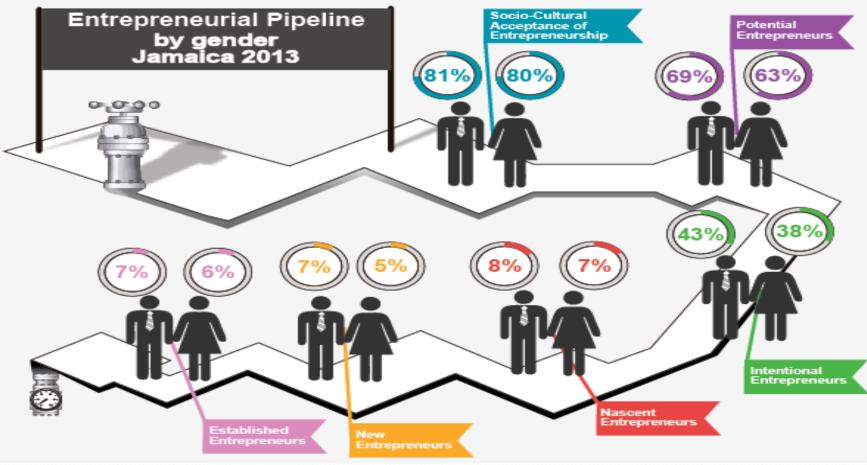


Established business ownership

 People owning and managing and running a business that has paid salaries, wages, or any other payments to the owners for more than 42 months.



Jamaican entrepreneurial pipeline



Source: GEM Caribbean 2013

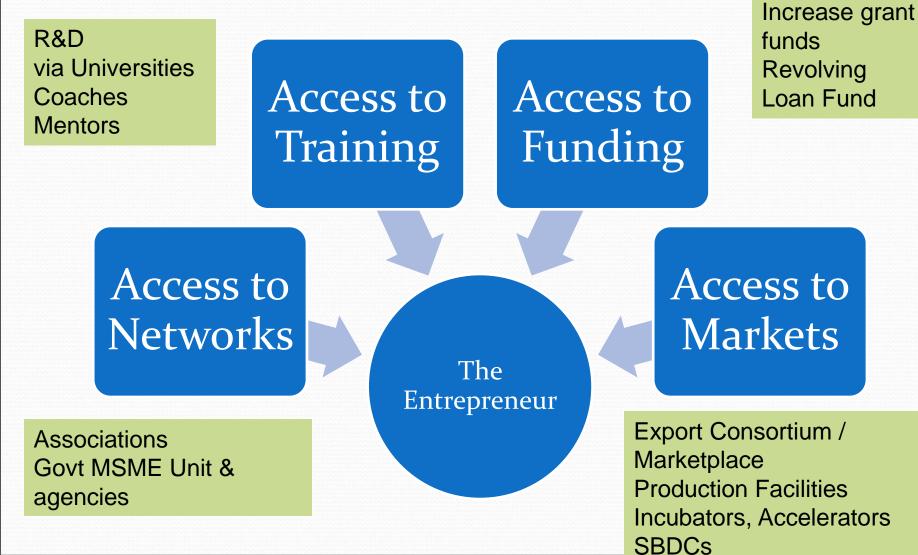
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- There has been progress in establishing viable, fairly healthy ecosystems
 - Businesses
 - Business Support Organizations (government and non governmental; associations etc
 - Active educational entrepreneurial television shows, magazines
 - Introduction of incubators, accelerators, SBDCs etc
 - Formal entrepreneurial education in school system in some countries

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- Only 1 path or permutation can be successful
 - Incubator
 - Businesses
 - Accelerators
 - SBDCs etc
 - Working through Associations

Recommendations



Credit Repair

Recommendations

- Strengthen the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
 - MSME Gove unit and agencies to include:
 - Coaching & Mentorship by Entrepreneurs who have failed
 - Ensure evaluation & monitoring component create more New and Established Business Ownership in the pipeline
- Financing
 - Revolving Loans Funds through Associations with credibility, intimate knowledge of the entrepreneur and his/ her business (Gramene Bank example)
 - Mutual Guarantee infused offerings

Recommendations

- Export Consortium:
 - to lobby & negotiate markets, contracts beneficial to business owners and establish productive relationships
 - Address constraints e.g. energy costs, ...
 - Supermarket conglomerates in US, Europe, Caribbean
 - Receivables terms 30 -45 days ...
 - Credit & risk concerns ...