



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
**Christiansted, V.I. 00820**

October 13, 2023

Dear Private & Public Sector Partners,

I am thrilled to extend this invitation to you for the inaugural USVI Winter Summit & Governor's Cup Golf Tournament 2023, in collaboration with SEDI, Inc. (SEDI-CASE), a USVI non-profit organization that spearheads the Caribbean Americas Single Economy (CASE) Initiative. This momentous event will take place on the captivating island of Saint Croix, in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI).

As Governor of this stunning archipelago, I am honored to host prominent figures from both the private and public sectors, as well as leaders from the sports industry, from December 7th to 10th, 2023, at the SEDI-CASE: USVI Winter Summit. This summit will assemble visionaries to deliberate the essential role of governments in fostering international trade, commerce, capital market development, foreign direct investments (FDIs), and the strategic use of innovative technology to enhance public infrastructure. We will also host renowned academics and knowledge sector leaders to discuss research and development, as well as explore the burgeoning potential of sports and entertainment tourism on the global stage, particularly in the Americas and the Caribbean. Our discussions will encompass the profound impact of these initiatives on the economies of participating nations.

I firmly believe that the USVI, as a US Territory with all the accompanying benefits, is poised to offer strategic advantages to businesses seeking to establish a foothold in the Caribbean and Latin American regions. These advantages include our central geographic location, exemption from the US Jones Act, extensive maritime services, a free trade zone, a robust air freight transportation infrastructure, and cutting-edge high-speed communication. This aligns seamlessly with the principles of the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016. Our Winter Summit will serve as a blueprint, defining the path to achieve these objectives in harmony with this act.

The USVI is in the midst of a monumental \$10 billion infrastructure reconstruction effort, and the Winter Summit will present a unique opportunity to engage with the Government of the Virgin Islands and reap the numerous benefits of conducting business in America's Caribbean.

To delve deeper into the details of the 2023 Winter Summit & Governor's Cup Golf Tournament, or to register for the event and secure your spot with a Save-the-Date and RSVP, please visit us at [www.WinterSummit.us](http://www.WinterSummit.us). We eagerly anticipate your presence at this groundbreaking event, where innovation, collaboration, and opportunity converge to shape the future of the USVI and the wider Caribbean region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan, Jr.", written over a white background.

Albert Bryan, Jr.  
Governor