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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters of ACURIL,

On behalf of all the members of the Local Organizing Committee, it is an honour to extend a warm welcome once again to our colleagues, fellow Acurileans, friends and all participants of the ACURIL 2020 BAHAMAS Conference, celebrating the 50th Golden Anniversary of ACURIL. This marks the third time that an ACURIL Conference is being held on the shores of the beautiful island of New Providence and the and charming City of Nassau.

The Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) provides a forum for librarians, archivists, curators and Information professionals to meet in a learning environment that promotes new library and information trends, educational strategies and best practices for professional growth and development for the 21st century and beyond.

The theme of the conference selected by the President of ACURIL 2019-2020, Dr. Berthamae Walker, is *Design Thinking in Libraries, Archives and Museums: Revolutionizing the way we do Business*. This theme is indeed profound and timely, as the rate of climate change is seen at unprecedented level and occurrences of disasters are becoming more prevalent not only in the Caribbean but worldwide; it behooves us to seriously consider the methodologies and types of architectural design we employ in buildings, open to our users, end users, clients and the public.

We, the Local Organizing Committee, eagerly look forward to serving you by providing the warm Bahamian hospitality and a special cultural and social programme that will be both entertaining and memorable. We hope to have a successful 50th ACURIL Anniversary Conference and be able to fulfil your expectations of acquiring and harnessing additional skills and best practices in design thinking along with the tools of creativity, and innovation.

Cordially yours,

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