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**January 24, 2022, Bridgetown, Barbados** – The Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority (BMCLA) continues to celebrate its one-year anniversary on Thursday, January 27, 2022, with **Reflections on the BMCLA & the Medicinal Cannabis Industry: Year One** – a live online discussion with experts from the local, regional and international Medicinal Cannabis Communities.

The event will be hosted on the Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority YouTube channel from 7 p.m. where the three-part sessions will focus on: the regulatory environment, stakeholder engagement, and banking and spending in the medicinal cannabis industry.

The BMCLA’s Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Shantal Munro-Knight said “At the BMCLA, we’ve always said we are a reflective and learning organisation. In the context of our first anniversary celebration, we want to be able to demonstrate that quite practically by ensuring that you can all join us to be part of our reflection and learning.”

She noted that during the panel discussion on the regulatory environment, it will focus on how well the BMCLA has done as well as highlight what needs to be improved based on world trends. In terms of the involvement of stakeholders, the CEO said, “For anyone that knows me or knows the BMCLA, knows that we are extremely passionate about ensuring that the industry looks, reflects and involves ordinary Barbadians. Under this theme, we will explore some of the best models and best practices for ensuring local stakeholders’ involvement.”

Dr Munro-Knight did add that while the third topic of banking and spending in the medicinal cannabis industry is a much-needed conversation that there may be no easy answers: “We do want to be able to tackle this. We want to have a discussion that examines what



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other regions are doing because clearly the medicinal cannabis industry is growing and expanding. What are other models that are out there in relation to facilitating banking and spending within the industry? We are going to have a very illustrious panel of experts with us from local, regional, and international to discuss all of this, so join us as we reflect but most importantly plan forward.”

Visit **[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)** and search for Barbados Medicinal Cannabis Licensing Authority and subscribe and join the BMCLA on January 27, 2022, at 7 p.m. to be part of the reflection and forward focus of the local medicinal cannabis industry.

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