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## **Inaugural Regional Schools Investment Competition**

Thirty-four (34) schools across the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union compete to become the first winner of the inaugural Regional Schools Investment Competition. The competition is a dynamic learning experience for high school and first-year college students and introduces them to investing and more specifically to investing via the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE). The initiative which takes place over a period of 4 weeks including two weeks of competition, provides the opportunity for students to experience securities market activity firsthand. Participants will have the opportunity to test their knowledge while gaining useful investing insights and skills.

The competition kicks off with an Education Webinar and Competition briefing on 16<sup>th</sup> February, with the Intra-Country portion of the competition slated for 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> February. The winning school in each of the eight ECCU member countries in the Intra-Country segment of the competition goes on to compete in the regional competition which takes place during the week of 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> March, to vie to become the overall Regional Schools Investment Champion.

The competition is a collaborative effort of the ECSE, the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission and licensed broker-dealers, which aims to excite and inspire young people to learn more about investing and to create a pathway for young investors to become active market participants in the future.

Further updates on the competition can be found on the ECSE's website <u>www.ecseonline.com</u>, and social media pages.

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