W Arthur Lewis & the Current Caribbean Challenges

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The Continuing Relevance of Development Thinking in Addressing Caribbean Realities

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Be Confident

My mother brought me up to believe that anything that they can do we can do.

(What Have We Learnt from Development? (1985 CP: 2077-8)

Ida Lewis
Lewis’s Universals

• There is No One Model
• Balance Incentive with Governance
• Development Is a Social Process
Lewis’s Universals

• Adopt Interdisciplinary Approaches
• Create Appropriate Institutions
• Development is More than Growth
Lewis’s Universals

- Analysis of Resources Is Only One Part
- Social Transformation Is Fundamental
- Local Leadership/ Consensus Is the Key
The Essential Lewis Model

My mother taught us to make the best of what we have and that is what I have tried to do.

The Young Lewis Today

- Diasporic Platforms for Caribbean Development
- Spreading Caribbean Products Using Diaspora
- Creating Caribbean Affinities through Tourism
- Capitalizing on Caribbean Cultural Power