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Pan execs fly out to seek funds

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PAN TRINBAGO president Patrick Arnold and two members of his executive will fly to London on Wednesday, for the first leg of an international fund raising effort.

The trip, largely facilitated by local entrepreneur and Fifa vice-president Jack Warner, will also take the trio to Paris, New York and Chicago.

Former Finance Minister Brian Kuei Tung, originally listed as part of the travel group, is no longer able to make the trip, but has briefed Arnold's team on required procedures for securing funding from international financiers.

Travelling with Arnold will be Selwyn "Parry" Paul and office manager Richard Forteau. Computer scientist and former treasurer Dr Finbar Fletcher will join the group in the US.

"Essentially, we will be meeting with persons with whom Mr Warner has already made initial

contact and outlined our requirements," Arnold said. "On our first stop, we are scheduled to meet with the English Football Association and a company called Time Management Global."

The group will also meet with Pan European and officials of the Notting Hill Carnival, before taking in some of the event. After the festival, they meet with the British Association of Steelbands, then fly to Paris for the second leg of talks.

From Paris, they will fly to New York in time for Labour Day Celebrations and two meetings, then on to Chicago to talk with officials of Northern Illinois University and Robert Contiguglias, president of the US Soccer Federation, who has arranged a number of introductions for the group.

"We expect positive responses," Arnold said. "It really is a matter of deciding on the terms of those arrangements."

The group returns to Trinidad on September 23.