

# **UWI** lecturer: PM must raise Caricom concerns with Trump

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**Lecturer at the Institute of International Relations at UWI, St Augustine, Dr Mark Kirton, is recommending that Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley raise Caricom concerns when he meets with US President Donald Trump in Washington DC.**

Trump extended the invitation to

Rowley during a phone call on Sunday. No details were given about the matters to be discussed or the date for the visit.

Kirton said he was surprised about Trump's call but suggested that Rowley seek regional consensus on issues that should be discussed at the high-level meeting.

He said he expects regional security to be among the agenda items that will be beneficial to Caricom as the Caribbean

"must remain a zone of peace and be free from the potential the potential security challenges which could emerge from the international terror which seems to be still escalating."

According to Kirton, regional security could be enhanced from a discourse with Trump.

He said Trump might have de-

ecided to invite Rowley because T&T has lead responsibility for security in the quasi Caricom Cabinet.

T&T's own concerns about nationals going abroad to join Isis is "another reason why the two leaders are planning to meet", he added

He said the meeting is a good opportunity for Caricom because

security is a common concern. The others are energy, climate change and immigration.

On the issue of immigration, Kirton said that must be of concern to Caricom because Trump is implementing new policies to ensure that illegal immigrants are deported from the US.

