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### Abstract

## Guyana's Economic Growth and Its Implications for Intra-CARICOM Trade and Investment, and Functional Cooperation

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This paper examines the implications of Guyana's rapid economic growth, for intra-CARICOM trade, investment, and functional cooperation. It explores how Guyana's expanding fiscal capacity, productive base, and demand for goods and services create new opportunities for regional integration. It identifies key challenges while highlighting Guyana's potential to lead in agro-industrial development, institutional support, and regional value chains. The paper concludes with policy recommendations aimed at aligning Guyana's development with CARICOM's integration objectives, highlighting the importance of coordinated efforts to promote inclusive growth, strengthen resilience, and deepen regional cooperation for shared economic and social benefits.

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