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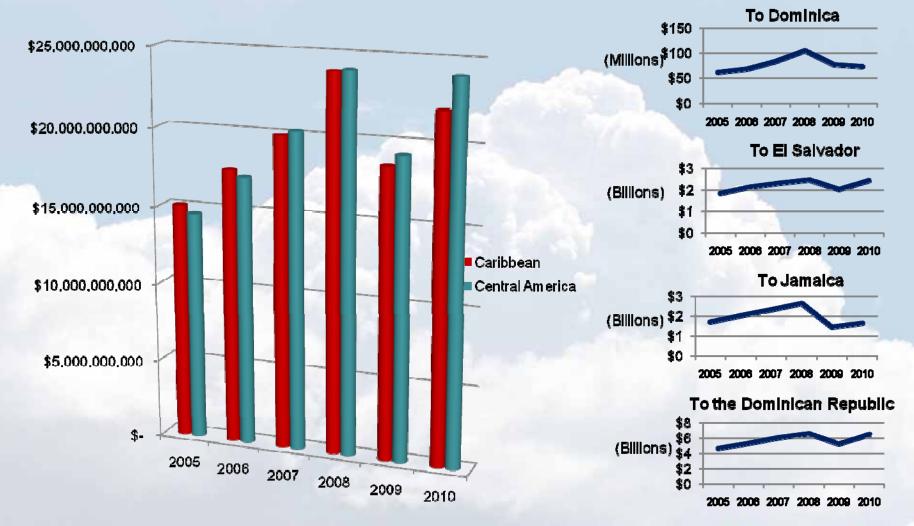


Education + Entrepreneurship + Exports = COMPETITIVENESS



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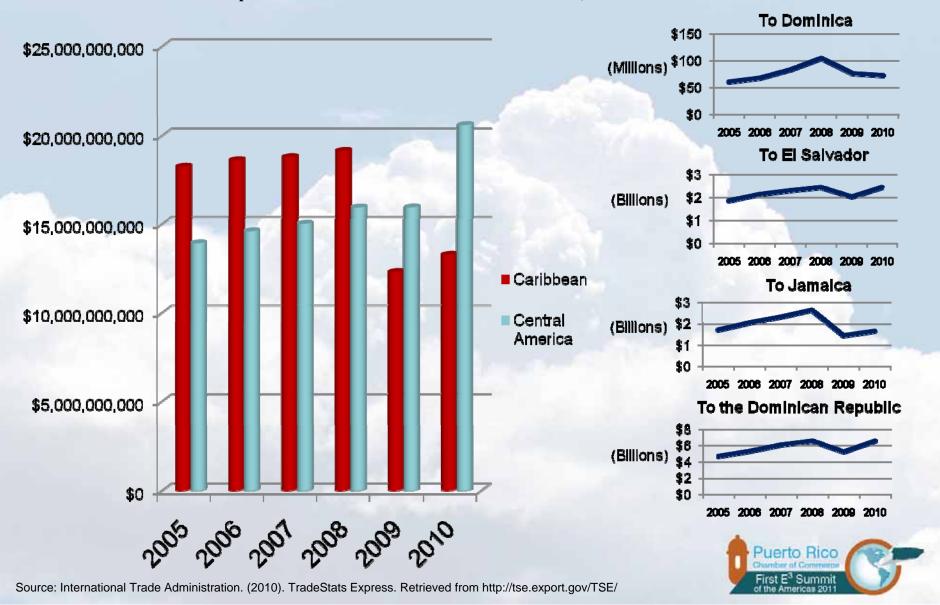
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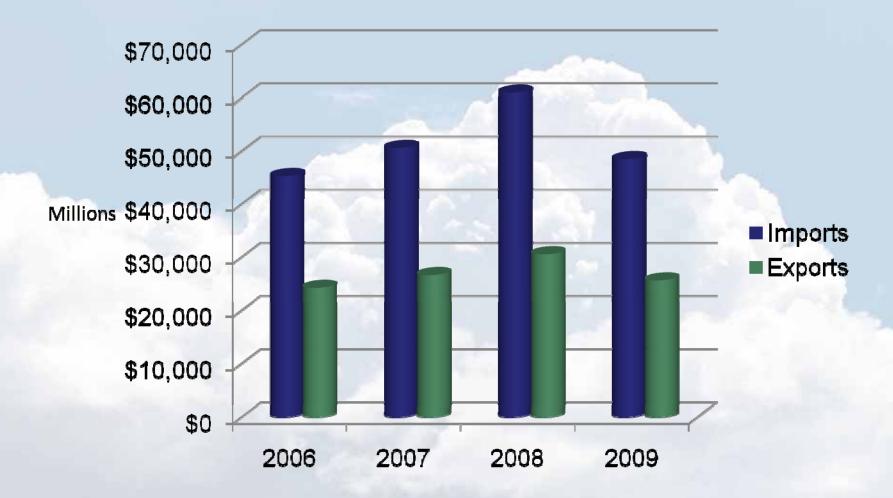
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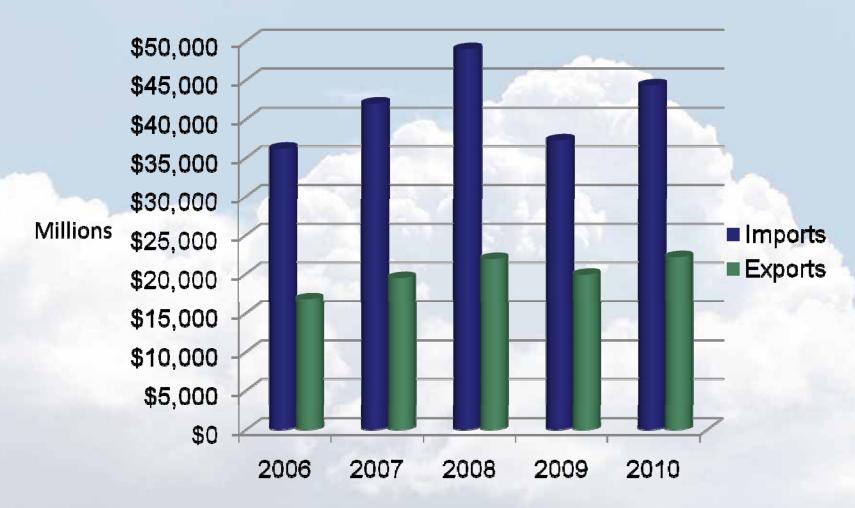
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## **Tourism**

- Diversify Market As new economic powers emerge, work to attract new consumers
- Diversify Investment Related to the above, growing economies can be a source for investment into the tourism product
- Stress Education among other aspects of education as a tool for tourism, the region must know its markets from the perspectives of language and culture. The education system should feed this.



# Technology

- As technology evolves, the region must understand how technology is improving competitiveness in the global marketplace
- Social Media for trade of goods and services, social media is becoming an increasingly powerful tool. The region needs to harness this.
- To meet the challenges of food and energy security in our vulnerable economies, research and technology must be at the forefront.



## **Business Resilience**

- As a region, the Caribbean Basin must build business resiliency to withstand shocks related to economic downturns, social challenges, and natural and manmade disasters.
- Understand trends and opportunities for financing trade and investment
- Invest in social development



## Last Slide!

### Thank you

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