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### **Jamaica Post to Host 3-Day Training Workshop with Universal Postal Union (UPU)**

**Kingston, Jamaica May 13, 2024** - The Jamaica Post (Post and Telecommunications Department and the Postal Corporation of Jamaica), in collaboration with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Bureau (IB), will be hosting two (2), three-day Workshops from May 21 to 23, 2024 at the ROK Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica, targeting CARICOM Postal Operators.

The workshops will focus on the advancement of the Electronic Advance Data (EAD) and the Technological tools used for the implementation and monitoring of the EAD, particularly the Customs Declaration System (CDS) and the International Postal System (IPS). Additionally, the Regional Transport workshop will address a broad range of transport/logistics related concerns and challenges with the view to devise and propose actionable strategies and policies to improve regional transport networks and the creation of a Think Tank Team.

Delegates from CARICOM member states, including Jamaica, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Curaçao and Saint Maarten, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands as well as Delegates from the Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Bureau (IB) will be in attendance

Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General/ CEO, Jamaica Post notes that “these training workshops are aptly timed as Jamaica Post is currently undergoing a series of modernization activities that are geared towards improving its operational efficiencies and the total customer experience. These Workshops should be of great value to regional postal administrations and provide useful insights.”

Thakur Subhash Sinha, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific and South-South Cooperation, Universal Postal Union explained that “the EAD and CDS/IPS training workshop will include three modules, focusing on the strategic approach to managing EAD and e-commerce; an overview of CDS and IPS; and the next steps for Caribbean in EAD, including a series of bilateral meetings to review the individual situation of each participating Designated Operator’s (DO), and the sharing of lessons learned and best practices from EAD implementation in the region.” At the end of the workshop, participants would have gained valuable knowledge on regional postal performance relating to EAD and the link between EAD and postal security functions.

Thakur Subhash Sinha further noted that “the Regional Transport Workshop will bring together transport experts from DOs, heads of restricted unions, selected carriers and institutional partners.” Additionally, “discussions will cover key transport issues such as EAD challenges, security, the transition to paper-free transport and the establishment of Regional Transport Hubs. Compliance with the EAD standards will be reviewed and the exchange of best practices will take place” stated Thakur Subhash Sinha.

A key highlight of the Regional Transport Workshop will be a panel discussion in which the carriers and the DOs will further develop their cooperation in the consolidation of mail in regional hubs. On the final day, the participants will attend an on-site visit to the Department Airmail Facility and Office of Exchange located at the Norman Manley International Airport to observe operational processes and brainstorm on further operational improvements.

The Universal Postal Union was established in 1874 and is based in Berne, Switzerland. The UPU has 192 member countries and is the primary forum for cooperation between postal administrations, which helps to promote a cohesive network for consistent and up to date products and services globally.

Jamaica Post looks forward to hosting these workshops and having robust discussions with industry partners and experts, which will result in improved operational efficiency and service delivery. This is in keeping with our mandate to modernize, innovate and transform the Jamaica Post to achieve sustained viability and be the Preferred Logistics Partner.

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