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Press Release

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Attention: All News Editors



The Honourable Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Daryl Vaz (center) is flanked by Postmaster-General, Lincoln Allen (left) and Deputy Postmaster General, Carey Brown (right).

Minister Vaz leads Delegation at the 18th Caribbean Council of Ministers of Postal Affairs Meeting

A delegation, led by the Honourable Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Daryl Vaz, is currently attending the 18th Caribbean Council of Ministers of Postal Affairs Meeting in Miami, Florida which began on April 3, 2023 and will end on April 5, 2023. The Minister is supported by Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster General and Mr. Carey Brown, Deputy Postmaster General.

The meeting will discuss fifteen (15) recommendations from the Postmasters General of the Caribbean Postal Union that will revolutionize the operations and business models of Regional Posts.

Key areas that will be discussed include the following:

- A Regional Strategic Plan for the Postal Service
- Challenges confronting Post in the Caribbean region as it relates to the movement/transportation of mail
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Post Service strengthening/building relationships
- Enabling small businesses to grow from local to global (Google Business e-Commerce)

Upon ratification of the strategies and policies by respective regional governments, the Postmasters General will be required to implement the relevant activities or projects in their respective countries. Other objectives of the meeting are to harmonize operations within respective Caribbean states, re-invent the postal service, engage in e-commerce and other activities to modernize the postal service, and to reiterate that the post is more than just a business offering several products and services. Rather, the post is an institution of significant value.

Participants will also tour the United States Postal Service at the Miami International Mail Processing Service Center (Office of Exchange).

The Caribbean Council of Ministers is responsible for the development of long-term strategies and policies concerning postal matters and the future of the postal industry within the Caribbean region.

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