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Jamaica Post Attends The Universal Postal Union (UPU) Strategy Development Round Table Hosted at the Caribbean Postal Union (CPU) 26th Annual Conference and the 20th Caribbean Council of Ministers of Postal Affairs (CCMPA)



L - R: Mr. Davey Haughton, Policy and Research Coordinator, Post and Telecommunications Department; Senator Dr. the Honourable Dana Morris Dixon, Minister with responsibility for Information, Skills and Digital Transformation; Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General/CEO, Jamaica Post; Mr. Cecil McCain, Director of Post, Office of the Prime Minister.

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, June 28, 2024 -- The Caribbean Postal Union (CPU), in partnership with the Cayman Islands Postal Service and Ministry of Border Control, Labour and Culture successfully concluded the 26th Caribbean Council of Ministers of Postal Affairs (CCMPA) from June 3-7, 2024. Held under the theme "Promoting Inclusion, Reinforcing Relevance," this pivotal gathering brought together premiers, Ministers with responsibility for Post, Director General of UPU, Secretary General of CPU, Permanent Secretaries, Postmasters-General, Directors of Post and UPU officials to chart the future of postal services in the Caribbean region.

Over fifty (50) representatives from twenty-three (23) member countries participated in strategic discussions covering global connectivity, postal innovations, resilience-building and technological advancements. The Jamaica delegation was led by Senator Dr. the Honourable Dana Morris Dixon, Minister with responsibility for Information, Skills and Digital Transformation. Minister Morris Dixon was joined by Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General/CEO, Jamaica Post, Mr. Cecil McCain, Director of Post and Telecommunications in the Office of the Prime Minister, and Mr. Davey Haughton, Policy and Research Coordinator in the Post and Telecommunications Department.

The highlight of this year's summit was the inauguration of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Regional Strategy Forum series, an initiative aimed at gathering global input to influence the UPU's strategy framework for 2026-2029. This series emphasizes the pivotal role of regional perspectives in driving global postal development. Key decisions included the approval of the Regional Strategy and Implementation Plan for Postal and Courier Services, developed jointly by the CARICOM Secretariat. The Regional Strategy and Implementation Plan were both approved by the Ministers present. Additionally, Jamaica, through Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General/CEO was elected to a seven (7) member Management Board of the CPU. The Board will serve for two (2) years. Mr. Samuel Brangman, Postmaster-General of Bermuda was elected as the new Secretary General of the CPU.

The summit also featured cultural celebrations and Governor's Reception, recognizing outstanding contributions to the postal sector. Looking ahead, the CPU remains committed to advancing postal modernization and enhancing service quality across the Caribbean. The next steps include finalizing a modernized CPU Constitution by the end of 2024 and continuing to build on the momentum generated at this year's conference.



L - R: Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General/CEO, Jamaica Post; Mr. Cecil McCain, Director of Post, Office of the Prime Minister; Hon. Dwayne S. Seymour, JP, MP, Minister of Border Control & Labour and Culture; Mr. Davey Haughton, Policy and Research Coordinator, Post and Telecommunications Department.

Established in 1997, the CPU is a restricted union of the UPU and plays a crucial role in fostering collaboration of postal administrations among member countries. Jamaica ratified the Universal Postal Union Convention in 1969. The annual CPU Conference and CCMPA serve as key platforms for shaping regional postal strategies and policies. This year's event, hosted in Grand Cayman, underscored the commitment to enhance inclusivity and relevance across regional postal services. The CPU will announce the next Caribbean country that will host the next CPU Conference and CCMPA meeting in short order.

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