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UPU and Jamaica Post to Host SIDS Postal Leaders Forum in Kingston, Jamaica, July 15 - 17, 2025



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Kingston, Jamaica; July 8, 2025 - The Universal Postal Union (UPU), in collaboration with Jamaica Post, will host the second edition of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Postal Leaders Forum. The event is scheduled to take place at the ROK Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, from July 15 to 17, 2025. This marks the first time the Postal Leaders Forum will be held in Jamaica, highlighting the country’s growing leadership within the global postal community.

The Forum will be held under the theme **‘Postal Digitalization, Integration and Innovation: Sustainable Growth Boosters for SIDS’** and will explore critical topics such as digitalization and technology as powerful enablers for SIDS postal operations. Discussions will focus on enhancing integration into the global logistics chain, fostering business sustainability, expanding access, and creating social impact through the provision of digital services, while also improving disaster resilience.

This initiative aligns with the broader mandate of Jamaica Post - to modernize, innovate, and transform the national postal service to ensure long-term viability and sustainability. Notably, Jamaica Post will celebrate its 354th anniversary on October 31, 2025, proudly holding the distinction of being one of the oldest postal services in the Western Hemisphere.

The SIDS Postal Leaders Forum offers a strategic opportunity to strengthen partnerships with regional and international stakeholders, while highlighting Jamaica Post’s ongoing efforts to modernize, transform, and lead in the evolving postal landscape. Over sixty (60) participants from more than 30 countries are expected to attend the Postal Leaders Forum, representing ministries responsible for postal affairs, postal regulators, and designated operators from countries classified as SIDS, alongside UPU dignitaries, including Mr. Marjan Osvald, Deputy Director General of the UPU.

Postmaster-General, Mr. Lincoln Allen, expressed his enthusiasm: “Jamaica Post is pleased to host this prestigious event in partnership with the global postal governing body, the UPU.” He added, “Hosting the Forum in Jamaica is both a privilege and a testament to our commitment to modernizing postal services and contributing to global dialogue. We see this as a defining moment for Jamaica Post to share our journey, strengthen networks, and help shape the future of postal services in small island nations. This event not only underscores our readiness to lead and innovate, but also reinforces the vital role of postal services in supporting national development, economic growth, and social inclusion. We are proud to serve as a hub for meaningful exchange and collaboration, as we work collectively to advance a resilient, connected, and digitally empowered postal sector across the SIDS community.”

Jamaica Post extends a warm welcome to all delegates and looks forward to robust discussions that will be integral in transforming postal services into preferred logistics providers across our respective countries.

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