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Integrity Commission Officially Launches National Anti-Corruption Strategy for Jamaica

May 3, 2023 – The Integrity Commission (IC), in keeping with Section 6(1)(j) of the Integrity Commission Act, which mandates it to “*co-ordinate the implementation of an anti-corruption strategy,*” has now formally launched a National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS) for Jamaica.

The launch took the form of a preliminary all-day Stakeholder Engagement Session, that was held at the Terra Nova Hotel on April 28, 2023, between the IC and the nominees of over 30 Technical Working Groups that have been empaneled by the IC for the development of the NAS.

The NAS is intended to be Jamaica’s first holistic, coordinated and targeted attempt at creating a roadmap to effectively address the issues and challenges of corruption throughout Jamaican society.

The NAS will ensure, among other things, that Jamaica’s approach towards anti-corruption consolidates the efforts, resources and outputs of key national stakeholders in a clearly articulated, deliberate and targeted strategy document and approach.

The IC’s Initial Stakeholder Engagement Session was attended by a wide cross section of representatives from various national entities. The list serves as an example of the stakeholder-centric and participatory approach that the IC aims to foster as it coordinates the development of the NAS.

The following entities, organizations and groups were represented at the IC’s first NAS Stakeholder Engagement Session:

1. The Integrity Commission – Corruption Prevention, Stakeholder Engagement and Anti-Corruption Strategy Division
2. The Integrity Commission – Information and Complaints Division
3. The Integrity Commission – Investigation Division
4. The Integrity Commission – Corruption Prosecution Division
5. The Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA)
6. The Financial Investigations Division (FID)
7. The Revenue Protection Division (RPD)
8. The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA)
9. The Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ)
10. Office of the Prime Minister
11. Cabinet Office
12. The Office of the Political Ombudsman
13. The Ministry of National Security

14. The Ministry of Justice
15. Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
16. Office of the Services Commission
17. Management Institute for National Development
18. Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development
19. Open Government Partnership
20. Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
21. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
22. Ministry of Labour and Social Security
23. Ministry of Tourism
24. Bank of Jamaica
25. National Environment and Planning Agency
26. eGov Jamaica Limited
27. Betting Gaming and Lotteries Commission
28. Ministry of Transport and Mining
29. Island Traffic Authority
30. The National Integrity Action (NIA)
31. Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ)
32. Crime Stop
33. Crime Monitoring and Oversight Committee (CMOC)
34. The Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI)
35. Jamaica Civil Service Association (JCSA)

It should be noted that the process in relation to the appointment of additional nominees to the Technical Working Groups continues, and discussions are far advanced with a number of entities in this respect.

Having laid the foundation for the NAS, and given the enormity of the task that lies ahead, the IC is most grateful for the receptiveness of the attendees, the depth and substance of their participation, and their expressed commitment to what is, without question, a very critical national endeavor.

The IC keenly anticipates the next phases and activities surrounding its development of the NAS. It rallies all Jamaican citizens to participate in the process through the platforms and channels that it will make available over the course of the coming months for this purpose.

The IC's development of the NAS is being led by its Corruption Prevention, Stakeholder Engagement and Anti-Corruption Strategy Division.

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