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Media Release

Integrity Commission conducts Anti-Corruption and Good Governance Sensitization Workshops for Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Jamaica Government, Commissions of Parliament and Stakeholder Groups

November 30, 2022. Over the period April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, the Integrity Commission, through its Corruption Prevention, Stakeholder Engagement and Anti-Corruption Strategy Division, has completed the delivery of a specially developed series of *Anti-Corruption, Good Governance and Integrity Sensitization Workshops* for select representatives of 7 Ministries of Government, 5 Agencies of Government, 3 Commissions of Parliament, and the Leader of Opposition and his Shadow Cabinet.

The Ministries and Agencies of Government, as well as the Commissions of Parliament, to which the Commission has administered its Workshops, include the following:

1. The Ministry of Transport and Mining
2. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
3. The Ministry of Justice
4. The Ministry of Labour and Social Security
5. The Ministry of Health and Wellness
6. The Office of the Prime Minister
7. The Cabinet Office
8. The Island Traffic Authority
9. The Coconut Industry Board
10. The Jamaica Anti-doping Commission
11. The Firearm Licensing Authority
12. The National Works Agency
13. The Electoral Office of Jamaica
14. The Office of the Public Defender
15. The Office of the Political Ombudsman.

The workshop modules were designed by the Commission to cover a wide range of anti-corruption, integrity and good governance subject areas and were developed to impart critical information about the Commission's statutory mandates, enforcement functions and Jamaica's anti-corruption laws.

Topics that were covered included, but were not limited to, an overview of Jamaica's anti-corruption institutional and legislative frameworks; the problem of corruption, inclusive of the various types of corruption; the costs of corruption; the responsibility of a country's leaders and lawmakers to tackle corruption; and the principles of good governance, integrity, ethical conduct and accountability in public life.

In addition to the delivery of *Anti-Corruption and Good Governance Sensitization Workshops*, the Division, over the period, and as a part of its mandate under Section 6(1)(k) of the Integrity Commission Act, 2017, has also engaged various stakeholders to apprise them of the work and mandate of the Commission, and their role in the articulation and development of Jamaica's National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS), which the Commission is currently leading.

These stakeholders include:

1. The Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA)
2. Jamaica Customs
3. The Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions
4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
5. Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ)
6. The Jamaica Environment Trust
7. The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Youth
8. The Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI)
9. The Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service
10. The Financial Investigations Division (FID)

The Division has also led the participation of the Integrity Commission in two international conferences, namely, the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-Up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption [MESICIC] that was held on September 12 to 15, 2022, and the 8th Annual CCAICACB Conference that was held in St. Kitts, between May 23 to 27, 2022.

Ryan Evans, the Commission's Director of Corruption Prevention, Stakeholder Engagement and Anti-Corruption Strategy, has said that the Commission intends, in the following months, to continue delivery of its *Anti-Corruption and Good Governance Sensitization Workshops to Public Officials*, engage stakeholders, and take active steps to concretize the development of *Jamaica's National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NAS)*.

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