



The Jamaican High Commission London - Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, H.E. MRS. ALOUN NDOMBET-ASSAMBA

We are already five months into 2015 and as you can see from this issue of the Newsletter, it has already been a very packed start to the year. We have already had a Citizenship Ceremony; hosted a Tribute to an outstanding Jamaican Scholar, Professor Stuart Hall; paid tribute to the Honourable Bob Marley, recognised outstanding women from our community as well as hosted a successful Commonwealth Day reception.

Now we are looking ahead to the 6th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference to be held from 13 June to 18 June in Montego Bay.



The theme for the Conference is: "Jamaica and the Diaspora Linking for Growth and Prosperity". The Conference will be an excellent opportunity for the UK Diaspora to raise issues of concern with senior government Ministers and other Jamaican officials, as well as to network with Diaspora

members from across the world. I am looking forward to a very strong participating from the UK Diaspora.

We will shortly be looking to the various activities that will be undertaken to mark our 53rd anniversary of Independence over the summer. I hope that you will continue to support us as you have done in the past. Remember to keep sending to the High Commission your reports and updates of your community activities and events. We are always happy to hear of the work being done by our Diaspora across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom.

PREPARATIONS FOR JDC 2015

Preparations are in now high gear for the 6th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference 2015 scheduled to be held on 13th –18th June 2015 at the Montego Bay Conference Center in Montego Bay.

The UK's Diaspora Community started its preparations from as early as 31st January 2015, when preliminary efforts were made to identify the UK's presenters for the respective sessions for the Conference, during the Regional Stakeholders' Meeting that was held at the High Commission. It was also an opportunity for persons to indicate which other issues they wanted to be included in the Conference Agenda.

The preparations continued at the JDUK's Regional Stakeholders' Meetings that were held in Derby (7th March 2015) and London (14th March 2015). Participants also had the opportunity to air their opinions on the Draft

Agenda as well as the general arrangements being made for the Conference.

Conference organizers hope there will be at least 150 delegates from the UK, and are looking forward to welcoming the Jamaican Diaspora Community for the exciting programme of activities planned for this Global forum. The theme for the Conference is: "Jamaica and Its Diaspora Linking for Growth and Prosperity".

The refocused conference convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, saw over 1500 attendees in 2013, and was a tremendous success. The target for Conference 2015 is 2000. The presentations at JDC 2015 will include discussions on Trade and Investment Opportunities; Tourism & Entertainment; ICTs, Agro Parks & Agribusinesses; Cultural & Creative Industries; Sports; Diaspora Local Gov-

ernment Partnerships; Housing and Development Services; Education; Health; Immigration and Deportation; the Church & Faith Based Groups in Diaspora Engagement; Stocks, Bonds & Venture Capital; the Integration of Diaspora Skills and Expertise and Social Business Enterprises. A session entitled "Diaspora Location Roundtables" will provide the opportunity for the respective Diaspora regions to discuss topics that affect their regions as well as possible solutions for them.

JDC 2015 will also feature a Marketplace Exposition, fast tracked government services and a range of special events and entertainment.

Activities will conclude with the expanded Diaspora Day of Service during which members of the Diaspora can develop and execute projects in communities of their choice, around the island.

HIGH COMMISSIONER LAUDS IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

At a special reception to commemorate Commonwealth Day in March, High Commissioner, H.E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, said this year's focus should be used as an opportunity to re-energise the interest of young people in all things Commonwealth. To this end, she noted that the reception was aimed at putting the spotlight on Jamaican Commonwealth Scholars studying in the UK.

The High Commissioner emphasised that the focus on young people is critical for the continued relevance and future of the organisation, and needs to be undertaken across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth.

"In this regard, I am happy to say that just last month two youth ambassadors for the Commonwealth were appointed in Jamaica. This is in keeping with our own recognition of the vital role that young people must play in shaping the future of the Commonwealth. They will help to promote the Commonwealth to the younger generations, so they can see its current and future relevance to them," she said.

In boasting of the difference the Organisation has made to the development of her country, the High Commissioner announced that, "Jamaica has been the beneficiary

of tremendous assistance from the Commonwealth in several areas of importance, including legislative drafting, maritime delimitation, the promotion of human rights standards and debt restructuring.

"Given the overlap with Jamaica and the Caribbean's own areas of focus, we were very happy to hear of the Secretariat's decision to focus the work of their Health Section on Non-Communicable Diseases and Universal Health Coverage," she said. "In respect of trade, Jamaica welcomed the renewal of the Commonwealth's Hubs and Spokes programme, which saw the placement of a new Trade Consultant in Jamaica towards the end of 2014."

Mrs Ndombet-Assamba continued: "There is very exciting work taking place in respect of the assistance which the Commonwealth Secretariat is providing for contract reform and negotiations as well as capacity building in the petroleum sector, the design of the second national export strategy for Jamaica, and the carrying out of a market study for the establishment of ship repair/dry docking facilities in Jamaica. The potential positive economic benefits of these programmes are significant. The latter, for example, is connected to Jamaica's push to capitalize on the expansion of the Panama Canal through the estab-

lishment of the port of Kingston as a Logistics Hub."

In the field of education, the High Commissioner pointed out that the Secretariat has worked in Jamaica on projects aimed at addressing boys' underachievement and teacher development.

Commonwealth Secretary General, Kalmalesh Sharma, told the gathering that this year's theme, 'A Young Commonwealth,' not only recognises the capacity, contribution and potential of our young people, but does so in the context of a modern era. He said young people should be encouraged to actively participate in the work of the Commonwealth, and that only by the youth getting involved would the grouping continue to grow and effectively serve its members.

The Commonwealth continues to offer assistance through scholarships to members of the former British Empire. Two Jamaicans who are current Commonwealth scholars studying at universities in the United Kingdom (UK) – Jason Allen and Dacia Leslie - gave updates on their research work and the relevance to the largest English speaking Caribbean nation.

COMMONWEALTH DAY OBSERVANCE



Left – H.E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, High Commissioner of Jamaica and right – Ms Sydonie James, intern at the Jamaican High Commission following the annual Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey on 9 March 2015. Ms James was selected as the flag bearer for Jamaica and participated in the "procession of flags," which is one of the highlights of the annual Observance at Westminster Abbey .



TRIBUTE PAID TO STUART HALL

The Jamaican High Commission hosted a panel discussion to commemorate the life of Jamaican Professor Stuart Hall on Tuesday 10 February.

The Jamaican High Commissioner, Her Excellency Mrs Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, welcomed the panellists and highlighted the Jamaican roots of Professor Hall.



The High Commissioner read a statement from Professor Hall's widow, Dr Catherine Hall, who said that her husband always remembered his Jamaican roots in his campaigns on behalf of the black British community. She said that even though he came to Britain as a Rhodes Scholar in 1951, and never went back home, his heart was always in Jamaica.

Dr Cecil Gutzmore, who moderated the panel discussion, noted with sadness how Professor Hall's achievements have not received the public acclaim they deserve in the United Kingdom. He observed that Professor Hall had been a prolific writer on a number of sociological issues in Britain, but his Marxist views were not acceptable to the British establishment.

One of the panellists, Professor Augustus John, who studied at Oxford with Professor Hall, suggested that British society was uncomfortable with the idea of a black man finding fault with British society. The Other Panellist were Ester Stanford and Dr. Kehinde Andrews.

Professor Hall was one of the leading sociologists in the country.

He was one of the founders of the Birmingham School of Cultural Studies, and was a lecturer in sociology at the Open University from 1979 to 1997, when he retired.

HIGH COMMISSIONER RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION AWARD

Jamaica's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Her Excellency Mrs Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, has been awarded the 2015 World Council of Credit Unions, Distinguished Services Award (DSA).

The award is scheduled to be presented during a special ceremony in Denver, Colorado, on July 13, 2015.

The award is, "in recognition of your lifetime commitment to the international credit union movements," said

Brian Branch, President and CEO of the World Council of Credit Unions. Mr Branch congratulated the High Commissioner on receiving the DSA which is; "the highest honour bestowed by the global credit union movement, and a recognition you well deserve."

High Commissioner Ndombet-Assamba said she was very honoured to receive the award.

"I would like to pay tribute the City of Kingston Credit Union and the Jamaica Credit Union movement for giving me the opportunity to serve," the High Commissioner said.

High Commissioner Ndombet-Assamba has had an illustrious career at the City of Kingston Co-operative Credit Union (COK), rising to the level of General Manager in 1994, a post she held until 2002.

APD CHANGES ARE POSITIVE FOR JAMAICA

Tourism and Entertainment Minister, Hon. Dr. Wykeham McNeill, says the changes to the Air Passenger Duty (APD), which took effect on May 1, will have a positive impact on the country's tourism.

The changes, announced by the United Kingdom (UK) Chancellor of the Exchequer last year, will lower taxes on airline tickets out of the UK, thereby reducing travel costs. This will encourage increased travel by UK nationals to destinations such as Jamaica.

The Minister, who was making his contribution to the 2015/16 Sectoral Debate in the House of Representatives on April 14, noted for example that "a family of four will have savings of about £198 on their tickets.

The APD reform will see changes to the band system with all long-haul flights to now carry the same, lower, band B tax rate. This means that persons travelling to the Caribbean will pay the same as if they were travelling to the United States. The APD rate for children 12 years and under will also be abolished,

which will make family travel from the UK significantly less expensive. In 2016, the APD on children under the age of 16 will also be abolished.

Minister McNeill, in welcoming the changes, noted that the UK is an important market for Jamaica. He informed that visitor arrivals out of the UK grew by 4.5 per cent and 17.1 per cent, for 2013 and 2014, respectively.

HIGH COMMISSION HONOURS OUTSTANDING WOMEN

The High Commission in London paid tribute to four outstanding Jamaican women in the United Kingdom, at a reception to celebrate International Women's Day 2015, on March 4.



H.E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba (centre) with three of the four outstanding Jamaican women honoured at a special reception for International Women's Day. From Left are Ms. Paulette Simpson Senior Corporate Affairs Manager, Jamaica National; Reverend Rose Hudson Wilkin; Dame Karlene Davies; Ms. Beverly Johnson; Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon; Ms Paulette Lewis President of the Nurses Association of Jamaica UK, Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs. Diederike Mills and Mr. Lawrence Jones Jampiro's Commercial Attaché.

Association of Jamaicans UK Trust; Dame Karlene Davis, former General Secretary of the Royal College of Midwives; Ms. Beverly Johnson, Birmingham-based businesswoman and entrepreneur; and Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to her Majesty the Queen and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

High Commissioner, Her Excellency, Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, said it was fitting way to commemorate International Women's Day.

The High Commissioner said that the four women were shining examples of what can be accomplished through hard work and perseverance.

She said that the High Commission was particularly proud of each of the honourees who have been an integral part of the work of the Mission.

The event was supported by Jamaica National Building Society, and all four women received a commemorative plaque. Special citations in their honour were also read.

The four women are: Mrs. Mavis Stewart, a former nurse and midwife who is a founding member of the

Mrs. Stewart was unable to attend and her plaque was received by her daughter Michelle.

REGGAE MONTH AT THE HIGH COMMISSION

A panel discussion to mark the 70th anniversary of the birth of Bob Marley was held at the High Commission in February.



Professor and Senior Lecturer in Media Studies and Sociology at the Open University, Dr. Jason Toynbee

said of the late Jamaican Reggae legend, 'Marley is indeed an emblem of resistance of the domination of international capitalism and imperialism.'

He said the outspoken Reggae giant was never afraid to speak about these issues in ways that many people only thought of but were not brave enough to articulate.

Drawn from the music industry and academia, the panel also comprised singer and Marley's songwriting partner, Delroy Washington; Dr Adrian Booth, a professor of photography who spent considerable time travelling with and photographing the singer; and Dr William 'Lez' Henry, a social anthropologist, author and former dance hall DJ, who has conducted significant research on

the role of Jamaican music and culture in shaping black cultural politics in the UK.

High Commissioner H.E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, who opened the evening's proceedings, noted that Marley's journey was the destination and it is an embodiment of the way reggae is perceived throughout the world today. She encouraged the gathering to actively participate by sharing a broad range of perspectives.

Head of Music Production at the University of Westminster, Mykaell Riley - who was also one of the founding members of the West Midlands based Reggae band, Steel Pulse, moderated the debate.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOBILE BLOOD UNIT DONATED BY UK JAMAICANS

A mobile blood collection unit was donated to Jamaica's National Blood Transfusion Service in January. The Minister of Health, Dr. Fenton Ferguson, said the Unit which is the only one in the island, will provide access for blood donors who are not able to go to the ten fixed blood collection centres.

JAMAICA HOSPITALS LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Working closely with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the High Commission, the Jamaica Hospitals League of Friends (JHLOF) was established in 1990. The Organization achieved charitable status in 1995 and ships hospital equipment such as beds, surgical and medical equipment and sundries, orthopedic and equipment, ward furniture and many other items to Jamaica for distribution to hospitals across the island.

JHLOF was born out of the compassion of a group of nurses who wanted to make a difference in the welfare of the sick in Jamaica.

Identifying gaps in service provision and the wide range of clinical needs that a charitable organization could support, the organization set about raising the funds to fulfil their mission. JHLOF's initial funding was raised in front of a night club in Central London where five midwives dressed in party frocks and stood

with collection tins because the proprietor had pledged to double the amount collected.

From this inauspicious start the charity has gone on to become firmly established as an important source of much needed hospital equipment. Without a high street office, minimal promotional activities and limited media coverage, the charity's development has been steady and incremental. Its primary objective is to help relieve sickness and preserve the good health of the citizens of Jamaica, in particular by providing practical assistance to hospitals and the health service.

Most if not all of Jamaica's hospital and their many patients have benefited from the medical supplies donated by the Jamaica Hospital league of Friends. JHLOF was able to secure four neonatal ventilators and four incubators for a Special Care Unit at Victoria Jubilee hospital. The charity ships between one and four 40ft containers annually,

and to date, they have shipped over one thousand beds to Jamaica's hospitals.

In September last year, a Portable Incubator Transport System was sent to the Linstead Hospital. This £45,000 piece of equipment will transport newborn babies in need of specialized intensive care to a better equipped hospital thus saving the lives of many. Last year, JHLOF handed over 50 state-of-the-art hospital beds and bedside lockers to the Ministry of Health for hospitals in all four health regions.

JHLOF'S Chairperson, Mrs. Lolita Sykes said, "JHLOF believes that as friends working together we can help Jamaica move forward to achieve the desired standard of health care for all her citizens. Many Jamaicans will understand the saying 'one one cocoa full basket.'"

The charity's website is www.jamaicahospitals.org.uk.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY



The High Commission hosted the first Citizenship Ceremony for 2015 on Saturday March 28 in London. Twenty-six new Jamaican citizens including eight children were honoured at the special ceremony. The ceremonies started in 2013 to recognise and celebrate persons of Jamaican heritage who take up Jamaican citizenship.

JAMAICAN OFFICER WINS TOP HONOUR AT THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST



Officer Cadet Deranjay Simpson won the Overseas Sword at the passing-out ceremony held on 10th April at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The Overseas Sword is awarded to the Overseas Cadet considered by the Commandant to be the best of the Intake of Officers. Officer Cadet Simpson is pictured here with the Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs. Diedre Mills and Mr. Raymond Mills.

ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CONCERT



Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs. Diedre Mills and Mr. Mills with Ms. Paulette Lewis, Chair of the Nurses Association of Jamaica (NAJ), at the Association's Annual Caribbean Concert on 10th April. This year NAJ (UK) celebrates its 37th year as an association.

OFFICIAL VISITS

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN WATFORD

High Commissioner H. E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba paid her first official visit to Watford on Tuesday 17 March.



High Commissioner H. E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba with Watford Borough Council Chairman Councillor George Derbyshire

During her visit she met with Watford Borough Council Chairman Councillor George Derbyshire at the Town Hall. The High Commissioner was presented with a book about the Watford Palace Theatre's history.

Councillor Derbyshire said: "I was delighted to welcome the Jamaican High Commissioner on her visit to Watford. "As a former Minister of Culture in the Jamaican Government, she showed great interest in the town's cultural provision

and was pleased to receive a gift from the Council of Ian Scleater's book *The Story of the Palace Theatre Watford*."

In return, Councillor Derbyshire received a book on Jamaica. High Commissioner Ndombet-Assamba said: "This was my first official visit to Watford and I was touched by the very gracious welcome from Councillor Derbyshire.

"The meeting with the Chairman included Clive Saunders, Chair of the Watford African Caribbean Association, and it was most enlightening for me to learn of the history of the town and to visit the wonderful Art Deco council meeting room.

"The Jamaican and Caribbean communities in Watford have been long settled and I was pleased to know that progress was being made to increase diversity in all aspects of life in Watford, including the arts."

The High Commissioner met the Watford African Caribbean Association (WACA) – one of the oldest African and Caribbean voluntary organisations in the UK – during her visit.



High Commissioner with Clive Saunders, Chair of the Watford African Caribbean Association.

During a luncheon meeting at the United Friends Club (UFC), at Watford Elim Church Hall the High Commissioner urged Jamaican to ensure that they regularized their status in the UK and to also become active participants in the political process. She reminded the group that if their were not a part of the process and did not have a seat at the table" then decisions that affected their lives and community will be made without their input.

WACA was established out of a need to bring the African and Caribbean communities together to address a range of social issues and concerns. The organisation will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year.

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN BRISTOL

High Commissioner H.E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba paid an official visit to Bristol in February, where she was hosted by the Bristol West Indian Parent and Friends Association.

High Commissioner Ndombet-Assamba met with the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Alastair Watson and Lady Mayoress Sarah Watson. She visited the Bristol Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Centre and several Jamaican-owned businesses in the city, including the Portland Cafe; Smith's Travel and Shipping; Jamaica Inn; Rice and Thing Restaurant; Urban Concept Barbers; First Choice Flowers; Georgians; BRB's Groceries and the Phoenix Social Enterprise.



At the Bristol Sickle Cell Centre

The High Commission also hosted a Consular Surgery at the Malcolm X Centre, and High Commissioner Ndombet-Assamba and the team, including Mrs. Vivienne Siva, Miss Leonie Livingstone and Mrs. E Thorpe, were special guests on the breakfast programme on Ujima Radio, hosted by Ms Primrose Granville.

The High Commissioner spoke at a community meeting where she urged members of the community to ensure that they have regularised their status in Britain. She also urged persons of Jamaican heritage to become Jamaican citizens.



High Commissioner with members of the Bristol West Indian Parent and Friends Association and the Lord Mayor of Bristol — at The Lord Mayors Mansion House.

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CYPRUS

Jamaica's High Commissioner to Cyprus, based in London, Her Excellency Aloun Ndombet-Assamba, presented her credentials to President Nicos Anastasiades, during a ceremony in February at the Presidential Palace.

Mrs Ndombet-Assamba referred to the excellent bilateral relations between Jamaica and Cyprus, noting that the two countries, though vastly different in their historical evolution, share striking similarities. She said that the Government of Jamaica supports the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and



The President of the Republic, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, receives the credentials of the new High Commissioner of Jamaica, stationed in London, Mrs. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba

unity of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as the peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem through bicomunal talks under the auspices of the UN.

Receiving the credentials, President Anastasiades referred to the bilateral relations between both countries and expressed the view that there was a solid foundation on which to further promote cooperation in new areas such as tourism, trade and education. The High Commissioner also met with the Honorary Consul, the Foreign Affairs Minister of Cyprus, and the Head of Caribbean Affairs in the Mediterranean island.

STAYING POWER, A POTENT DOSE OF JAMAICAN CULTURE IN LONDON

The Victoria & Albert Museum in London recently opened a compelling exhibition of photographs that chronicles the Black British Experience from the 1950s to the 1990s. High Commissioner H. E. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba was a special guest at the official launch of the exhibition in February.

The collection of 118 works by 17 artists dubbed 'Staying Power' is aimed at increasing the number of Black British photographers and images of Black Britain in the Victoria and Albert collection. The exhibition also wants to raise awareness about the powerful contribution of Black Britons to British culture and society as well as to the art of photography.



Four of the 17 participating photographers - some deceased - are Jamaican nationals who emigrated to Britain. They include Dennis Morris, who was very active in Hackney in the 1960s and 1970s, and who put a big focus on music and the Jamaican sound system culture. Charlie Phillips is another

featured Jamaican national who moved to Notting Hill from Jamaica in 1956.

There are black and white images from Neil Kenlock, and the sole Jamaican female photographer is Maxine Walker. This exhibition offers a clear perspective of the lives of people of Caribbean and African descent in Britain. 'Staying Power' was developed in collaboration with Black Cultural Archives, a Brixton-based organisation that collects, preserves and celebrates the heritage and history of Black people in Britain.

ANGUILLAN MUSICIAN AND FORMER W.I. CRICKETER OMARI BANKS VISITS HIGH COMMISSION



Anguillan musician and former West Indies cricketer, 32-year-old Omari Banks, paid a courtesy call on the High Commissioner in February.

Omari was in London promoting his new album and treated the High Commissioner to a live performance of 'Moving On' from his album.

He appeared in 10 Test matches for the West Indies, hitting one half-century and taking 28 wickets, and also played 80 first-class matches for the Leeward Islands, hitting two centuries and taking 204 wickets with his offspin bowling. In 2011, he played his last first-class match and began to pursue his musical career professionally.

JAMAICA'S HIDDEN HISTORIES



The High Commissioner official opened the Jamaica Hidden Histories exhibition at the Gallery at Oxo.

Jamaica Hidden Histories is an educational project by Full Spectrum Productions, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It aims to unearth and communicate information to diverse communities to understand the history of Jamaica, its distinctive cultural identity and links with Britain.

The High Commissioner pointed out that it was the wealth generated from sugar and slavery in Jamaica and the islands of the Caribbean which fuelled the Industrial Revolution in Britain, the colonial exploitation of India and the African Subcontinent, and transformed London as we know it today.

"Regrettably, much of this history and this relationship remain un-

told to many in the society today. Through this exhibition, a new generation of Britons will be educated about this important and formative part of their history. It will do so because it spans the period going back to 1655, when an expedition sent out by Oliver Cromwell captured Jamaica from the Spanish."

The High Commissioner said she was particularly impressed by the different themes highlighted during the course of the exhibition, including a discussion about Jamaican mothers in England since the 1950s, a collection of Jamaican artefacts, and a look at the unique Black River luxury chocolate brand.

The High Commissioner congratulated Mrs. Lorna Holder, Managing Director of Full Spectrum Productions, for curating the exhibition, a major highlight of which was the photographic exhibition by Charlie Phillips.

SAVE THE DATE - THE INDEPENDENCE SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

The Jamaican High Commission, on the occasion of Jamaica's 53rd Anniversary of Independence, will host a special **Service of Praise and Thanksgiving on Saturday, 25th July 2015, starting at 11 o'clock at the Emmanuel Centre 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW.**

While every effort will be made to

welcome as many Jamaicans and Friends of Jamaica as possible, the capacity for the venue is 1,000. Consequently, seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

Once the capacity of the Emmanuel Centre is reached, we will not be able to allow additional access to the building owing to the health and safety regulations.

Persons planning to attend the service are being asked to be seated by 10: 45 a.m. and to follow the instructions of the stewards and ushers. Please note that the doors of the Centre will close at 10: 55 a.m. to facilitate the prompt start of the service.

Your usual kind cooperation is requested.

SAVE THE DATE - INDEPENDENCE RECEPTION

Jamaica's 53rd Anniversary of the Independence on Wednesday, 5th August 2015, 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. The International Maritime Authority (IMO) 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR

This event will be ticketed. Information regarding the cost of tickets and where they can be purchased will be circulated in due course.

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