



WELCOME MESSAGE

As the Director of Public Prosecutions for Jamaica, I deem it a privilege to be given the opportunity to host the **4th North American and Caribbean Regional Conference** of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), in Jamaica from November 2-4, 2016.

As we continue to advance further into the 21st century, there is no doubt that the international community has been confronted with many challenges that affect the good governance, democracy and safety of our citizens as a result of the increased use of technology and cyber-related activities. The impact is far reaching and poses significant challenges for us as prosecutors, in the execution of our duties. It is against this background that my team and I have decided to focus on the theme: *'Prosecution and Governance in the 21st Century: Current and Future Challenges to Tackling Cybercrime and Organized Financial Crimes'*. As the theme is of great importance to prosecutors around the globe, the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the National Integrity Action (NIA), the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) section of the US Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica and the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) are happy to be collaborating with us in this venture.

The conference will provide an opportunity for us to examine subject areas such as: digital forensic evidence, the vulnerability of the financial institutions, the dark web, hacking, identity theft, cyber espionage, cyber bullying and child pornography. We are confident that the speakers selected are suitably qualified to speak on these areas and as such participants will be able to engage in informed and meaningful discussions on the varying approaches to the investigation and prosecution of these criminal activities.

The Montego Bay Convention Centre situated along the elegant corridors of Rose Hall in the island's resort capital, Montego Bay is the conference venue. Participants will be shuttled from the Hilton Rose Hall Resort and Spa to the conference daily. A variety of social programmes have been organized to introduce participants to the culture and hospitality of this island.

I look forward to welcoming IAP participants to Jamaica to participate in what will be an interesting and informative conference. Warm welcome to the Caribbean!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula V. Llewellyn'.

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