

## **ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

On March 4, 2016, an IMF staff team led by Mr. Nigel Chalk, Deputy Director of the Western Hemisphere Department, and Ms. Uma Ramakrishnan, Mission Chief for Jamaica, visited the island. The team, in their statement release, highlighted that fiscal measures should be designed to be consistent with a primary surplus target of 7% of GDP in 2016/17 and tax policy reforms should continue to contribute to a fair, equitable, and efficient tax system.

On March 8th, 2016, the IMF published a Working Paper entitled, *Caribbean Energy: Macro Related Challenges*. The paper outlined power sector challenges and took stock of national and regional strategies to address them. It presented recommendations to move the energy agenda forward, based on analyses of macro-aspects of energy reform. The paper looked at three main areas, which included quantitative assessment of the impact of energy costs on growth and competitiveness, evaluation of gains from implementing announced renewable energy and energy efficiency targets, and analysis of the impact of energy investments on debt sustainability.

For the month of March 2016, the value of the Jamaican Dollar depreciated by J0.28 or 0.23% to J121.96=US1.00. Similar to the US dollar, the Jamaican dollar depreciated against the Canadian Dollar by J4.30 or 4.91% to J91.96 = CAD1.00 relative to February. The Great Britain Pound appreciated by J0.06 or 0.035% relative to February 2016 to end the month at 172.71 = GBP.

Data for the month ending March 2016 revealed that the stock of Net International Reserves (NIR) at the Bank of Jamaica was J\$276.97 billion (US\$ 2,415.53 million). This reflected an increase of J\$16.72 billion (US\$145.78 million) relative to February 2016.

Consumer prices in Jamaica rose 3% year to date to March 2016, which was 3.66% in the previous month. The monetary base increased by J\$2.06 billion to J\$120.01 billion for March 2016 relative to January this year.

On the last trading day in March 2016, for the period March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016, the main JSE index declined by 2,787.95 points or 1.78% to close at 153,911.33 points. The JSE Combined Index declined by 2,830.40 points or 1.71% to close at 162,517.92 points. The JSE Junior declined by 22.69 points or 1.16% to close at 1,925.22 points. In contrast, once again, the JSE Cross Listed Index remained firm and closed the month at 499.06 points.

For the month of February 2016, the production of Alumina was 142,053 tonnes. This represented a 25,885 or 15.41% increase, relative to January 2016. For the month, the sale of alumina amounted to 160,746 tonnes. This represented an increase of 4,614 tonnes or 2.95% relative to the previous month. The production of crude bauxite, which is bauxite mined for exports, for February 2016 was 354,541 tonnes. This is a 38,768 tonnes or a 9.86% increase from the 393,309 tonnes recorded in January this year. Total bauxite production, which is the sum of bauxite mined for exports and bauxite converted to alumina, for February this year was 731,630 tonnes. This represented a 27,766 tonnes or a 3.40% decrease from the previous month.

The overall weighted average lending rate on domestic currency loans increased to 17.27% from 16.92%

at the end of January 2016 relative to December 2015. The weighted average domestic interest rates on deposits decreased by 6bps to 1.56% at the end of January 2016 relative to the end of December 2015. For the month of January, the foreign currency loan rate decreased relative to December 2015. In this regard, the rate declined by 3bps to 7.33%. Meanwhile the interest rates on foreign currency deposits decreased in January relative to December. In this regard the foreign currency deposit rate fell by 1bps to 1.74%.

Stopover tourist arrivals for January 2016 were 179,559. This month's total was 42,537 or 19.41% lower than the 219,096 in December last year. January's total was an increase of 1.7%% over the 176,621 recorded in January.

There were price reductions observed in 38% (8) of the commodities monitored for March 2016. The price of crude oil index Brent increased in March 2016 as well as the WTI. The Brent moved up by 17.68% and the WTI increased by 24.45%. Natural gas however, decreased by 13.27%.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Highlights of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 13:

### **Corporate Governance Index, PSOJ/JSE**

Mrs. Street-Forrest advised that the first draft of the Corporate Governance Index which was prepared by Dr. Howard Haughton, has been reviewed by the MIF Steering Committee. A Corporate Governance Workshop of Best Practices took place on April 27, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The meeting was advised that the Index is a measurement with a continuous scoring on a monthly basis, to show companies how they are performing in relation to Corporate Governance. The Junior/Primary listing will be updated so that all companies can identify where they stand for investors. The ongoing update will be the responsibility of the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) and this will be within the CG Framework which will indicate what is required. The Index is expected to be launched by June 2016. The draft document was circulated to the PSOJ CG Committee and the MIF Steering Committee, who were invited to the Workshop. The intent is to get feedback so that the CG Index could be completed quickly.

Concern was raised about auditing and whether there would be an audit of the companies as these metrics will affect the Index and should therefore be subject to verification. Mrs. Street-Forrest noted that the Annual Reports are submitted on a yearly basis and the information could therefore be verified. It was observed that Auditors who sign off on the Annual Reports recognize that dissonance in anything recorded would result in a red flag.

### **Public Sector Boards**

The governance issue regarding the appointment of Boards was discussed and the decision made that a press release should be issued encouraging the Government to appoint Boards within two (2) weeks of General Elections, as otherwise, it negatively affects the operation of entities. Competency profiles will be mentioned in the release.

The PSOJ list of prospective Board Directors should also be sent to Ministers individually, particularly since up to that time, the major Boards had not yet been appointed.

### **Public Sector Corporate Governance Awards**

The Ministry of Finance & Public Service has endorsed PSOJ's proposal for the establishment of the Public Sector Corporate Governance Awards and has provided the names of their representatives, namely Ms. Carlene O'Connor, Mr. Lenworth Taylor and Mrs. Ann Marie Rhoden. Mrs. Camille Facey, Mr. Donovan Wignal, Mr. Chung and the Chair comprise the PSOJ team. A meeting will be scheduled momentarily.

### **PSOJ Corporate Governance Codes**

Ms. Bogues advised that she will be assisting Mrs. Suzanne Goldson with finalizing the CG Main Code and

will meet with the JSE soon, as the intent is to work towards a June launch. A meeting will be coordinated to review the JSE comments and another one will be scheduled thereafter with the Listed Companies group and other entities who have provided feedback.

### **Broadcasting Commission**

The term of office for the Broadcasting Commission team ends in October 2016. The Corporate Governance Committee is working hard to meet the timelines for deliverables on the Corporate Governance Contract for Consultants' Services. The project has been extensive and has helped to enhance the image of the PSOJ.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Highlights of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 19:

The committee invited the Minister of Justice, Hon. Delroy Chuck M.P., to this meeting. This aim was to hear directly from the Minister, the plan his Ministry has to address the issues affecting the justice system.

Minister Chuck highlighted various issues with the justice system including:

- Delays and inefficiencies
- Judicial accountability
- Poor infrastructure

The Minister stated that the tools that will be used to tackle the problems will be:

- Dispute Resolution
- Plea Bargaining
- Integrity Progression Act
- Arbitration
- Road Traffic Act

He suggested the following as a means to improve the justice system:

- Stakeholders need to unite and lobby for issues to be adjusted
- A shift system should be proposed as the time allocated is inefficient, hence creating back logs in cases.
- The private sector could consider constructing new buildings, some of which could be used to house Magistrate court sessions. The government could provide the land for building.
- Age of retirement should be revised.

### **JCF Crime Statistics**

The crime statistics for the period January 1 -April 16, 2016 were summarised and compared to the same period last year as follows:

- Murders 310 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -18 or -5%
- Shootings 295 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -9 or -3%
- Rape 121 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -77 or -39%
- Aggravated Assault 139 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -58 or -29%

### In terms of Acquisitory Crime

- Robberies 469 were reported: this represents a decrease of -240 or -34%
- Break ins 362 were reported: this represents a decrease of -260 or -42%
- Larceny –64 were reported: this represents a decrease of -87 or -58%

### **Divisions of Concern:**

• St. James reported 57 murders: this represents an increase of 3 or 6%

- Clarendon reported 40 murders: this represents an increase of 6 or 18%
- St. Catherine North reported 24 murders: this represents a decrease of -22 or -48%
- Westmoreland reported 27murders: this represents an increase of 3 or 13%

### **CRIME STOP**

The Crime Stop Coordinator's report highlighted the following for the month of April 2016:

- The number of calls received was 33, 11 less than what was received in March.
- The success ratio was 1 in 3, in comparison to 1 in 6 in March.
- Two arrests were made, the same as in March.
- The number of calls made to 311 was 33, 6 less than what was received in February.

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| 1          | CHILD IN NEED CARE     | 1      | ILL FIREARM/AMMO | 1 SUS | SP/ACTIVITIES |  |
| 1          | DRUGS                  | 3      | ILL/ELECTRICITY  | 6 WA  | NTED PERSON   |  |
| 3          | FUGITIVE               | 1      | ILL/GAMBLING     | 1 ADE | D/INFORMATION |  |
| 2          | GUNMEN                 | 1      | LOTTERY SCAM     | 4 QUE | ERIES         |  |
| 2          | GUNS/DRUGS             |        |                  |       |               |  |
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## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Highlights of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 27:

### **Renewable Energy RFP**

Mr. Chung commenced the discussion with an update on the meeting held on March 29, 2016 with Minister Wheatley. He stated that the Minister specified that he would be increasing renewable energy to 20% of total generating capacity, up from 6%. He added that the Minister was also exploring the use of waste to energy; he noted however that Minister's expectations regarding the amount of garbage generated might not be met.

Mr. Theoc updated that JPS is presently having the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) done. He further noted that the IRP is being undertaken by the EDF which is scheduled to make presentations during the week of April 25 with bodies such as MSET, ESET and the OUR.

Mr. Theoc also provided the committee with an update as to the cause of the power outage on Sunday April 17, 2016. He attributed the cause to a 'low demand event' where Bogue was offline (resulting in 60MW being down due to conversion efforts), while the 60MW Plant in Old Harbour was on emergency outage.

### **Petrojam Fuel Prices**

The committee was advised by Mr. Chung that based on the meeting held with Minister Wheatley on April 26, 2016 the Minister has agreed to negotiate with Trinidad regarding the removal of the premium on fuel from Petrotrin. He also stated that some private sector persons/groups are considering taking action against Trinidad for the subsidies.

Mr. Chung also reiterated his position on closing the Petrojam refinery for the interest of the country. He stated that it would cost the Jamaican Government US\$1 billion to upgrade the refinery; funds which the government does not have and Venezuela is not likely to contribute.

### **Retrofitting of the PSOJ**

Mr. Chung informed the committee that the Officers of the PSOJ had advised that he should proceed with the retrofitting. He further stated that Ms. Tracey Lacroix of the PSOJ will be in contact with Mr. Pijuan Mota on the way forward.

#### **Update on ESET Committee**

Mr. Mahfood stated that he had no updates regarding ESET but advised that he intended to have a meeting with them shortly. Mr. Theor noted that JPS is experiencing a slight delay in that they are not able to access financing as it is contingent on all permits being in place; he further stated that Fortress' permit has not been perfected (they supply the company with gas) but estimates that the permit will be in place by July 31, 2016.

#### **Rain Water Security/Harvesting**

Mr. Mahfood insisted that Rainwater Harvesting should be advocated for by the committee. The committee agreed that a letter should be drafted and sent to the relevant Minister in an effort to push the issue.

#### JPS Stakeholder Consultation:

Mr. Theoc informed the committee that as a part of the preparation of JPS' 5 year business plan, the company intends to utilize the focus group methodology to hold consultations with approximately 20 of its major customers. The focus group is intended to garner feedback, which will inform the development of the 5 year plan. Once completed, the plan will be submitted to the OUR for approval.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Highlights of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 5:

#### **PSOJ Membership**

The suggestion was made to publicly recognize those members who have successfully recommended persons to join the organisation, at the induction ceremony held at each edition of the President's Forum.

## **PSOJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

It was suggested that a digital strategy be created to recognize the PSOJ's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Kareen Cox agreed. As a part of this strategy, it was suggested that we feature one member a month on our website and Facebook page. It was also recommended that we find a way to celebrate and recognise all our members throughout this special year. The Chairman suggested giving out a keepsake with the logos of all our members, perhaps a bookmarker.

#### **Job Creation Awards**

The suggestion was made to use the September edition of the President's Forum to present these awards to deserving companies. Applicants must be PSOJ members. The proposed guest speaker is Daryl Vaz, the Minister (without portfolio) responsible for economic growth and job creation.

#### **Any Other Business**

The Chairman recommended that the CEO and the President's social media posts should be linked to the PSOJ website and Facebook page and he suggested that the PSOJ summer workers be trained on how to carry this out.

# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

| Membership as at | Corporate | Associations | Individuals | New Members   | Resigned     |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| January 2016 192 |           | 27           | 43          | 2 Individuals | 1 corporate  |
|                  |           |              |             |               | 1 individual |
| February 2016    | 192       | 27           | 43          | Nil           | Nil          |
| March 2016       | 193       | 27           | 43          | 1 Corporate   | 1 corporate  |
| April 2016       | 193       | 27           | 43          | Nil           | Nil          |

- Joined in January Individual members Suzanne Shaw and Jeremy Whittaker
- Resigned in January Individual member Corine la Font and Corporate member, NMH Trading
- Joined in March Corporate member, Edufocal Ltd.

## **Prospects sent information during the period:**

| Contact Person                          | Company/Association             | Contact Information           |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Mario Salazar                           | Phillip Morris International    | mario.salazar@pmi.com         |  |  |
| Lisa Marie Elliott                      | Individual                      | lmelliott8@gmail.com          |  |  |
| Jason Henzell                           | Jakes Hotel                     | jason@jakeshotel.com          |  |  |
| Evette Beckett BCB Scientific Sales     |                                 | bcbscientific@gmail.com       |  |  |
| Mark Frankson Designs by Marc Ltd       |                                 | marc.frankson@marclimited.com |  |  |
| Tricia Knott-Francis                    | Knott-Francis Eventers Ltd      | tknottfrancis@kfeltd.com      |  |  |
| Ronald Young Individual                 |                                 | ryoung@wyplegal.com           |  |  |
| Phebe Warren                            | Credit Information Services Ltd | phebecwarren@gmail.com        |  |  |
| Anique Harriott Purity Bakery Jamaica   |                                 | aharriott@purityjamaica.com   |  |  |
| Cerita Buchanan UWI Open Campus         |                                 | cerita.buchanan@open.edu.jm   |  |  |
| Natasha EnnisMarathon Insurance Brokers |                                 | naennis@mibja.com             |  |  |

# **Communication to Members**

The following correspondences were sent to members:

- 1. **April 4** email sent to members inviting them to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> Members' Mingle for the year, with caption, *You're Invited! PSOJ Members' Mingle Thursday April 21*
- 2. April 4 email sent to members inviting them to attend our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary church service, with caption, *Reminder: PSOJ 40th Anniversary Church Service This Sunday, April 10*
- 3. April 6 email with caption, Upcoming External Events
- 4. April 8 reminder email regarding the special church service with caption, *PSOJ 40th* Anniversary Celebrations Begin This Sunday
- 5. April 8 email with caption, Upcoming External Events
- 6. April 11 email inviting persons to attend the launch of the NYS Summer Workers' Programme, with caption, *You are Invited! Launch of NYS Summer Programme Next Week Tuesday, April 19*
- 7. April 12 email with caption, *Have You Confirmed Yet? PSOJ Members' Mingle Next Week Thursday, April 21*
- 8. April 13 email with caption, *Be There! Launch of NYS Summer Programme Next Week Tuesday, April 19*

- 9. April 15 email with caption, JN Foundation Accepting Applications from Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurs
- 10. April 18 email with caption, *Launch of NYS Summer Programme Tomorrow Tuesday, April 19*
- 11. April 19 email with caption, Last Chance to RSVP! PSOJ Members' Mingle This Thursday, April 21
- 12. April 21 email with caption, PSOJ Members' Mingle Today!
- 13. April 21 email updating members with information on the installation of new security measures, with caption, *New Security Measures at the PSOJe*,
- 14. April 22 email with caption, Food For The Poor 5K Saturday May 7
- 15. April 25 email sent to members thanking them for attending the Mingle, with caption, *PSOJ Members' Mingle Jaguar Land Rover April 21, 2016*
- 16. April 27 special thank you email from Jaguar Land Rover, with caption, *Pleasure Meeting You at the PSOJ Members' Mingle*

# MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

### **Functions/Events**

- April 10 PSOJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service
- April 14 Mentoring of Emerging Entrepreneurial Leaders Dinner
- April 19 NYS Summer Programme Launch
- April 21 PSOJ Members' Mingle

# April 10 – PSOJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service

The PSOJ celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church in Kingston. The President, CEO, Members of the Executive and a few Past Presidents were in attendance along with PSOJ members. The service was very good and was well received.

### **April 14 - Mentoring of Emerging Entrepreneurial Leaders Dinner**

The finalists in the recently concluded National Business Model Competition attended the second MEELS Dinner on Thursday, April 14 at the usual venue, the Spanish Court Hotel. The finalists were students from NCU, UWI and Utech. The guest mentor was PSOJ President William Mahfood, who brought along Managing Director of WISYNCO, Andrew Mahfood and together they told the students the WISYNCO story and how they overcame challenges that manifested along the way.

### April 19 – NYS Summer Programme Launch

The PSOJ collaborated with the National Youth Service to launch their annual summer workers' programme at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. PSOJ members were invited to attend the event to hear more about the programme and how they can participate. The event was well attended and received good media coverage.

### April 21 – PSOJ Members' Mingle

The second Mingle for the year took place at the Stewart Auto Gallery and was hosted by Jaguar Land Rover. Despite the rain, we had approximately 120 persons in attendance and as usual we received positive reviews from those who were in attendance. The event received excellent print coverage. The next Mingle is scheduled for August.

### Public/Media Relation - Press Releases/Media Advisories/Radio & TV interviews

### Print

- 1. **April 4, 2016** The Observer, Section Opinion, Page 15, Article entitled "Audley Shaw's PAYE dilemma" In-text mention: "this is what we call a friendly audience in the PR world: the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica President's Forum".
- 2. April 10, 2016 The Observer, PSOJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advertising Supplement 16 pages

- 3. April 10, 2016 The Gleaner, PSOJ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advertising Supplement 24 pages
- 4. **April 17, 2016** The Observer, The Agenda, Page 7, Article entitled: "Mr. Trust is dead!", Intext Mention: "there were negative responses to the Minister of Finance's speech at the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica function...".
- 5. **April 18, 2016** The Gleaner, Flair Magazine, Advertisement for Middle Managers Conference with Mr. William Mahfood listed as a presenter.
- 6. **April 19, 2016** The Gleaner, Section A2, Photograph of the joint launch of the NYS Summer Programme (PSOJ banner/logo seen in background).
- 7. April 22, 2016 The Observer, Page 6, PSOJ Congratulatory Advertisement in the ESL Anniversary Supplement.
- 8. April 22, 2016 The Observer, PSOJ Congratulatory message for President Mahfood in the ESL Anniversary Supplement.
- 9. April 25, 2016 The Gleaner, Section A6 (Social), Pictorial highlights of the PSOJ Members' Mingle at Jaguar Land Rover.
- 10. April 27, 2016 The Business Observer, Page 3, Article entitled: "Our people are the most important competitive edge". Photograph with President Mahfood. In-text mention: "President of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica is encouraging business managers to create formal structures..."
- 11. **April 28, 2016** The Gleaner, Section A2, Article entitled: "Let us charge a fixed sum". In-text Mention: Meanwhile Dennis Chung, chief executive officer of the PSOJ believes it could be difficult to arrive at fixed percentage that schools should charge..."
- April 29, 2016 The Observer, Caribbean Business Report, Page 4, Article entitled: "Prove it". In-text Mention: President of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica William Mahfood on Wednesday called for strong actions..."

# Online

1. **April 1, 2016** - Jamaica Observer- Business Funds raised on the Junior Market almost kiss the \$5-billion mark

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/Funds-raised-on-the-Junior-Market-almost-kiss-the--5-billion-mark\_56314

- April 3, 2016 Jamaica Observer- News Weekly Round-Up: Delay in tax break... Murder/suicide in Manchester... Windies men, women into T20 finals <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Weekly-Round-Up--Delay-in--18K-tax-break--Murder-</u> suicide-in-Manchester-Windies-men-women-into-T20-finals
- April 3, 2016 Jamaica Observer- News- Private sector body calls on Jamaicans to boycott T&T goods <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Private-sector-body-calls-on-Jamaicans-to-boycott-T-T-goods</u>
- 4. April 4, 2016 Jamaica Observer- Columns-Audley Shaw's PAYE dilemma http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/Audley-Shaw-s-PAYE-dilemma 56675
- 5. April 5, 2016 Jamaica Observer- Columns-'Once bitten, twice shy'-Is it déjà vu once more with the electorate and the JLP Gov't? http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/-Once-bitten--twice-shy- 56518
- 6. **April 5, 2016** Jamaica Observer- News-Crime Stop report helps nab serial rapist <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Crime-Stop-report-helps-nab-serial-rapist</u>

- 7. April 7, 2016 Jamaica Observer-News-Chung stayshttp://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Chung-stays 57004
- 8. April 12, 2016 Jamaica Observer- Columns-That Trinidad products boycott call...how can we fix Caricom? <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/That-Trinidad-products-boycott-call---</u><u>how-can-we-fix-Caricom-\_57465</u>
- April 15, 2016 Jamaica Observer- News-Foreign minister pushes for solution on T&T immigration issues <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Foreign-minister-pushes-for-solution-on-T-T-immigration-issues</u>
- 10. April 19, 2016 Jamaica Observer- News-Business owners urged to take more NYS summer participants <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Business-owners-urged-to-take-more-NYS-summer-participants</u>
- 11. April 20, 2016 Gleaner Put youths to work Green urges businesses to take on more NYS summer interns <u>http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20160420/put-youths-work-green-urges-businesses-take-more-nys-summer-interns</u>
- 12. April 22, 2016 The Jamaica Observer- Columns-Will we watch as sugar goes sour? http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/Will-we-watch-as-sugar-goes-sour\_58551
- 13. **April 27, 2016**-CARICOM Today SG discusses trade with Jamaica's top private sector officials <u>http://today.caricom.org/2016/04/27/caricom-sg-discusses-trade-with-jamaicas-top-private-sector-officials/</u>
- 14. April 27, 2016 The Jamaica Observer-Business-Our people are the most important competitive edge Mahfood <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/Our-people-are-the-most-important-competitive-edge---Mahfood\_58975</u>
- 15. April 27, 2016 The Jamaica Observer-News-ONLINE POLL RESULTS: Jamaica should boycott T&T products <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/ONLINE-POLL-RESULTS--Jamaica-should-boycott-T-T-products</u>
- 16. April 29, 2016 The Jamaica Observer-Business-Manufacturers should prove T&T subsidies are unfair Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission says those hurt by TT oil subsidy must provide evidence
  http://www.iemaicachserver.com/business/Manufacturers\_should\_prove\_T\_T\_subsidies\_are

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/Manufacturers-should-prove-T-T-subsidies-areunfair\_59207

- 17. April 29, 2016 The Jamaica Observer-Business-How can the Economic Growth Council help Jamaica achieve 5% economic growth? <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/How-can-the-Economic-Growth-Council-help-Jamaica-achieve-5--economic-growth-\_59330</u>
- 18. April 30, 2016 The Gleaner-PSOJ explores bringing claim against T&T over fuel subsidy matter <u>http://jamaicagleaner.com/article/news/20160430/psoj-explores-bringing-claim-against-tt-over-fuel-subsidy-matter</u>

# Speeches/Remarks Delivered by the President

- 1. **April 10** Delivered remarks at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary church service held at the Stella Maris Church.
- 2. **April 26** Delivered greetings at the Middle Manager's Conference held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel under the theme, *Grow Your...People. Product. Potential.*

# **Speeches/Remarks Delivered by the CEO**

- 1. **April 6 -** Participated in a panel discussion on the topic, *Surpassing the Ordinary Through Excellence*, at the UWI Mona Campus.
- 2. April 19 Delivered greetings at the launch of the National Youth Service's (NYS) Summer Programme held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.
- 3. **April 27** Delivered opening remarks at the launch of the Corporate Governance Index held at the Terra Nova Hotel.

# **Radio/Television Interviews with the President**

- 1. **April 4** 11am telephone radio interview on RJR's *Hotline* regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 2. **April 4** 6:30pm telephone radio interview on RJR's *Beyond the Headlines*, regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 3. April 6 7am television interview on TVJ's *Smile Jamaica*, regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 4. April 6 television interview with SEEN TV regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 5. April 7 9:30am television interview with Business Access TV regarding the Trinidad immigration issue. The CEO also participated in this interview.
- 6. April 7 7pm television interview on CVM TV's *Live at 7*, regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 7. **April 8** 6:05pm telephone radio interview on NewsTalk 93FM regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 8. April 20 8:30pm television interview on TVJ's *All Angles*, regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 9. April 29 7:30am telephone radio interview on TBC Radio regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.
- 10. April 29 11am telephone radio interview on Power 106, regarding the Trinidad immigration issue.

# **Radio/Televisions Interviews with the CEO**

- 1. **April 6** television interview with TVJ's Dashan Hendricks to discuss the implications of the Panama papers and it was carried on TVJ News at 7pm.
- April 18 7:30am telephone radio interview on Nationwide News regarding the 2016/2017 Budget.
- 3. April 19 5:30pm telephone radio interview on RJR's *Beyond the Headlines*, to discuss the recently released business confidence survey results.
- 4. **April 19** 6:50pm telephone radio interview on Nationwide News to discuss the recently released business confidence survey results.
- 5. April 19 7pm television interview on TVJ News regarding the speedy appointment of government boards.
- 6. **April 26** 5:30pm telephone radio interview on RJR's *Beyond the Headlines* to discuss the speedy appointment of government boards.
- 7. April 28 7:30am telephone radio interview on Nationwide News regarding Bruce Golding's article on the proposed \$1.5 million tax commitment.

### **Radio/Television Mentions**

- 1. **April 3** Excerpts of the PSOJ's President's Forum was mentioned during RJR's *That's a Wrap* at 12:15pm.
- 2. **April 4** Excerpts of the President's interview on RJR's Beyond the Headlines regarding the Trinidad immigration issue was carried on TVJ News at 7pm.
- 3. April 18 The PSOJ was mentioned during a TVJ News special report on Trinidad.

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May 10, 2016