

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

Over 200 participants from industry, business and the academic community participated in the two-day National Conference on Cyber Security and Digital Forensics which was hosted by the Mona ICT Policy Centre, Mona School of Business and Management, UWI.

The objectives of the conference were:

- to provide information to stakeholders on the various types of cyber threats;
- to create a technical team of specialists to design an action plan using conference outcomes;
- increase public awareness of the issues.

KEY OUTCOMES

- **A technical team of specialists has been established to create an action plan and monitor government, corporate and regional activities in cyber security. The convenor will be the Mona ICT Policy Centre;**
- **The technical team was appointed to create a strategic roadmap for cyber security and to begin preparations for a follow-up national conference. This would involve government, industry, the academy and other existing stakeholders;**
- **The conference acknowledged current and proposed legislative and regulatory changes towards streamlining and improving cyber security in Jamaica. Government is to be encouraged and monitored in the effective implementation of these measures and to create new ones including a Data Protection Act;**
- **The creation of a Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) should be high priority for government. Advisory support for this would be available from qualified conference participants;**
- **Measures should be taken by stakeholders immediately towards the establishment of an Internet Exchange Point (IXP) in Jamaica to provide a local node for the routing of internet traffic. This does not now exist;**
- **A Cyber Security Research Network will be convened at the Mona ICT Policy Centre, UWI to serve as the hub for additional academic research in the area;**
- **Attention is to be paid to preserving human rights and respect for workers even while measures are enforced to ensure security in data processing business operations;**
- **A series of public service announcements and other information initiatives are to be created with the help of sponsors and stakeholders such as CARIMAC towards ensuring wider public awareness about cyber security.**

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