



# NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE

November 28 & 29, 2016

## THE 2016 CONFERENCE

Over 150 participants from industry, government, business and the academic community participated in the two-day National Conference on Cyber Security which was hosted by the Mona ICT Policy Centre, CARIMAC, UWI.

The Conference featured over 25 presentations across six plenary panel sessions and an opening ceremony. This provided a platform for knowledge sharing and expert insights into current cyber security issues and solutions. As in the past, it is expected that the Conference will be helpful in driving public policy and corporate measures in Jamaica and the Caribbean region to address the risks associated with the global cyber eco-system.

### Highlights and Key Outcomes

A wide range of issues and recommendations were presented and discussed at the Conference. Below is a selection of some of these issues that warrant immediate consideration and action.

- **The appointment of a Cyber Security Specialist with dedicated role separate from IT Manager for all enterprises.**
- **Support for early passage of the delayed Data Protection Act which is intended to safeguard, in general, the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data as well as govern the collection, regulation, processing, keeping, use and disclosure of certain information in physical or electronic form.**
- **Convergence of regulatory frameworks between utilities and financial institutions to enhance customer protection.**
- **Exploration of Cyber Security Insurance as a means to mitigate losses from a variety of cyber incidents.**
- **Heavy reliance on the human factor ("Flesh-ware" and "Social Engineering") to mitigate threats, with more intensive awareness and training of staff at all levels.**
- **Culturally relevant approaches to be adopted for citizen education.**
- **Continued emphasis on Cyber Audits and Penetration Testing.**
- **More intensive local and regional research into cyber security threats to government, banks, other enterprises and individuals.**
- **Extending the learning of the National Cyber Security Conference into a regional activity.**

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