

MRS. JUNE SPENCE- JARRETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION
(JADCO)
THE 2019 JADCO SYMPOSIUM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT (MCGES),
HONORABLE OLIVIA GRANGE, COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF DISTINCTION (CD) AND
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP)

THE STATE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND
SPORT, HONORABLE ALANDO TERRELONGE

THE PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER,
ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT, MR. DENZIL THORPE

CHAIRMAN OF THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION, MR. ALEXANDER WILLIAMS
ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

THE ACTING SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING IN THE
MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT, MRS. SUZETTE ISSON

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPORT POLICY IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER,
ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT, MRS. DIONNE BLAIR

TEAM MEMBERS FROM JADCO

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE 2019 JADCO
SYMPOSIUM.

LET ME BORROW A QUOTE FROM VANESSA LACHEY,

“TRUST IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A RELATIONSHIP, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY COMMUNICATION. I THINK THAT IF YOU HAVE THOSE TWO THINGS, EVERYTHING ELSE FALLS INTO PLACE.”

THIS REFLECTS JADCO’S MANDATE AS WE ARE CURRENTLY FOCUSING ON BUILDING AND MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS, IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP SPORT CLEAN. OUR ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL SHOULD TRUST THE COMMISSION ENOUGH TO COMMUNICATE, IN DOING SO EVERYTHING WILL FALL INTO PLACE AND THIS WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING FAIR PLAY IN SPORT.

THE JAMAICA ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA IN 2008 TO EXECUTE THE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS STIPULATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY, THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY (WADA). JADCO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL ATHLETES COMPLY WITH THE WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE, WHICH IS THE DOCUMENT THAT HARMONISES REGULATIONS REGARDING ANTI-DOPING ACROSS ALL SPORT AND ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF JADCO INCLUDE:

- THE DETERRENCE OF DOPING THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES
- THE DETECTION OF DOPING THROUGH TESTING ACTIVITIES AND INVESTIGATIONS
- THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-DOPING RULES, BY PRESENTING CASES OF POSSIBLE ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS (ADRVs) TO THE INDEPENDENT ANTI-DOPING DISCIPLINARY PANEL.

SINCE JANUARY 2015, THE COMMISSION HAS INCLUDED THE JADCO SYMPOSIUM ON ITS CALENDAR ANNUALLY; WE USE THIS PLATFORM TO COMMUNICATE WITH ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL, WHO ARE OUR IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL, THIS SYMPOSIUM IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND FOR US TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE. SO, FEEL FREE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS.

OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE DELVED INTO SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME AND THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM WILL FOCUS ON IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP WE SHARE.

IT WAS CARL W. BUECHNER WHO POSITS,

**“THEY MAY FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.”**

ON THAT NOTE, LET ME EXTEND WELCOME TO OUR SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS:

- HONORABLE ALANDO TERRELONGE, STATE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT
- MR. DENZIL THORPE, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT
- MRS. SUZETTE ISSON, ACTING SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING IN THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT
- MRS. DIONNE BLAIR, ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPORT POLICY IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT,
- MR. ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF JADCO
- MEMBERS OF THE JADCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TO OUR ESTEEMED SPORTING FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA PARALYMPIC ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA DARTS ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WEST INDIES PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA TAE-KWONDO ACADEMY/FEDERATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA HOCKEY FEDERATION
- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAMAICA BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON FEDERATION

- REPRESENTATIVES FROM TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE ISLAND
- MANAGERS, COACHES AND KEY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

TO OUR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS:

- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE JAMAICA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE JAMAICA MEDICAL DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE JAMAICA ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATION

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN LET ME PUT THE ICING ON THE CAKE,

**OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THE HONORABLE OLIVIA “BABS” GRANGE, CD, MP,
MINISTER OF CULTURE, GENDER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT (MCGES)**

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL JADCO SYMPOSIUM.

AS WE REFLECT ON THE THEME, ***“KEEPING SPORT CLEAN, FORGING BETTER PARTNERSHIPS”*** IN COMMEMORATION OF OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY. OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES BEGAN ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 WITH OUR DECENNIAL CHURCH SERVICE AT THE SAINT ANDREW’S SCOTS KIRK UNITED CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY OUR DECENNIAL GALA HELD AT THE TERRA NOVA ALL-SUITE HOTEL IN KINGSTON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018.

ADDITIONALLY, DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE HOSTED OUR 2018 SERIES OF JUNIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, IN FOUR REGIONS ACROSS THE ISLAND, WHICH INCLUDED KINGSTON, MANCHESTER, ST. JAMES AND ST. ANN.

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 WE HOSTED THE ANNUAL SENIOR ATHLETES ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION WORKSHOP, HERE AT THE JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTRE (JCC) AND TODAY WE ARE HERE WITH YOU AT THE ANNUAL JADCO SYMPOSIUM, WHICH ALSO FORMS PART OF OUR COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE THROUGHOUT 2019 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT. TEN YEARS IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT, WITHOUT YOU.

IT WAS ANTHONY T. HINCKS WHO STATES AND I QUOTE,

“WHEN YOU WALK AND SMILE AT ALL OF THOSE AROUND YOU, YOU WILL FIND THAT YOUR SMILE IS AS CONTAGIOUS AS THE COMMON COLD BUT MUCH MORE WELCOMED.”

SO PLEASE FEEL WELCOME AND REMEMBER THAT THE COMMISSION IS HERE TO GIVE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE, AS WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE MANDATE OF KEEPING SPORT CLEAN IN JAMAICA. FEEL FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE COMMISSION SO THAT WE CAN SERVE YOU BETTER. ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME AND HAVE A BLESSED, BEAUTIFUL AND WONDERFUL DAY.

I THANK YOU.