

Jamaica's Diaspora and Consulates team up

Staff of the Consulates General of Jamaica New York and Miami will host an information booth at the annual Jazz and Blues Festival to be staged in Falmouth, Trelawny, this weekend.

An initiative of the Consul General to Northeast USA, Mrs. Genevieve Brown Metzger, the booth will also team with advisory representatives from the Jamaica Diaspora Foundation here in the United States.

The Information booth to be housed at the venue of the Jazz Fest which begins on Thursday (Jan. 27) through Saturday (Jan. 29) at the Green Stadium in Trelawny.

According to Consul General Brown Metzger, the project is aimed at creating awareness about the Government's effort to engage the Jamaican Diaspora in meeting its objectives for the nation's social and economic development.

The booth will also highlight information for the upcoming fourth biennial National Conference to be held in June, later this year.

The Consulate team is also partnering with two governmental agencies namely the Registrar General Department (RGD) and Passport, Immigration, Citizenship Agency (PICA), to provide information and respond to queries related to consular services facilitated by overseas missions as part of the special outreach to the persons attending the Jazz and Blues Festival.

Mrs. Brown Metzger also reiterated the importance of establishing contact with Jamaican nationals utilising entertainment channels, especially at such a venue as the Jazz Festival attended by a large number of patrons, annually. As music and entertainment are events appealing to Jamaicans, the Consul General stressed that this initiative could be far-reaching in effectively creating awareness about the Jamaican Diaspora and government's objectives for national development.

The Consul General also expressed appreciation to the coordinators of the Jazz Fest, Turnkey Productions, who she said recognized the importance of the governmental services provided to Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora.