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PROF. HOPETON DUNN RE-APPOINTED BROADCASTING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN *Two new Commissioners appointed*

His Excellency Sir Patrick Allen, Governor-General, has re-appointed Professor Hopeton Dunn as Chairman of the Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica (BCJ) for another five-year term. His appointment is effective November 1, 2011. Two new commissioners have also been named alongside six returning appointees.

The Chairman and BCJ Commissioners are appointed by the Governor General after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

The returning Chairman, Professor Dunn is the Director of the Telecommunications Policy and Management (TPM) Programme at the Mona School of Business, University of the West Indies (UWI). He is Professor of Communications Policy and Digital Media at the UWI and also serves as Secretary General of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). The IAMCR is the largest global association of research scholars in media, communication and development.

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The two newly appointed Commissioners are Mrs. Sheena Johnson-Brown and Mr. Maxim Rochester. **Mrs. Johnson-Brown** holds a Masters Degree in Media and Communication Studies from the University of the West Indies and is **currently** a Lecturer in Communication Arts & Technology at the University of Technology. She previously worked in the areas of Entertainment Management and Culture.

Mr. Maxim Rochester is an eminent chartered accountant who until recently headed the audit and accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers as Senior Partner in Jamaica. He is a member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (UK) and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica.

Also returning to serve another five year term, are six of the seven Commissioners whose terms of office had officially expired on October 31, 2011.

In addition to the Chairman, Professor Dunn, the other returning members of the Broadcasting Commission are: Mrs. Elaine Foster-Allen (Educator), Mrs. Hyacinth Lindsay (Attorney-at-Law), Mrs. Rosemarie Vernon (Educator), Dr. Elaine Wallace (Communications Lecturer and Administrator), Rev. Canon Peter Mullings (Cleric) and Mr. Neville James (Communications Consultant). Mr. Claude Robinson, senior journalist and lecturer, indicated that he was unavailable for re-appointment.

The Broadcasting Commission is the regulatory body for radio, television, and cable TV in Jamaica.

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