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“Jamaica elected to chair regional regulatory body”

Jamaica has been elected to chair the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR). The Director General of the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) Mr. Ahmad Zia Mian will chair the body’s Executive Council for the next year.

The election took place at the just concluded General Assembly during the annual conference of OOCUR in Tobago.

Mr. Mian’s main task over the next administrative year will be to spearhead the development of the Caribbean Regulatory Research Centre (CRRC). The Council has decided that it will also now move ahead with the establishment of a regional regulatory training body. It is envisaged that this will be established in conjunction with a regional tertiary training institution.

The recently concluded 7th annual conference of the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) in Tobago was held under the theme “Emerging Regulatory Issues in the Caribbean”. The next conference will be hosted by the Office of Utilities Regulation in Jamaica in November of next year.

The Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) was established by agreement in Jamaica in 2002 and is incorporated in Guyana. Its membership comprises regulatory bodies with responsibilities for telecommunications, electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater and transportation sectors across the Caribbean and the US Virgin Islands.

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