

The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR)

In Recognition of

International Archives Day

June 9th 2014

Presents

“From OUR Archives”

WHAT ARE ARCHIVES?

- * A business' archives contains records created or received by the organisation during its existence, which are considered to be of continuing value, and therefore selected to be kept permanently.
- * It can include physical material, such as paper documents, photographs, paintings or drawings, audio and film recordings.
- * Increasingly however, there are a number of born digital records, which started life in a digital format such as emails and websites, or social media, such as Twitter, Facebook or Flickr.

The Importance of Preserving Information

- * They are a great information resource as they document the history and identity of the organisation.
- * They are important as they protect the interests of individuals, the organisation, and society in general as they provide evidence of past events.

Appraising Records

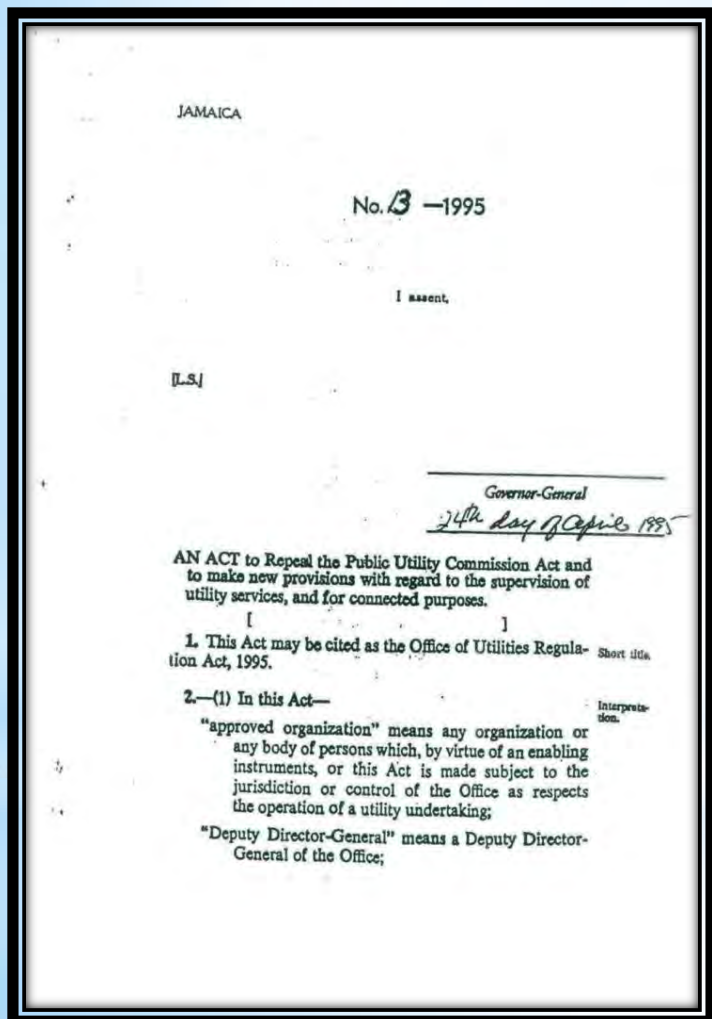
- * In deciding which records to archive, one must examine the record for its:
 - * Primary retention values by asking the question...
“does this record show evidence of the OUR’s administrative, legal or financial activities as required by law?”
 - * Secondary retention values by examining the historical or intrinsic values of the record in context of organizational or national development.

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Inception (1995 - 1996)



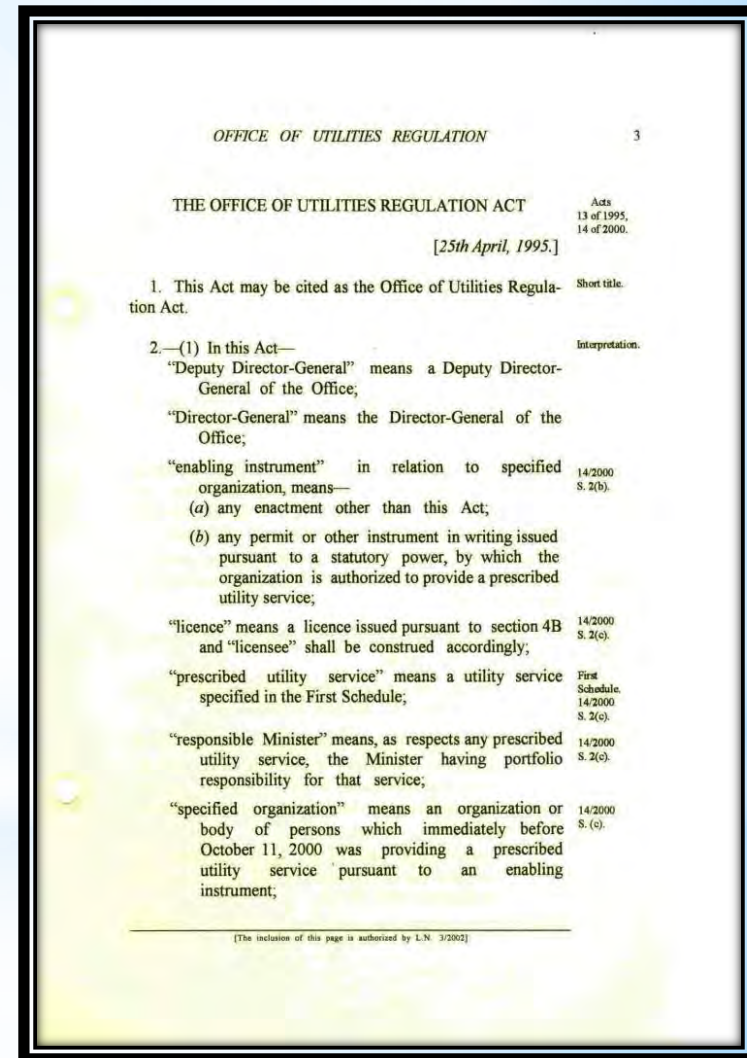
The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) was established by an Act of Parliament in 1995 to regulate the operations of utility companies. The Act was signed on April 24, 1995 by Sir Howard Cooke, Governor General, Jamaica.

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In 2000, the OUR Act was amended. Changes to the Act included:

- The addition of transmission and generation of electricity as a prescribed utility service
- The introduction of secrecy provisions creating stringent confidentiality requirements on officers of the OUR
- Expansion in the powers of the OUR to give directions to and require remedial measures by regulated entities for *inter alia* the protection of consumer interest and encouragement of competition
- Increase in the fines for some criminal offences under the Act



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Mr Earl Richards was appointed by The Honourable Robert D. Pickersgill, Minister of Public Utilities and Transport to undertake the preparatory work for the establishment of the OUR. The task took on a degree of urgency when the Government announced its intention to privatise JPSCo by way of the sale of majority shares.



Mr Richards was supported by Ms Clara Johnson who was later appointed Executive Secretary to the first Director General Mr Winston Hay in 1997.

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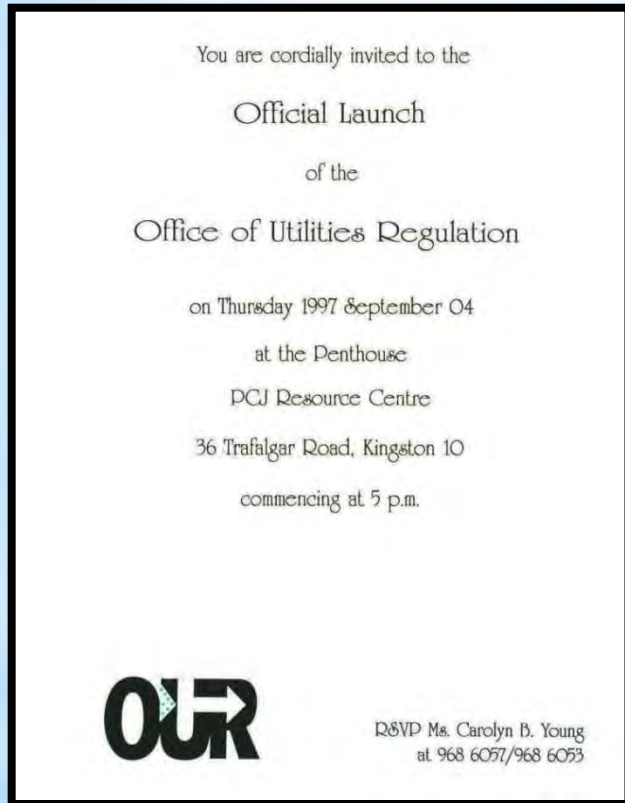
Beginnings (1997 - 2002)



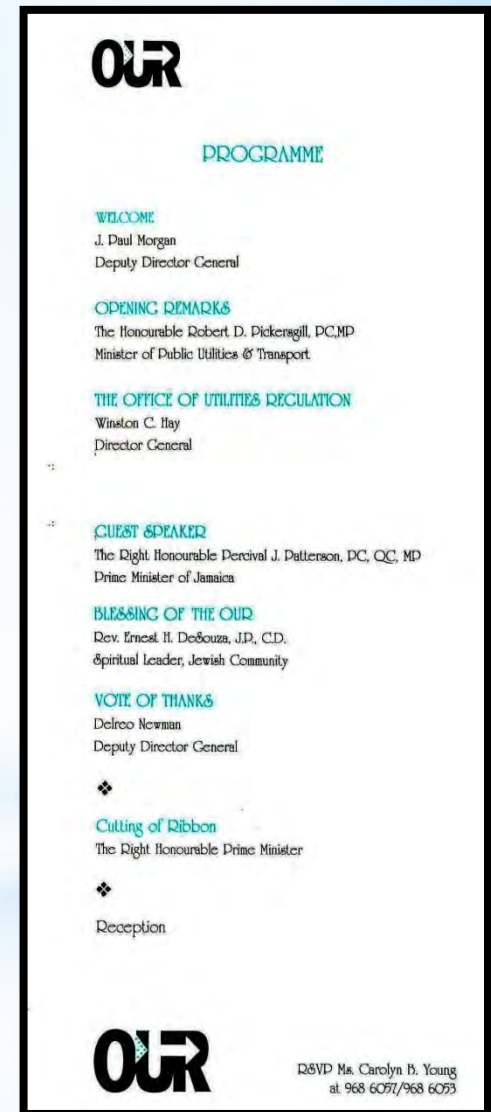
OUR's first employee, Ms. Carolyn Young, Director – Administration/Human Resource. Ms. Young still holds the position of the Director – Administration/Human Resource and has witnessed growth of the organisation under all Director Generals.

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Beginnings (1997 - 2002)



Invitation and programme of
the official Launch of the
OUR, Thursday 4th
September, 1997.



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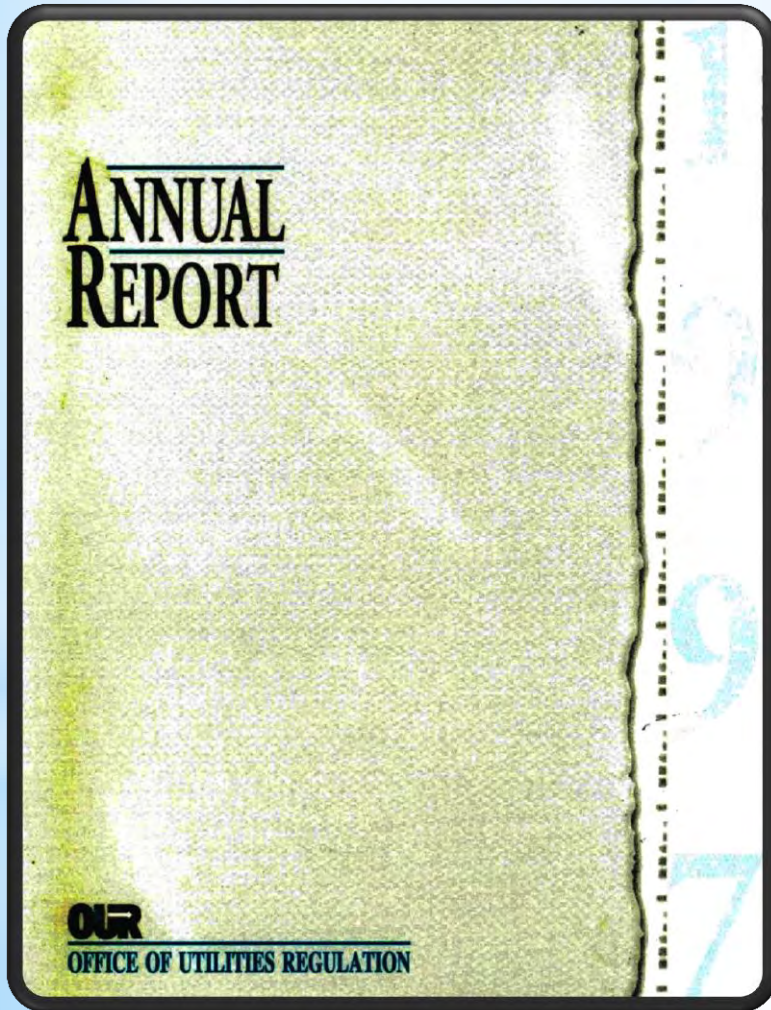


Official Launch of the OUR on the roof of the PCJ Resource Centre. From left: Mr. Delreo Newman, Deputy Director General; Mr. J. Paul Morgan, Deputy Director General; guest speaker, The Right Honourable Percival J. Patterson, Prime Minister of Jamaica; Mr.

Winston Hay, Director General; The Honourable Robert D. Pickersgill, Minister of Public Utilities & Transport who delivered the opening remarks and Rev. Ernest H. DeSouza, Spiritual Leader, Jewish Community who blessed the OUR.

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The OUR's first annual report for the period October 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997. The report appraised Parliament of the work of the Preparation Unit, which led up to the formal constitution of the Office.

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The OUR celebrated its 5th anniversary in 2002 with a banquet. From left: Mr. Winston Hay, Director General, Mr. J. Paul Morgan, Deputy Director General and The Honourable Phillip Paulwell, Minister of Science and Technology.

Mr. Hay, the first Director General of the OUR, also said his farewell, after six (6) years at the helm.



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Early Days (2003-2008)

The first edition of the OUR newsletter, The Regulator, published for the period January – June 2003. The Regulator is a medium through which topical issues in utility regulation are highlighted for the benefit of consumers.



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Early Days (2003-2008)

Official opening of the OUR Information Centre, October 2003. From left: His Excellency Hiroshi Sakurai, Japanese Ambassador; Mr. J. Paul Morgan, Director – OUR; Mr. Bartholomew Mensah, Deputy Resident Representative - UNDP



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Invitation to the OUR's 10th Anniversary celebration which took place at the Mona Visitors' Lodge, UWI Mona Campus on Thursday 7th June 2007.



*The Director General
Office of Utilities Regulation
Mr J. Paul Morgan
has the pleasure to invite*

*to the
Tenth Anniversary Staff Awards Dinner
at the
Mona Visitors' Lodge, UWI Mona Campus
on
Thursday 7th June, 2007
at 7 for 7.30 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: The Most Honourable Edward Seaga, O.M., M.C.

Dancing follows

Dress:

*Gentlemen – Dark Business Suit
Ladies – Cocktail Dress*

*An answer is requested
by Thursday 31 May to:
Miss Beverley Robinson
or Miss Beverley Green
at 968-6053 ext. 4*

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Special edition of the OUR newsletter *The Regulator* published for the period July – December 2007. This special edition focused on the events of the 10th anniversary celebration, providing excerpts from the speech delivered by the Most Honourable Edward Seaga, information on the panel discussion held in June 6, 2007 where Mr. J. Paul Morgan, Director General, announced a \$100,000 bursary in commemoration of the OUR's 10th anniversary and pictures of the winners of the OUR's poster competition.





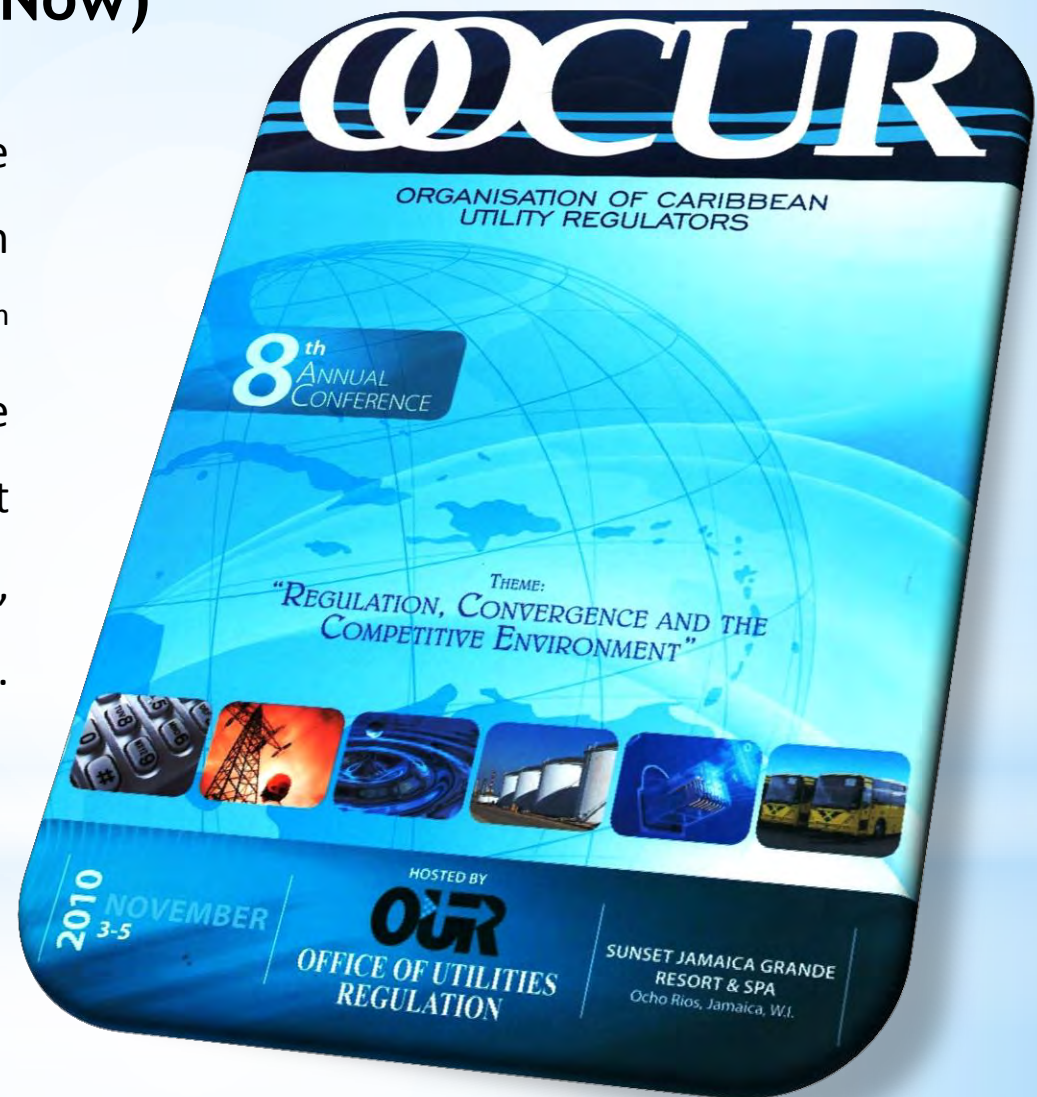
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Present Day (2009 - Now)

The OUR hosted the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) 8th annual conference at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort & Spa, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, from November 3 – 5, 2010.

The Theme of the conference:

***“Regulation, Convergence
and the Competitive
Environment”***

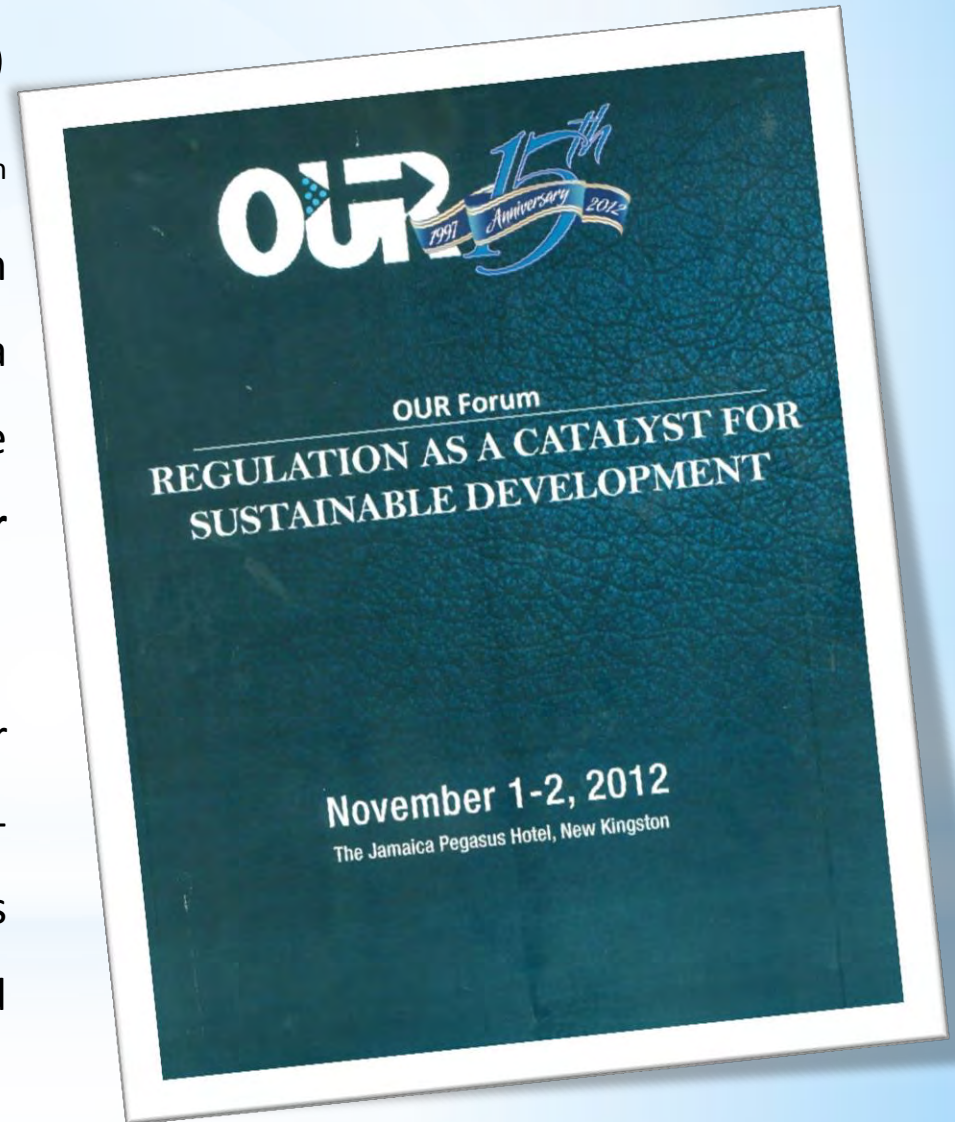


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Present Day (2009 - Now)

In commemoration of the OUR's 15th Anniversary, a forum was held on November 1 – 2, 2012 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston under the theme: **“Regulation as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development”**.

The Forum provided an opportunity for regulators, industry, policy and decision-makers, consumers and other stakeholders to discuss and exchange experiences and ideas.



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Present Day (2009 - Now)



Long service awardees, Five (5), Ten (10) and Fifteen (15) years, with Mr. Zia Mian, Director General at the OUR's 15th Anniversary Award Dinner and Gala at the Mona Visitors' Lodge on December 19, 2012.

The OUR's Directors General

OUR Directors General



Mr. Winston Hay
(1997 - 2002)



J. Paul Morgan
(2002 - 2008)

OUR Directors General



Mr. George Wilson
(2008 - 2009)



Mr. Ahmad Zia Mian
(2009 - 2013)

OUR Directors General



Maurice Charvis
(February – November 2013)



Albert Gordon
(November 2013 - Present)



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