



OFFICE OF UTILITIES REGULATION



ANSORD HEWITT APPOINTED NEW OUR DIRECTOR GENERAL



The Governor General, His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen has appointed Ansord E. Hewitt, Regulatory Specialist, Economist and Attorney at Law, as the new Director General of the Office of Utilities Regulation (**OUR**), effective January 1, 2017. He was appointed to serve for three years and will be an ex officio member of the Office.

Mr. Hewitt, who was formerly the **OUR's** Director of Regulation, Policy, Monitoring and Enforcement (RPME), has over twenty five years' experience working and providing leadership at various levels in quasi-judicial organizations. His tertiary education spans law, management, and economics; and he has extensive specialised training in regulation, competition analysis, strategic planning, leadership, international negotiation and corporate planning.

The holder of a Masters degree in Regulation from the London School of Economics, obtained after being awarded a Chevening Scholarship in 1997, Mr. Hewitt also holds undergraduate honours degrees (Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Economics & Management (UWI), and Bachelor of Law (LL.B) from the University of London and a Certificate in Legal Education from the Norman Manley Law School.

The Chairman of the **OUR**, Mr. Joseph Matalon, CD, extended congratulations to Mr. Hewitt on his appointment to head the organization. He also reaffirmed the continued commitment of all Members of the Office to support the Director General and to ensure that under his leadership the **OUR** will continue to perform its regulatory functions with efficiency and with keen regard to the public interest.

Mr. Hewitt has charted a career in competition and regulatory analysis, joining the **OUR** in February 2000, where he has served in several positions including: Economist, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, Secretary to the Office (the first such) and most recently, the Director of RPME. Prior to joining the **OUR**, he worked at the Jamaica Bauxite Institute and the Fair Trading Commission as an Economist. He also lectured at the post graduate level on Regulation and Regulatory Reform, in the Department of Government, University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona, for over ten years, and he has been a tutor in the UWI's Masters In Telecommunications Regulation and Policy Programme.

An accomplished writer, the new **OUR** Director General has presented and published papers locally and internationally. His publications include: "Responding to Market Signals & Complying with Public Sector Bureaucratic Requirements – the Dilemma of Residual State Owned Enterprises" and "The Search for Optimal Institutional Design for Utilities Regulation: Is the Multi-Sector Model Still Viable?".

Mr. Hewitt is married to Sharon and is an unapologetic man of faith.



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