



Jamaica Implements the International Monetary Fund's Enhanced General Data Dissemination System

In a **Press Release** dated February 15, 2017 (PRESS RELEASE NO. 17/49) the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** advised that Jamaica has implemented the recommendations of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) - endorsed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Board in May 2015 - by publishing critical data through a National Summary Data Page (NSDP). The page serves as a one-stop publication vehicle for essential macroeconomic data in both human and machine readable formats. This makes Jamaica the first Caribbean country to implement the recommendations of the e-GDDS, putting it on a steady path towards subscription to the Special Data Dissemination Standard.

The NSDP is posted on the websites of the Bank of Jamaica, the Ministry of Finance & the Public Service, and the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, utilizing the Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX). A link to Jamaica's NSDP is available on the IMF's Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board at this link: [JAMAICA'S NSDP](#)

Publication of essential macroeconomic data through the NSDP will provide national policy makers and a broad range of domestic and international stakeholders, including investors and rating agencies, with easy access to information that the IMF's Executive Board has identified as critical for monitoring economic conditions and policies. Making this information simultaneously available to all users will bring greater data transparency. Watch this short [video](#) that gives a broad overview of the benefits of the e-GDDS. You may also visit the IMF webpage for the full text of the Press Release: [IMF](#)

BSJ CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT JAMAICAN STANDARD

The **Bureau of Standards Jamaica** provides the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce copies of **Draft Jamaican Standards**, which are available to its members for their review and to submit their comments and feedback. The draft standards were prepared by the National Building Code Technical Committee comprising a wide cross section of stakeholders. It is being issued for public comment in keeping with the procedure for the promulgation of national standards. The JCC wishes to advise that the following Draft Jamaican Standards have been made available for review:

- ◆ **DJS 306: 20xx Draft Jamaican Standard Jamaica Application Document for the International Building Code**
- ◆ **DJS 315: 20xx Draft Jamaican Standard Small Building Code and Jamaica Application Document for the International Residential Code**

The period for public comment will end on 06 April 2017.

Companies wishing to receive a copy of the standard listed above may contact Melisha Douglas at the JCC Secretariat Tel: 922-0150 to request a soft copy. Hard copies will also be made available for a small fee. **All comments are to be directed to the Executive Director, c/o Mr. Shane Slater, Standards Development and Certification Officer, Standards Development and Certification Department, Bureau of Standards Jamaica, 6 Winchester Road, Kingston 10 or email: info@bsj.org.jm**



2017 Colima Export Congress University of Colima, Mexico - March 16-17, 2017

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT?

To promote exports in the State of Colima through product promotion, business meetings (Networking) with national and international buyers; specialized workshops and keynote lectures about business opportunities in global markets.

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THE CONFERENCE?

- ◆ The 1st edition event of an exhibition and promotion of fresh and processed products in the state of Colima.
- ◆ Business Opportunities.
- ◆ Creating a network of commercial contacts with national and international buyers.
- ◆ Impulse to the exportable supply of the state of Colima.
- ◆ Conferences and specialized workshops in Foreign Trade and Exports.
- ◆ Development of the enterprising attitude.
- ◆ Exhibition of public and private institutions.
- ◆ Linkage with the Entrepreneur Support Network.

WHAT IS THE EXPORTABLE SUPPLY IN COLIMA?

Colima accounts with 16 fresh products that are within the top ten in production according to the *Atlas Agroalimentario 2016*. (blueberry, copra, tuna, blackberry, banana, lime, palay rice, sardine, raspberry, cantaloupe, pineapple, shrimp, mango, coffee cherries and sesame seed).

EVENT LOCATION

The event will be located in the *Complejo Administrativo del Gobierno del Estado de Colima*, located in 3rd. Peripheral Ring, Corner of Ejercito Mexicano S/N. Colony el Diezmo, zip code: 28010, Colima, Colima, Mexico.

For further information click links below:

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

[EVENT SCHEDULE](#)

[EXPORTABLE SUPPLY](#)

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Caribbean Development Bank & Deloitte Tourism Study

The Caribbean Development Bank has retained legal firm Deloitte, to complete a study on the economic impacts of the tourism industry. To support research, Deloitte has developed a short survey (that takes under ten minutes to complete) for Tourism stakeholders. They are requesting your support, and ask that you take a moment to complete the survey. Participation in this survey will ensure that the views of the industry are heard. To participate click on this link: [Deloitte Tourism Study](#)



The Role of the Private Sectors in Trade Facilitation

Below is a link to a power point presentation from the Trade Board highlighting the role of the private sector in trade facilitation. It is expected that the public and private sectors working together will create a trading environment in Jamaica that facilitates trade and makes it easier to transact business while achieving 5% GDP growth in 4 years.

[THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN TRADE FACILITATION PPP](#)

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**SESSION #5: Tues. March 7, 2017
WHAT'S NEXT**

[Followup to build relationships](#)

**VENUE: Jamaica Chamber of Commerce
Richmond Park Great House
58 Half Way Tree Road, Kingston
TIME: 7:30a.m.**

To register on Eventbrite click: [HERE](#)



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