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This week's issue will give you a glimpse into the following : 2nd Quarter 2017 Business & Consumer Confidence Indices Release, Boosting the use of Arbitration in the Caribbean, National Minimum Wage Consultations, how to strengthen your professional skills and BSJ Draft Standards.

**Will Business & Consumer Confidence be sustained?
What can we expect for the 2nd Quarter results for
2017? Join us to find out!**

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**Release of the 2nd Quarter 2017
Business & Consumer Confidence Indices**

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 Registration 7:00a.m. / Release 7:30 a.m.
Spanish Court Hotel - Valencia, 1 St. Lucia Ave., Kingston 5.
For more info Tel: 876-922-0150 or email: nordia.henry@jamaicachamber.org.jm

Registration forms must be completed and returned via fax or email to (876) 924-9056 or melisha.douglas@jamaicachamber.org.jm

Register early!

<http://jamaicachamber.org.jm/www/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Registration-Form-2nd-Qtr-2017.pdf>

ICC CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA
"Boosting the use of Arbitration
in the Caribbean"
KINGSTON | 28 AUGUST 2017

Organized by
ICC INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION
With the institutional support of
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ICC Conference in Jamaica... Boosting the use of Arbitration in the Caribbean.

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in association with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators-Caribbean Branch (CiArb), the Jamaica International Arbitration Centre (JAIAC), the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA) and the JCC, will be staging a conference titled "**Boosting the Use of Arbitration in the Caribbean**" in **Kingston, Jamaica** on Monday, **August 28, 2017**. The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) is a member of the ICC which represents chambers of commerce throughout most of the world.

The conference will feature discussions on the new Jamaica Arbitration Act of 2017, based on the UNCITRAL Model Law, which will foster the use of arbitration as a method of resolving disputes in the country and the Caribbean region.

Influential Representatives from the legislative body of the ICC Court and its Secretariat will explain the new steps taken by the **ICC International Court of Arbitration** to ensure greater transparency and boost the

efficiency of arbitral procedures conducted under the ICC Arbitration Rules.

Also participating in the seminar will be renowned arbitration practitioners from a wide range of jurisdictions. They will examine diverse topics related to judicial support in international arbitration and provide perspectives on international arbitral awards and provide insight on capacity building for the region.

The Conference organizers have applied for and expect to receive Continuing Legal Professional Development (CLPD) credits for Attorneys-at-Law from the the General Legal Council.

Venue: The Spanish Court Hotel, 1 St. Lucia Avenue, Kingston 5

Registration Cost:

Early Bird (until July 14, 2017): US\$ 200.00 / 25,000 (JA)

ICC- CI Arb- JAIAC- JCC- KLRCA Members: US\$ 250.00 / 32,000 (JA)

Non Members: US\$ 300.00 / 38,000 (JA)

For more details please email Janet Silvera: (info@jaiac.org).

<http://jamaicachamber.org.jm/www/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ICC-Conference-in-Jamaica...-Boosting-the-use-of-Arbitration-in-the-Caribbean.pdf>



Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB) was very elated to receive the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) Kingston Guides. Making the presentation is JCC's 2nd Vice President, Mr. Lloyd Distant, who handed over to the guides to JTB's Director of Tourism, Paul Pennicook.

National Minimum Wage Consultation Series

This is the opportunity for you to let your voice be heard. The Minimum Wage Advisory Commission, appointed by the Government to consider and advise on all matters relating to minimum wage is in the process of reviewing the National Minimum Wage and the Minimum wage for Industrial Security Guard. The commission is soliciting your organization's input in writing. These submissions can be forwarded to the Secretariat, **Minimum Wage Advisory Commission, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, 1F North Street, Kingston**. The deadline for submissions is **July 13, 2017**.

Strengthen your business skills with The ConnectAmerica's Academy

Here's the chance to strengthen your professional skills and improve your expertise in foreign trade and value chains with ConnectAmericas. The ConnectAmerica's Academy, affiliated with Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is a social network for businesses, which aims to help small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). A wide variety of free online courses and webinars are offered to improve business knowledge and sharpen skills that can increase productivity in the work place. Visit their website today to see how you can benefit.

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JCC also paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries at Old Hope Road, where JP Permanent Secretary- Donovan Stanberry received the JCC Kingston Guides on behalf of Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries, The Honourable Karl Samuda.



Are you in the food and gas business? Then the Bureau of Standards Jamaica is inviting you to submit your comments on the following draft standards::

1. DJS 87: 2017 Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Fluoridated iodized salt - food grade salt
2. DJS 261: 2017 Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Jams, jellies and marmalades

Deadline for submitting comments is July 15, 2017.

3. DJS 25: 2017 Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Transportable gas containers

Deadline for submitting comments is August 9, 2017.

Please visit the BSJ's website for the full text of the draft standards using the following link: www.bsj.org.jm

BUSINESS FOCUS FEATURE

This week's Business Focus feature is a tip on "Digital Revolution-The digital revolution is expanding consumer choice and giving users access to information around

theworld, anytime, anywhere. Customers can now make educated choices between competing brands, as information is literally at the tips of their fingers. Be in the digital sphere, stay current and relevant, don't be left behind!.

The JCC team is committed to providing excellent professional services to its members. Please feel free to contact us for answers to any questions or queries you have. We can be contacted at 922-0150-1 or info@jamaicachamber.org.jm

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