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PRESS RELEASE

JCC Data Protection Act Breakfast Seminar

Kingston, Jamaica: On 10 October 2017, the Jamaican government introduced into its House of Parliament a comprehensive bill for privacy and data protection, “An Act to Protect the Privacy of Certain Data and for Connected Matters.” As the government noted then, the new law would cover personal data, including data existing in an “accessible record” such as a health record or an educational record. If passed, the new law will be named the “Data Protection Act, 2017.” We all know that Data protection and data privacy has always been an important topic for all, especially organizations who handle sensitive information.

With the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which took full effect in the European Union on May 25, this is considered to be the “biggest overhaul of the world’s privacy rules in more than 20 years”. The GDPR gives “EU citizens sweeping new powers over how their data can be collected, used and stored, presenting global leaders outside the 28-country bloc with a stark choice: bring their domestic laws in line with the EU’s new rules, or risk being shut out of a market of some 500 million wealthy consumers.”

Most if not all websites, social media platforms among other online businesses will be alerting you on updates to their **new privacy policy** that describes what data they collect, how they use it, how they share it and how you can control it. We need to question our existing processes again to make sure we give full transparency and control of our personal data.

For the future, data protection is going to be an ongoing initiative and companies might have to work with other companies and countries to increase transparency and control even more.

You are invited to cover the JCC’s breakfast seminar at the Knutsford Court Hotel to examine the likely implications of this Act on Thursday, 31 May 2018, when Andrea Kinach, partner at Patterson Mair Hamilton, will present on **Jamaica’s Data Protection Act: What are the Implications for Your Organization?** The seminar will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast served at 8:00 a.m

If you need to set up video camera/other media equipment we ask that you arrive during the registration period at 7:30am to do so.

To confirm your attendance please contact **Ms. Nordia Henry, Communications & Marketing Officer** at the JCC Secretariat Tel: 922-0150-1 or email: nordia.henry@jamaicachamber.org.jm by **2pm today, 30 May 2018.**

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