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The Carter Center, in association with the Ministry of Information and the Access to Information Stakeholders Committee present:

“Access to Information: Building a Culture of Transparency”

**Knutsford Court Hotel
Thursday June 8, 2006**

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome
Senator The Hon. Colin Campbell, Minister of Information and Development
- 9:15 am Objectives of Seminar
Mrs. Carole Excell, Carter Center Field Representative
- 9:30 am Panel One: Process of Reform
How has the law worked over past two years, areas for change, Parliamentary Review and international experience on related issues
- Senator Trevor Munroe, Professor of Government, University of the West Indies
Dr. Carolyn Gomes, Executive Director Jamaicans for Justice
Ms. Laura Neuman, Access to Information Project Manager, The Carter Center
- Facilitator: Permanent Secretary, Office of Prime Minister (invited)
- 10:15 am Questions and Answers
- 10:45 am Coffee Break
- 11:00 am Panel Two: Implementation Challenges and Successes
- Ms. Paula Edwards, Trinidad and Tobago
Ms. Meredith Cook, Information Officer for the BBC, United Kingdom
Ms. Helen Rumbolt, President Access to information Association of Administrators
His Worship Desmond McKenzie, Mayor of Kingston and St Andrew

Facilitator: Dr. Carlton Davis, Cabinet Secretary (invited)

12:00 pm Questions and Answers

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Panel Three: Enforcement Challenges and Successes

Kevin Dunion, Scottish Commissioner of Information
Nancy Anderson, Legal Officer, IJCHR
Dorothy Pine McLarty, Chairperson ATI Tribunal (invited)

Facilitator: John Leiba, President Bar Association

2:15 pm Questions and Answers

2:45 pm Simultaneous Sessions

National Security and Secrecy: Mr. Alasdair Roberts, Professor
Maxwell School of Public Policy

Linking Access to Information to Human Rights: Mr. Richard
Calland, Executive Director, Open Democracy Advice Centre,
South Africa

Transparency and Accountability: Michael Hylton Q.C., Solicitor
General

3:45 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm Panel Four: Emerging Trends and Next Steps

Alasdair Roberts, Professor, Maxwell School of Public Policy
Richard Calland, Executive Director, ODAC
Oliver Clark, Chairman, The Gleaner (invited)

Facilitator: Invited Guest

4:45 pm Questions and Answers

5:15 pm Conclusion

5:30 pm Cocktails