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Real Estate Board Strengthens Diaspora Engagement at 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference



(From left) Customer Service Officer, Nicholas Wilson; Board Chairman, Andrew James; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator Kamina Johnson-Smith; Dr. Tina Beale, Senior Director/Principal of the Real Estate Training Institute, and Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Damian Wilson

The Real Estate Board (REB) and the Commission of Strata Corporations (CSC) successfully showcased Jamaica's real estate sector and regulatory framework at the 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference, held at the Montego Bay Convention Centre from June 14–18, 2026. Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Conference provided a valuable platform for engaging members of the Jamaican diaspora, with exhibition activities taking place from June 15–17.

Sharing exhibition space alongside key government agencies including the National Land Agency (NLA), National Housing Trust (NHT), Companies Office of Jamaica (COJ), National Insurance Scheme (NIS), and the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA), the REB and CSC used the opportunity to educate attendees about the Board's regulatory role, consumer protection initiatives, licensing requirements, and the investment opportunities available within Jamaica's dynamic real estate market.

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Diaspora Engagement at 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference (cont'd from cover page)

Over the three exhibition days, the Board's team, comprising Dr. Tina Beale, Senior Director and Principal of the Real Estate Training Institute (RETI); Ainsworth Norton, Director of Timeshare and former CSC Inspectorate Manager; Nicholas Wilson, Senior Customer Service Officer; and Damian Wilson, Marketing and Public Relations Manager, engaged with more than 200 Conference participants. The booth also received support from Board Chairman, Andrew James and Board Director Ryan Taylor, who also interacted with stakeholders.

The booth was visited by several senior government officials, including Speaker of the House Juliet Holness; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith; Minister of Labour and Social Security, Hon. Parnell Charles Jr.; Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Hon. Alando Terrelonge; and Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton.

Media engagement formed an important part of the Board's Conference strategy. REB representatives participated in several interviews, including appearances on *Hotline* with Simon Crosskill, *The Two Live Crew* with Daliah Harris and Christopher "Johnny" Daley, an interview with Markland "Action" Edwards, and a feature interview with the Jamaica Stock Exchange's CBX media platform. The *Gleaner* also provided photography and social media content creation services, helping to amplify the Board's presence throughout the Conference.

To create an engaging visitor experience, the booth featured a continuous loop of 15 captioned REB and CSC videos, highlighting the organisations' services and public education initiatives. Promotional items including pens, pencils, key rings and tote bags were distributed to visitors throughout the event.

The Board further expanded its visibility through the publication of an article by Dr. Tina Beale in the official conference magazine. Titled "An Island of Opportunity: Jamaica's Real Estate Market Is Open for Business," the approximately 750-word feature highlighted Jamaica's growing real estate market, investment potential, and the significant role the diaspora can play in shaping the sector's future.

The Board's digital outreach also delivered strong results. Images and video content captured throughout the conference were shared in real time and after the event across the organisation's social media platforms. Sponsored content produced by *The Gleaner* generated more than 31,000 cumulative views, while content published on the Board's own social media channels received over 13,000 views at the time of reporting.

"The 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference was an overwhelming success for the organization, and we believe the organisation represented itself exceptionally well while strengthening relationships with Jamaicans living overseas. The diaspora community is important to consumer safety and protecting the integrity of Jamaica's real estate sector, and we sincerely thank everyone who visited our booth and took the time to engage with us," offered Marketing Manager, Damian Wilson.

The Board's participation in the conference reinforced its commitment to engaging the Jamaican diaspora, promoting responsible real estate investment, enhancing public awareness of its regulatory functions, and showcasing the opportunities available within Jamaica's expanding property market.



Ainsworth Norton engages with an attendee during the 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, on Monday June 15, 2026



CEO's Message Cresfroid Brown

As we continue to navigate a dynamic and evolving real estate environment, the Real Estate Board and Commission of Strata Corporations remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting consumers, strengthening professional standards, and fostering confidence in Jamaica's property market.

This edition of the Journal highlights several initiatives that demonstrate our ongoing efforts to engage stakeholders both locally and internationally. Our participation in the 11th Jamaica Biennial Diaspora Conference provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with Jamaicans living overseas, share information about the safeguards available through our regulatory framework, and promote responsible investment in Jamaica's growing real estate sector. The enthusiastic response from attendees reaffirmed the

critical role the diaspora plays in the continued development of our nation.

Education remains one of our most powerful tools for advancing professionalism and consumer confidence. Through the Real Estate Training Institute, we are expanding opportunities for practitioners to access world-class training and internationally recognized certification programmes. Our recent Executive Briefing on the upcoming CCIM Financial Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate course marks an important milestone in elevating the knowledge base and analytical capabilities of Jamaica's real estate professionals. I must also make note of the revised CPD requirements and the introduction of new courses. A special thank you to the CPD team for spearheading these, and I encourage our practitioners to begin doing the necessary courses as soon as possible.

At the same time, we continue to place significant emphasis on consumer protection. As highlighted in our recent participation at the ThropX Investment Conference, property fraud remains a serious concern. While Jamaica boasts one of the region's strongest regulatory frameworks, vigilance remains essential. We encourage all consumers to verify the credentials of real estate practitioners, conduct thorough due diligence, and seek appropriate legal advice before entering into any transaction. An informed consumer is often the first line of defence against fraud.

Our commitment to education extends beyond the real estate profession. Through the Commission of Strata Corporations, we continue to support strata corporations through practical training initiatives, including workshops on bookkeeping and annual returns. These programmes help to strengthen governance, transparency, and accountability within strata communities across Jamaica.

As the sector continues to expand and evolve, the Board remains focused on ensuring that growth is accompanied by professionalism, integrity, and public trust. Whether through stakeholder engagement, professional development, public education, or regulatory oversight, we are dedicated to building a real estate industry that serves the best interests of all Jamaicans.

I thank our staff, Board members, industry partners, and stakeholders for their continued support as we work together to strengthen and modernize Jamaica's real estate sector.

Real Estate Training Institute Hosts Executive Briefing Ahead of Prestigious CCIM Commercial Real Estate Course

The Real Estate Training Institute (RETI), the educational arm of the Real Estate Board (REB), hosted an Executive Briefing on Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Courtleigh Hotel to introduce industry professionals to the upcoming CI 101: Financial Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate course, the first offering under the Institute's new partnership with the internationally recognized CCIM Institute.

The briefing attracted real estate practitioners, developers, financiers, investors and other stakeholders eager to learn more about the globally respected commercial real estate programme, which will be delivered at the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC) from July 27–30, 2026.

During the session, Dr. Tina Beale, Senior Director of the Real Estate Board and Principal of the Real Estate Training Institute, provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of the course, highlighting its curriculum, learning outcomes and the practical financial analysis skills participants will gain. Dr. Beale also outlined how the programme aligns with the continued growth of Jamaica's real estate sector and the increasing demand for professionals equipped to analyze and evaluate commercial investment opportunities.

Participants also heard from Kevin Richards, CCIM, who shared his personal experience of completing the programme and earning the prestigious CCIM designation. Drawing on his professional journey, Richards discussed the course structure, assessment process and the commitment required to successfully complete the programme. He emphasized the significant value the designation has added to his career, noting that the knowledge and analytical skills gained have enhanced his ability to evaluate commercial real estate investments and strengthened his professional credibility within the industry.

The Executive Briefing also examined the strong trajectory of Jamaica's real estate market, including continued residential growth, expanding investment opportunities, and the rapid rise of the commercial and micro-hospitality sectors. These trends underscore the growing need for advanced financial and investment analysis skills among real estate professionals seeking to remain competitive in an evolving marketplace. Lending their support in encourage persons to participate in the course were Board Chairman Andrew James , as well as Chief Executive Officer, Cresfroid Brown.

The CI 101: Financial Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate course is designed to provide participants with a solid foundation in commercial real

estate investment analysis, including financial modelling, cash flow analysis, market evaluation and investment decision-making. It forms part of the internationally recognised CCIM curriculum and is ideal for real estate practitioners, appraisers, developers, lenders, investors and other professionals seeking to expand their expertise in commercial investment real estate.

Registration for the course is now open. Interested persons may register by visiting the Real Estate Board's website at reb.gov.jm, where the registration link is available on the homepage.

The partnership between the Real Estate Training Institute and the CCIM Institute represents a significant step in advancing professional education in Jamaica's real estate sector, providing local practitioners with direct access to one of the world's most respected commercial real estate education programmes.



An attendee at the recent Executive Briefing of the new CCM Course, asks a question at the June 26 event at the Courtleigh Hotel in Kingston



CI 101: Financial Analysis for Commercial Investment Real Estate | Kingston, Jamaica

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/CCIM-CI101>
University of the Commonwealth Caribbean
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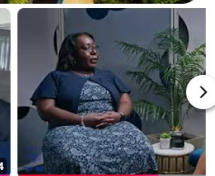
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Real Estate NEWS

Call for Jamaicans abroad to purchase first or second homes locally



Jamaicans in the Diaspora are being encouraged to invest in Jamaica's expanding private real estate market, with Prime Minister Dr Andrew Holness arguing that their homeownership can help stimulate economic growth while creating opportunities for more affordable housing for locals through the National Housing Trust (NHT).

Holness, who was addressing delegates at the opening of the 11th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference in Montego Bay, St James on Tuesday, said members of the Diaspora should view property ownership in Jamaica as both a personal investment and a contribution to national development.

"The housing market in Jamaica is expanding, and it is expanding rapidly, particularly in the private sector," said Holness in making his pitch to attendees at the conference, which is being held under the theme, 'Empowering Jamaicans in the Diaspora: Towards Re-Building a Climate-Resilient Jamaica'.

In arguing that increased participation by overseas Jamaicans would inject capital into the economy while strengthening confidence in the country's long-term prospects, Holness said getting a home in Jamaica would be the ideal investment.

"I encourage all Jamaicans overseas to participate here in the real estate market in Jamaica. Get your second home here, or even your first home. Get it here in Jamaica. That will help to drive the economy," he said.

Holness, who also holds the housing portfolio, acknowledged that some members of the Diaspora have been hesitant to invest in local housing because of past experiences in which money sent home for construction projects was mismanaged. "I've read the horror stories of members of the Diaspora sending back money to Jamaica to build the fancy mansion, and then to their terrible surprise upon landing, hoping to have the enjoyment of the beautiful facility when they turn up, either there is no house or a shack," he said, in reference to persons who have been fleeced of their money by unscrupulous persons.

However, Holness said the growth and increasing maturity of the private housing market now offer safer and more reliable investment options for Jamaicans living abroad.

He also suggested that greater diaspora participation in the private housing sector could have broader social benefits by allowing government housing programmes to focus more heavily on lower-income families.

"In a strange way, that will also help the NHT to refocus its effort on providing low-income and affordable housing to those Jamaicans who can't afford the prices in the private housing market," he said.

According to Holness, the Diaspora has an important role to play in Jamaica's development agenda, not only through remittances and philanthropy but also through direct investment in the productive sectors of the economy.

"I think the Diaspora can play an incredible role in supporting the private real estate market," he said, while noting the efforts being made to improve public safety, alongside new infrastructure projects and continued economic stability.

"I encourage all of you here to buy a piece of Jamaica in the private real estate markets," he urged.



Bill limiting investors from buying homes set to speed through Congress



An affordable housing bill limiting how many single-family homes major investors can buy is poised to be signed into law before the end of the month after key lawmakers in the House and Senate reached an agreement.

The bill, which is focused on increasing the supply of homes, would not include a controversial provision requiring major investors to sell any housing units they build within seven years, but would cap the number of single-family homes they could buy at 350.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., told reporters on Tuesday that the bill could clear the Senate as soon as this week, with an initial vote to begin to advance the measure on Thursday evening.

Thune said he hoped the House could take up the bill when it returns next week. Previous versions of the bill have cleared the House with strong levels of support, meaning the House could use an expedited process to get the legislation done.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who has helped helm the bill as the top Democrat on the Senate committee overseeing housing, said the bill is important

not only because of the focus on affordability, but what it means for how Congress handles private equity.

“Never before has Congress put any restriction on the ability of private equity to move into whatever industry they want, buy up whatever they want and destroy whatever they want,” she told CNBC in a short Capitol hallway interview. “This bill is historic because it puts a big fat ‘no’ right in front of private equity’s growth as it tries to mow through our neighborhoods.”

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Real Estate Board revises CPD requirements, adds new Courses



The Real Estate Board has amended its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements, requiring all real estate practitioners to earn 10 CPD credits annually as a condition for licence renewal, beginning with the 2027/2028 licensing period.

The CPD Policy, which has been in place since 2018, has until now required practitioners to complete five mandatory courses: The Real Estate (Dealers and Developers) Act, Anti-Money Laundering II, The Terrorism Prevention Act, goAML, and Common Issues in Real Estate.

Under the expanded framework, practitioners will have greater flexibility in selecting courses while meeting the annual credit requirement. CPD courses will be delivered through the Real Estate Training Institute's Learning Management System (RETI-LMS). Practitioners will register and pay for courses through the Client Portal, where they can view available course offerings and the number of credits assigned to each. Once registered, participants will have 90 days to complete their chosen courses online.

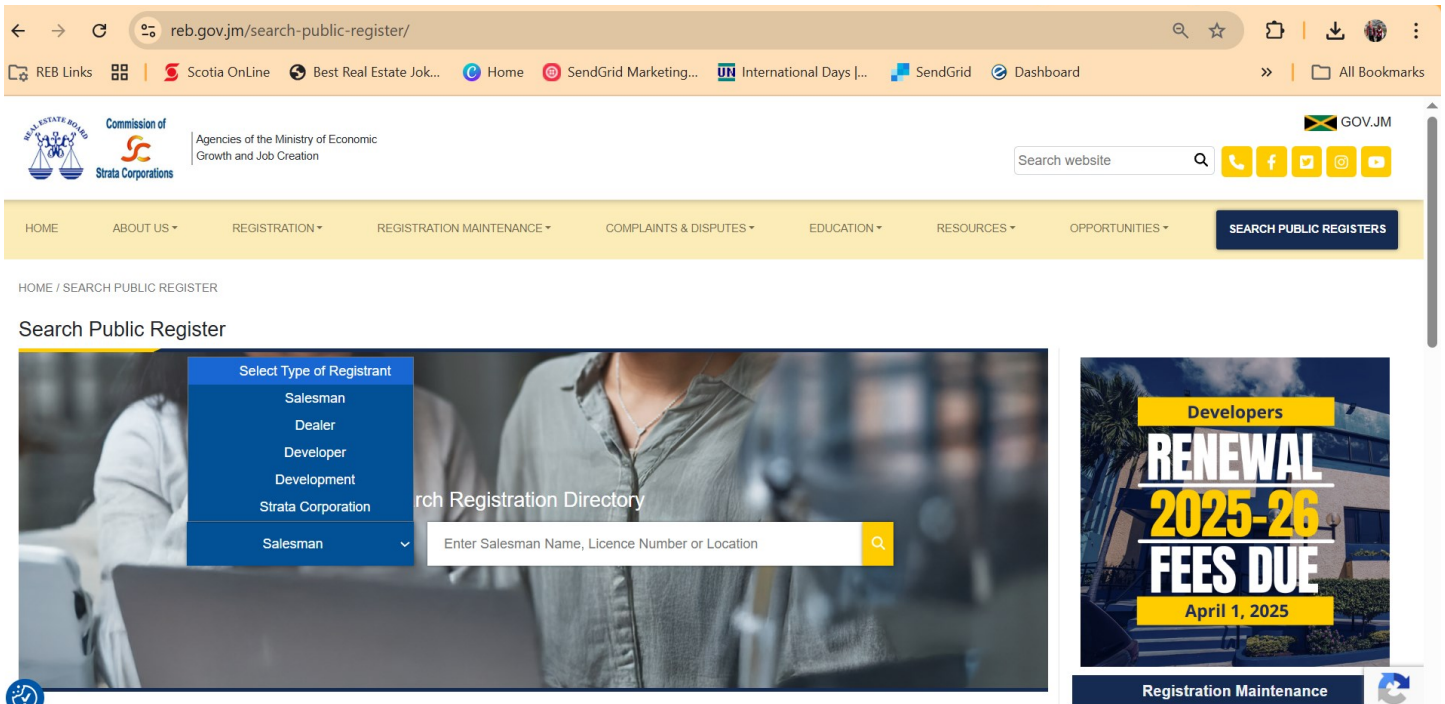
Professional development activities offered by industry associations, including seminars and conferences, may also qualify for CPD credits, provided they receive prior approval from the Board. However, practitioners may claim a maximum of three credits from these external, pre-approved activities. The Board has committed to providing sufficient in-house training opportunities to enable practitioners to earn the remaining annual credits required.

In a move aimed at making professional development more accessible, the Board has also announced a significant reduction in course fees. Several existing CPD courses have been reduced from \$4,000–\$5,000 to \$2,500, with newly introduced courses similarly priced.

Among the eight new CPD courses being introduced are Occupational Environmental Safety and Health for Real Estate Professionals, Communication and Management in Shared Communities, Scope of Works, Investigations and Reporting, and Leadership and Management in Real Estate.

The enhanced CPD framework underscores the Board's commitment to raising professional standards across the real estate industry while ensuring practitioners remain current with evolving legislation, best practices, and emerging industry trends.

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Before you commit, be sure to verify.
 Check if a practitioner or developer is registered and licensed with the Real Estate Board of Jamaica.
 You can also confirm the status of a strata, development, dealer, or salesman via the Public Register.

Visit: www.reb.gov.jm

Knowledge is power—avoid potential scammers.



Legal Officer, Jared Johnson, makes a presentation on Monday, May 25 at the ThropX Investment Conference at the Travellers Beach Resort in Negril



CLIENT PORTAL

Register and pay for both new and existing CPD courses through the Board's Client Portal. Enjoy a safe, secure, and convenient way to make payments for CPD courses and licence renewal fees, with immediate payment confirmation and real-time processing notifications.

<https://clientportal.reb.gov.jm>

Real Estate Board Urges Greater Vigilance Against Property Fraud at Investment Conference



(Left to right) Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Damian Willson; Andrew James, Chairman of the Real Estate Board ; Gabrielle Gilpin Hudson-Grant, Board Director and President of the Realtors Association of Jamaica; and Jared Johnson, Legal Officer at the Real Estate Board, during the ThropX Investment Conference, held at the Travellers Beach Resort in Negril, on Monday June 24, 2026

As Jamaica's real estate market continues to expand and attract local and overseas investors, industry leaders are urging purchasers to exercise greater caution and conduct thorough due diligence before entering into any property transaction.

The message came during a panel discussion on real estate regulation and consumer protection at the ThropX Investment Conference, held at the Travellers Beach Resort in Negril, on Monday May 25, 2026, where representatives from the Real Estate Board (REB) discussed the safeguards available to buyers, the rise of sophisticated real estate scams and the importance of working with licensed professionals.

The panel featured Andrew James, Chairman of the Real Estate Board and Commission of Strata Corporations; Gabrielle Gilpin Hudson-Grant, Attorney-at-Law, Board Director and President of the Realtors Association of Jamaica; and Jared Johnson, Attorney-at-Law and Legal Officer at the Real Estate Board and

Commission of Strata Corporations.

Throughout the discussion, panellists stressed that while Jamaica has one of the Caribbean's most advanced regulatory frameworks for real estate, consumers must remain vigilant as fraudsters become increasingly sophisticated.

Real Estate Fraud Becoming More Sophisticated

One of the strongest themes emerging from the discussion was the growing prevalence of online real estate fraud. Chairman Andrew James cautioned prospective buyers against being lured by unrealistic property advertisements on social media. "You won't just meet someone that advertises on TikTok that they have a six-bedroom house with a swimming pool for \$30,000 and run ahead saying, 'What a good deal.' When in doubt, contact the Real Estate Board to ensure that the person is licensed," he stressed

James explained that the Real Estate Board is proactively educating the public so that consumers understand the protections available to them before making significant financial decisions. "The Real Estate Board is not waiting for you to come to them. We are coming to you... because when you know that there's a regulator who can protect you, you can make better decisions."

The panel also highlighted several scams currently affecting the Jamaican property market, including fraudsters stealing legitimate property listings from licensed real estate professionals, reposting them with altered contact information and advertising them at unrealistically low prices to attract unsuspecting victims.

Gabrielle Gilpin Hudson-Grant, explained that scammers often demand deposits simply to view a property, a major warning sign. "Realtors never ask you to pay them before you go to see a property."

She warned that scammers have become increasingly sophisticated, often impersonating licensed real estate practitioners and requesting sensitive personal information such as identification, Tax Registration Numbers (TRNs) and other documents that can later be used for identity theft.

The panel also shared examples of fraudsters copying legitimate "For Sale" signs, leaving all branding intact while replacing only the contact number to deceive prospective purchasers.

Due Diligence is Essential

A recurring message throughout the discussion was that buyers must perform proper due diligence before paying deposits or signing contracts.

Andrew James reminded consumers that every licensed real estate broker and salesperson carries an official pocket identification card issued by the Board, which should be requested before conducting business.

Johnson stressed that obtaining legal representation should never be viewed as optional. "It is indispensably important that you seek legal advice." He recommended that buyers engage experienced real estate attorneys who can conduct title searches, verify registrations, review contracts and make the necessary pre- and post-contract enquiries.

Gilpin Hudson-Grant expanded on that advice, warning that purchasers often make costly mistakes by relying solely on developers' standard agreements. "Not only do you need to get an attorney, but you need an attorney that actually practises in real estate." She cautioned that standard pre-construction contracts may contain clauses that are not in the purchaser's best interests and encouraged buyers to investigate developers' track records, inspect projects and understand the risks before investing.

Consumer Protection Through Regulation

Jared Johnson outlined the enforcement mechanisms available to buyers who believe they have been treated unfairly by licensed professionals. "A purchaser can and ought to lodge a formal complaint with the Real Estate Board." Once a complaint is filed, the Board's inspectors investigate allegations of misconduct, and where necessary, disciplinary action may be taken against licensees. Matters involving criminal conduct are referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the Jamaica Constabulary Force, the Financial Investigations Division (FID) and the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA).

The discussion also explored protections available to purchasers of pre-construction developments. Johnson explained that where a development fails, the Board has statutory powers to intervene and, in certain circumstances, enforce its legal charge over the development lands to help recover funds for affected purchasers.

Education Driving Professional Standards

The panel also highlighted the increasing professionalism of Jamaica's real estate sector. Gilpin Hudson-Grant noted that education has become a central focus for practitioners through continuing professional development programmes, specialized training and new international partnerships.

She pointed to the recent collaboration between the Real Estate Board's Real Estate Training Institute and the CCIM Institute as another step towards creating a world-class commercial real estate profession in Jamaica. She also noted that Jamaica's regulatory framework compares favourably with several Caribbean jurisdictions where licensing requirements for real estate practitioners do not exist.

Bright Outlook for Jamaica's Property Market

Despite the challenges posed by fraud, the panellists expressed confidence in the future of Jamaica's real estate industry.

Johnson pointed to expanding infrastructure and increased development outside Kingston and Montego Bay as evidence of broader investment opportunities across the island. Gilpin Hudson-Grant encouraged investors to look beyond traditional markets while relying on qualified professionals to guide investment decisions.

The panel reinforced a clear message for both local and overseas investors: verify before you invest, work only with licensed professionals, and never overlook the importance of due diligence when purchasing real estate in Jamaica.

The skills that will define tomorrow's workforce



The world of work is changing faster than our education systems can track, which means preparing for a single career or a fixed set of skills is, paradoxically, one of the least effective strategies a young person can adopt today.

The most important shift is to think about careers as journeys rather than destinations.

The World Economic Forum's (WEF's) Future of Jobs Report 2025 confirms what we see at YES every day: by 2030, 170 million new jobs will be created globally, while 92 million will be displaced.

The net gain is a positive 78 million roles, but they will look very different from the ones that disappear. Young people who can adapt will ride the crest of this wave.

But what does adaptability look like as a skill? It's made up of a few components.

According to WEF, analytical thinking is the number one core skill employers are looking for – with seven out of 10 rating it as essential. This means showing, in an interview or in the workplace, how you've applied knowledge, solved a problem, or made an impact. Simply put, the shift is from credentials to capabilities.

Closely related is digital and AI fluency. Technology is no longer just a tool: it's a co-worker, a thinking partner, a source of competitive advantage.

WEF reports that AI and big data literacy is the fastest-growing skills category, with 87% of employers identifying it as increasingly important.

This doesn't mean every young person needs to learn to code. Instead, they need to understand how to work with AI, ask the right questions of it, and leverage it to think and act faster. The person who knows how to use AI well will have a significant edge over the one who doesn't.

There is, however, a counterintuitive flipside to this: human skills are becoming more valuable. As AI takes on more of the routine, rule-based work, great employees will be distinguished by their ability to communicate clearly, collaborate meaningfully, lead with empathy and navigate complex interpersonal environments.

Here self-awareness becomes foundational. Young people entering the workforce – especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, who often carry significant additional pressures and responsibilities – need to understand themselves, their strengths and their communication style. Confidence needs to be cultivated deliberately, and often with structured support.

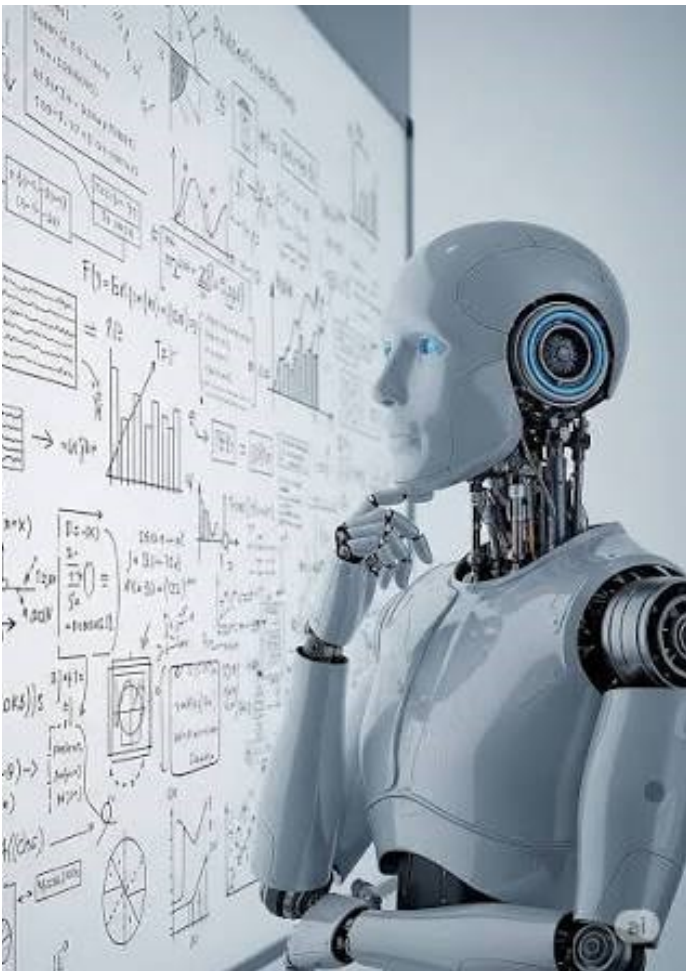
What can government and the private sector do? For government, there is an urgent need to reform education systems, so they keep pace with a world that is changing quarterly. That means integrating digital

tools into classrooms, rethinking what “computer literacy” means, and creating space for the kind of applied, critical thinking that employers value.

It also means acknowledging that micro-learning – yes, even the TikTok-style, bite-sized format – is a legitimate learning modality, provided it is paired with the ability to evaluate and apply what is learned.

For corporates, as job roles evolve and new titles emerge, companies must invest in upskilling and reskilling their workforces – including young people. Hiring a young person and placing them in a static role without investing in their development is a missed opportunity. Linking training investment to actual employment outcomes, rather than funding enrolments and qualifications in isolation, will produce far better returns.

The skills gap is a moving target, and the most future-proof thing any young person can do now, is become someone who knows how to keep learning.



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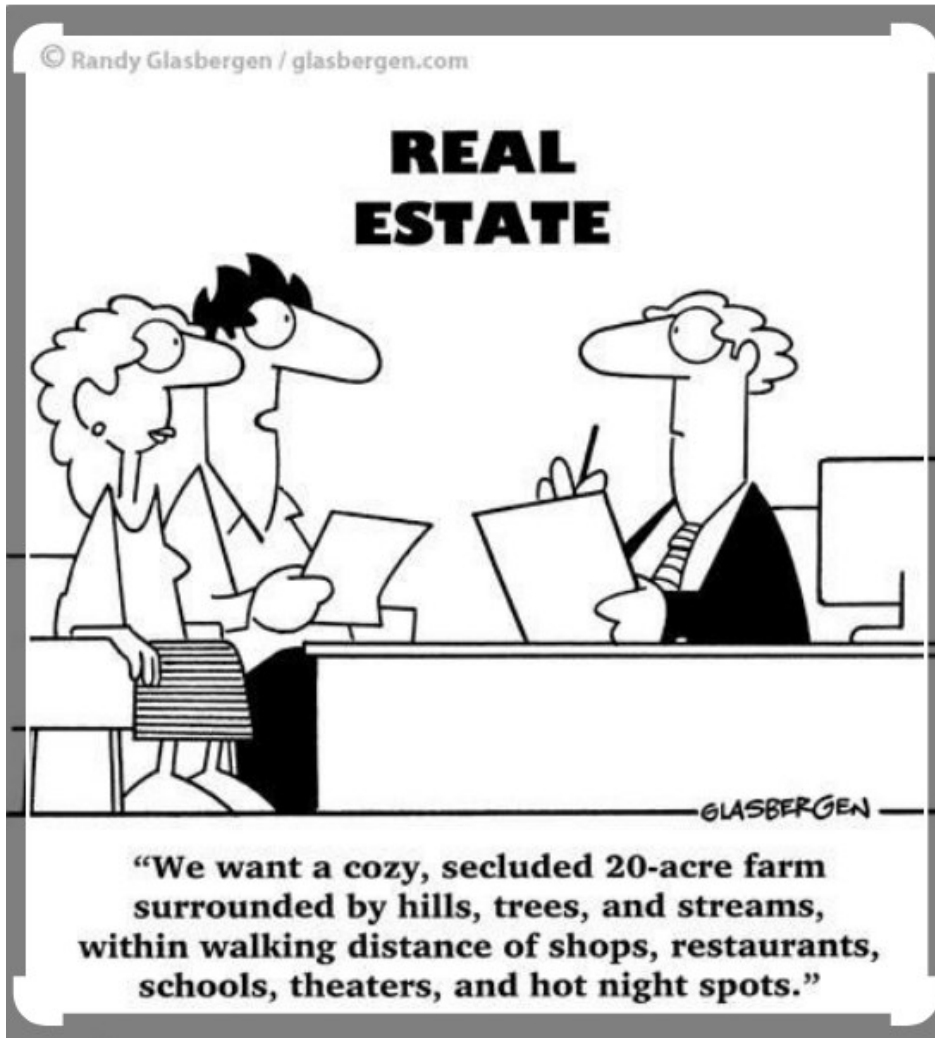
Building Stronger Strata Communities Through Knowledge

The Commission of Strata Corporations continued its commitment to strengthening strata communities through education and capacity building with two informative training sessions held during the month of June.

On June 22, strata representatives participated in a Basic Bookkeeping Workshop, where they received practical guidance on record-keeping, financial management, and essential bookkeeping practices. The session focused on equipping participants with the skills needed to maintain accurate and reliable financial records, an important foundation for effective strata administration.

The learning continued on June 26 with a training session on Annual Returns. Participants were guided through the requirements for preparing and submitting annual returns, gaining a better understanding of their responsibilities and the importance of timely compliance.

Together, these training sessions reflect the Commission’s ongoing efforts to empower strata corporations with the knowledge and tools necessary to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance within their communities.



A real estate agent passed away and arrived at the pearly gates.

St. Peter greeted him and said, "We are doing things a bit differently today. You get to spend **one day in Hell** and **one day in Heaven**. Then, you choose where to spend eternity."

First, St. Peter escorted the agent down to **Hell**.

The agent was shocked. He stepped onto a pristine, **sun-drenched golf course**. In the background sat a magnificent, **five-star resort clubhouse**. All of his old friends and former clients were there. They were dressed in fine clothes, cheering, and toasting his arrival. He spent the entire day eating **filet mignon**, drinking fine wine, and playing golf.

When the day ended, it was time to experience **Heaven**.

St. Peter took him up to the clouds. The agent spent 24 hours **floating peacefully**, playing a harp, and enjoying the quiet serenity. It was incredibly relaxing, but a little slow.

The next morning, St. Peter asked for his final decision.

The agent hesitated and said, "Heaven was peaceful, but I never thought I'd say this... Hell had a **much better atmosphere**, incredible amenities, and a great social scene. I choose Hell."

St. Peter nodded, and the agent was instantly sent back down.

When the elevator doors opened, the agent gasped. The golf course and clubhouse were completely gone. Instead, he saw a **barren, fiery wasteland** filled with garbage. His friends were dressed in rags, looking miserable.

The agent ran up to the Devil in a panic. "I don't understand! Yesterday there was a golf course, a luxury resort, and a feast! What happened to the property?" The Devil smiled, patted him on the back, and said:

"Yesterday we were showing you the property as a **prospective buyer**. Today, you've already **closed escrow**."

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