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**PEARNEL CHARLES TO MEET WITH JAMAICA DIASPORA UK
IN CELEBRATION OF 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WINDRUSH
GENERATION**

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State Minister with responsibility of Diaspora Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Parnel Charles Jr. will be participating in the Jamaica Diaspora UK (JDUK) 6th Biennial Conference which commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Windrush Generation under the theme: "Staying Power of the Windrush Generation."

The State Minister's visit to the United Kingdom is his first since given the Diaspora Affairs portfolio some two months ago. Additionally, his engagement is significant as June 16 is celebrated worldwide as Diaspora Day.

During his weeklong schedule of engagements in the UK, the State Minister is expected to address issues such: remedial action regarding the Windrush Generation, challenges of undocumented migrants, education, business, crime and other areas affecting the Diaspora.

Minister Charles will hold talks with the Diaspora Advisory Board on policy issues and meet with UK government officials, critical stakeholders and engage youths in a rap session on issues affecting them.

It is anticipated that these series of engagements will facilitate the strengthening of the existing bilateral relationship with the UK and advance engagement of the Diaspora.

In underscoring the significance of the meetings, he noted, "I am delighted that I will get the opportunity to address the community and respond to their queries. The Jamaican community in the UK is strong and vibrant and I hope to formulate a constructive relationship with them as we seek to serve their best interest."

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