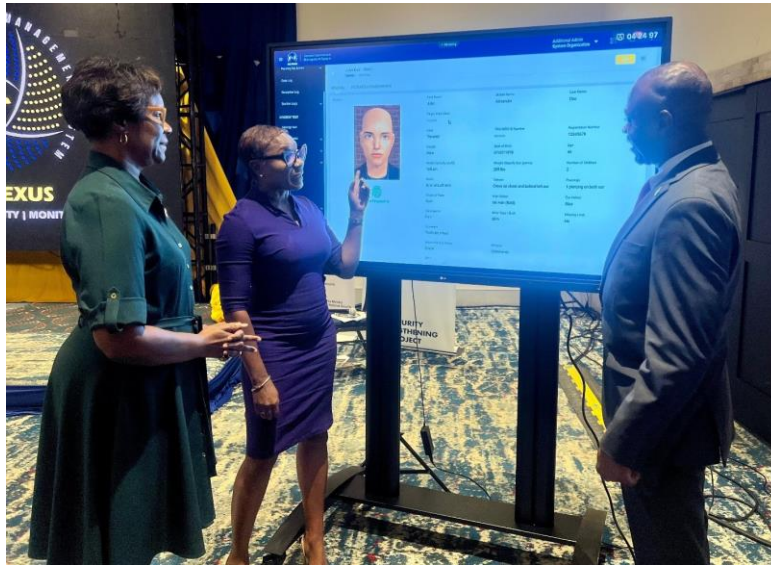




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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (centre), shares a point with the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe and Commissioner of Corrections Brigadier (Ret'd) Radgh Mason while referencing the new Correction Management System (CMS), which was launched at the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston on Friday (September 27).

**'We are changing the way the Department of Correctional Services operates' – State Minister Cuthbert-Flynn**

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn says the government is changing the way the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) operates, by undertaking a significant modernization of the Department through the introduction of a new Correctional Management System (CMS).

The initiative represents a substantial investment in the efficiency and effectiveness of the nation's correctional facilities.

**“We are developing more efficient and effective operating standards for the staff within our correctional system, and I am extremely proud of this modernization,”** the Minister said.



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She delivered the keynote address at the launch of the Correctional Management System on Friday (September 27) at the Pegasus Hotel.

The Minister lauded the launch, stating that **“it is proof of the government’s commitment to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our correctional services to support the broader goals of national security”**.

The Correctional Management System is a comprehensive computer-based software solution designed to streamline and enhance the operations of correctional facilities. It serves as a centralized platform to manage various aspects of correctional facility management, including inmate tracking, facility administration, security, and rehabilitation programmes.

The Security Strengthening Project (SSP) under the Ministry of National of Security, is funded by the Inter-American Development Bank and is responsible for initiating the CMS.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn added that by streamlining administrative tasks and reducing the reliance on manual procedures, we are **“enabling our officers and staff to focus on what truly matters, namely, the rehabilitation and security of those in our care”**.

In addition, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn emphasized that the National Correctional Services Policy which was tabled in the House of Parliament earlier this year, is not just another document but a guide for the continued development of the DCS.

**“I want to reaffirm that this is not just a technological upgrade but part of a broader vision for national security and the correctional system,”** the State Minister noted, adding that the government is committed to building a system that reflects its highest standards of professionalism, efficiency and care.

**“Furthermore, the Ministry of National Security will continue to develop and strengthen every area of the DCS, ensuring that we remain on the path towards a safer, more secure and rehabilitative correctional system,”** Minister Cuthbert-Flynn said.

