

## ACM AND IPI TALK POSSIBLE JAMAICA VENUE FOR WORLD CONGRESS

*ACM, January 30* - The International Press Institute (IPI) is collaborating with the ACM on the possible hosting of its 60th General Assembly and World Congress in Jamaica in 2011. The ACM has, in turn, engaged the support of the PAJ, the Media Association of Jamaica (MAJ) and Caribbean Institute for Media and Communication (Carimac) in the planning process.

Veteran communication specialist/journalist, Clare Forrester, has been identified as the main ACM Focal Point in Jamaica for the event, while Trinidadian journalist, Adelle Roopchand, will oversee general logistics.

An IPI team met with the ACM and the Jamaica-based organisations on Friday January 22. The meeting was chaired by Carimac Director, Dr Canute James. A Local Organising Committee (LOC) is to be inaugurated soon.

“We are very excited about this event,” ACM President Wesley Gibbings said. “Next year also marks the tenth anniversary of the ACM. The successful staging of this global meeting on home turf will mark one of our defining moments.”

Gibbings, and representatives of the International Press Institute (IPI) also met with the executive of the PAJ on Saturday January 23 to discuss press freedom issues in the country.

IPI Deputy Director, Alison Bethel-McKenzie, provided an overview of the work of the Institute while IPI Conference and Events Manager, Michael Kudlak, briefed the PAJ on the conduct of IPI World Congresses and General Assemblies.



The IPI is a global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists. It is dedicated to the furtherance and safeguarding of press freedom, the protection of freedom of opinion and expression, the promotion of the free flow of news and information, and the improvement of the practices of journalism.

*From left: Byron Buckley (PAJ), Alison Bethel-McKenzie (IPI), Wesley Gibbings (ACM) and Michael Kudlak (IPI)*