



“Abacus for Communities” Chairman Col Stacey Thompson (R) and Project Coordinator Brandon McFarlane (L) pay a courtesy visit to Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica Mr. Robert Ready (C) after securing support from the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Development (DFATD) worth approx. CA\$81,000 for the “Community Emergency Communications for Natural Disaster and Climate Change Adaptation in Jamaica” project. This project, otherwise referred to as “**EARS**” (Emergency Affiliated Radio Service) will train and equip 360 persons in 10 of the most vulnerable communities throughout Jamaica with radio communications equipment for immediate response to disasters from within community resources, thereby minimizing loss of life and damage to infrastructure and environment, which it is expected will enhance community development, opportunities and quality of life for its people.