

The 2013 staging of the Public Sector Leadership Development Conference, organised by the Management Institute for National Development (MIND), will be held on March 7 at the Knutsford Court Hotel, New Kingston, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Under the theme: '*Leadership in Action: Supporting the Vision, En**GENDER**ing Transformation*',
the event will address public sector leadership, including strategies to foster a leadership culture that is supportive of long-term organisational growth and facilitate new insights that can inspire personal growth and empowerment for leaders.

Focus will be placed on gender diversity in leadership and the impact that this can have in serving the Government and the public in general. Participants will examine the main pillars of the National Policy for Gender Equality and strategies for making national policy formulation and implementation more gender sensitive.

Among the topics for discussion are: 'Celebrating Leaders in Public Life'; 'Gender Mainstreaming – A Vision 2030 Jamaica Imperative'; 'Enhancing The Leader Within Through Leadership Coaching'; 'Supporting The Vision: Leadership Passion Into Action'; and 'The Future of the Public Sector – New Look Leadership and Mentoring'.

A highlight of this year's conference will be the presentation of the MIND Public Life Award for Leadership Excellence to outstanding public sector leaders.

Attendees will include permanent secretaries, directors general, chief executive officers, and senior and middle level managers.

The partners in the staging of the event are: Bureau of Women's Affairs, Public Sector Modernization Division in the Office of the Cabinet, Jamaica Civil Service Association,

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants-Global, and the Centre for Creative Leadership in the United States.

MIND is the Government's main public sector management training agency, with a crucial role in the transformation of public services, both in Jamaica and the region.