

## Summary of the 2025 IALEIA Jamaica Chapter Annual Conference

The 2025 IALEIA Jamaica Chapter Annual Conference was held on January 23, 2025. The theme of the Conference was “**Analysis and the Role of Analysts in Law Enforcement for the 21st Century**”. The Conference was a tremendous success, owing to the contribution and efforts of many. Multiple presentations were delivered by distinguished experts in the field of analysis. A forum was also held to discuss current developments in the field and to share the Chapter’s vision for the future.

One hundred and nineteen (119) professionals were in attendance. The supporting organisations included entities from Jamaica, the Caribbean, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Canada. These entities included:

- The International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA)
- The Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA)
- The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)
- The Ministry of National Security (MNS)
- The Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA)
- The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF)
- The Independent Commission of Investigations (INDECOM)
- The Financial Investigations Division (FID)
- The United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- The British High Commission (BHC)
- Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- Security Forces - St. Kitts and Nevis
- The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona

The Opening Ceremony of the Conference commenced at 09:00 AM with a Welcome and Introduction by Major (Rtd.) Dave Anderson, IALEIA Jamaica Chapter President. An Address was delivered by Mr. Nigel Parke, Senior Director of MOCA Legal and Prosecutorial Services, on the behalf of Colonel (Rtd.) Desmond Edwards, Director General of MOCA. The Master of Ceremonies was Mrs. Claudenne Hamond-Lea.

The Opening Ceremony and first speaker’s presentation were live-streamed via IALEIA’s GoTo Meeting platform, to all Members and Prospective Members of the IALEIA Jamaica Chapter, from 09:00 AM to 11:15 AM.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. David McClocklin C.I.C.A., President of IALEIA.

Mr. McClocklin served as President of IALEIA since July 2023. He is a longstanding member of IALEIA, having joined over eighteen years ago. He has a rich history with the organisation, including roles as Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training (FIAT) Instructor since 2006 and former Director of Professional Development.

Prior to his leadership at IALEIA, Mr. McClocklin had a distinguished career with the Ontario Provincial Police spanning over thirty-eight years. He served as an Intelligence Officer and Senior Tactical Analyst specializing in major crimes, including homicides, internal investigations, and special investigations for the Office of the Commissioner. He also held the position of Liaison Officer with the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO) under the Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC).

President McClocklin's thought-provoking Keynote Address set the tone for the day's discussions.

At 10:30 PM was a presentation by Dr. Hilton McDavid, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona. Dr. McDavid's presentation was titled "The Evolution of CARICOM's Strategic Environment and Its Impact on National Security and Economic Development". The key points from Dr. McDavid's presentation included:

- **Regional Security and Challenges:** The presentation explored transnational challenges in the Caribbean, including organised crime, corruption, environmental abuse and resource scarcity. It emphasized the evolving threats posed by criminal organisations, such as cartels and gangs, particularly in narcotrafficking, contraband and human smuggling.
- **Geopolitical Dynamics:** The presentation highlighted strategic issues in the region, such as the role of external actors (e.g., China and Russia), economic vulnerabilities from events like COVID-19 and climate-related risks. The impact of these factors on regional stability and development was a key focus.
- **Strategic Adaptations:** The presentation advocated for a coordinated, adaptive approach to governance and security, integrating whole-of-government efforts to address these challenges effectively. It also noted the importance of legitimate businesses and the informal economy in combating organised crime.

At 11:15 AM was a presentation from Mr. Khewana Campbell, Chief Special Agent of the MOCA Cyber Investigations and Risk Management Department. Mr. Campbell's presentation was titled "Investigations, Analysis and Artificial Intelligence". The key points from Mr. Campbell's presentation included:

- **MOCA's Investigative Framework:** The presentation highlighted the units within MOCA, including Intelligence, Investigations, Operations, Cyber Investigations, Risk Management and Crime Analysis Department, each playing a critical role in gathering information, pursuing leads, managing cyber risks, and analyzing data to support legal proceedings.
- **Role of Analysts and Artificial Intelligence:** The presentation indicated that Analysts are essential for piecing together complex investigations, while AI enhances efficiency by streamlining processes and reducing time, creating a synergy between human expertise and technological capabilities.
- **Future Directions:** Emphasis was placed on adapting to evolving data trends and integrating advanced technologies to strengthen investigative and analytical capacities in addressing modern challenges.

At 12:00 PM was a presentation from Ms. Stacey-Ann Westcarr, Manager of the MOCA Strategic Intelligence Research and Analysis Department. Ms. Westcarr's presentation was titled "Case Study: The Benefits of Analysis". The key points from Ms. Westcarr's presentation included:

- **Investigation of Financial Irregularities:** MOCA investigated a case of large-scale fraud and corruption at a rural municipality in 2015. This involved a well-organised network operating within the municipality, including employees and external parties, who colluded to misappropriate funds and misuse power.
- **Application of the Intelligence Cycle:** MOCA employed the intelligence cycle to disrupt the criminal network. This included information collection (overt and covert sources), processing and collation of data, analysis (association, flow, communications, timeline), dissemination of findings and feedback as well as feedback and evaluation to inform further law enforcement action. Collaboration with other law enforcement agencies was also crucial.
- **Successful Results and Impact:** The investigative process led to eight arrests, multiple indictments, convictions for several individuals (resulting in imprisonment terms), and the

recovery of significant sums of money. The case demonstrates the effectiveness of systematic intelligence analysis in disrupting organised crime and bringing criminals to justice.

At 01:00 PM, Conference attendees were provided with a QR Code in order to participate in a Professional Needs Assessment Survey. The results of this survey will be used to guide future training initiatives by the IALEIA Jamaica Chapter.

At 01:30 PM was a presentation from Mrs. Tanisha Webster-Stevens, Senior Director (Acting) of MNS Strategic Intelligence Branch. Mrs. Webster-Stevens' presentation was titled "Strategic Intelligence and Analysis". The key points from Mrs. Webster-Stevens' presentation included:

- Strategic Intelligence Defined and Explained: The presentation defined strategic intelligence, differentiating it from tactical intelligence, outlining its scope and objectives (anticipating change, mitigating risk, capitalizing on opportunities), key components (data collection, analysis, dissemination), and its overall importance in providing a holistic view of challenges and informing policy.
- The Role of the Strategic Intelligence Analyst: The presentation detailed the crucial role of Strategic Intelligence Analysts in national security, focusing on their core responsibilities (threat assessment, policy support, strategic forecasting), analytical processes (intelligence cycle, red team analysis, etc.), necessary skills (critical thinking, research, communication), and real-world applications (supporting national security policies).
- Challenges and Recommendations: The presentation addressed challenges in strategic intelligence (information overload, bias, technological advancements, interagency coordination) and provided recommendations for improvement (investing in training, leveraging technology, enhancing collaboration and developing structured analytical techniques). Ethical considerations in balancing security and privacy as well as maintaining objectivity, were also highlighted.

At 02:30 PM, a presentation was delivered by representatives of IALEIA and included Mr. Phil Powell, Vice President of IALEIA, Ms. Stacey-Ann Westcarr, Chairperson of the IALEIA Mentoring Committee and Mr. Locksley Waites, Chairperson of the IALEIA Technical Committee. The following were the key points from the presentation:

- IALEIA's Mission and Activities: The presentation relayed that International Association for Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) aims to advance the intelligence analysis profession globally. It achieves this through advocacy efforts, providing training and certification programs, fostering networking opportunities, offering resources and publications as well as implementing mentoring and awards programs. The organisation also maintains a significant online presence.
- Key IALEIA Programs and Initiatives: The presentation highlighted specific IALEIA programs including the annual training event, specialized seminars (e.g., financial analysis, intelligence management), an Emerging Professionals Group (EPG) and a robust certification program offering various levels of certification in criminal intelligence analysis.
- IALEIA's Focus on Technical Support and Website Improvement: The presentation detailed the organisation's Technical Support Committee and its priorities, emphasizing a website overhaul to enhance member engagement and streamline communication. The goal was to improve the overall user experience and member satisfaction by upgrading site navigation and accessibility to resources.

At 03:30 PM, a discussion was held regarding the Chapter and its prospects for the future.

At 04:15 PM, the Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks were delivered by Mr. Locksley Waites, Vice President of the IALEIA Jamaica Chapter. The Conference concluded at 04:30 PM.

The benefits of the Conference included:

- **Supporting IALEIA’s mission to advance intelligence analysis:** The Conference continued to advance professionalism, enhance practices and improve the standards of intelligence analysis globally. Members and Prospective Members were also introduced to IALEIA’s various Committees and initiatives and encouraged to participate.
- **Chapter Sustainability:** Annual events ensure the Chapter remains active, visible and relevant to Members and Prospective Members. The knowledge gained from the presentations allowed for the development of the Chapter as a resource for crime and intelligence analysis in Jamaica.
- **Promoting Awareness and Learning Best Practices:** The Conference highlighted the importance of intelligence analysis and advanced technology in crime prevention and reduction. Insights were gained into how entities were leveraging technology and intelligence to improve outcomes.
- **Fostering Interagency Cooperation:** The Conference encouraged information sharing and partnership across various entities and sectors in order to tackle complex challenges.
- **Local Recognition:** The Conference showcased the work and successes of the Jamaica Chapter in advancing intelligence analysis locally and regionally. This positioned the Jamaica Chapter as the leader in the region for intelligence analysis expertise.
- **Networking:** The Conference brought together professionals from law enforcement, government entities and academia, fostering collaboration and providing an opportunity for networking.
- **Professional Development:** The Conference presentations allowed exposure to a case study, trends and emerging threats thereby providing valuable insights. Attendees were also made aware of IALEIA-related certifications.

Stemming from the Conference were multiple Attendees who registered to become members of the IALEIA Jamaica Chapter with more to come. The Professional Development Assessment Survey will continue to be circulated to Members and Prospective Members.

Upon the conclusion of the Conference, Members and Prospective Chapter Members were encouraged to implement the insights gained and to enhance the region’s collective analytical capabilities in order to address the challenges of the 21st century. Attendees were also encouraged to continue monitoring the IALEIA Jamaica Chapter’s website for updates regarding the Chapter.