



## ***Launch of the GovTechTalk Series***



The GovTechTalk series, a set of interactive sessions targeting ICT heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government, was launched on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at eGov Jamaica's Training and Conference Room. The event was attended by the Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Hon. Fayval Williams, who delivered the main address. Professor Lloyd Waller, Chairman, brought greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors, while Chief Executive Officer, Maurice Barnes, moderated the event, providing the 37 registered guests with an overview of the structure and rationale.

In her address, Minister Williams outlined the functions of the impending ICT Authority of Jamaica, encouraging those present to embrace the change and to begin to deepen their interaction with eGovJa to help to facilitate a smoother transition.

The first topic which was discussed was GovMail, an initiative intended to create a single shared space for email services within the government of Jamaica. Department Head of Systems Management and Services, Gilroy Julal, walked participants through the benefits of GovMail, the current status and the roadmap for implementation.

Members of the Client Relationship Management Department were on hand to personally interact with individuals within their portfolio areas, and to document the questions and feedback received throughout the session. This will be compiled and shared with individuals on the mailing list ahead of the next event.

Going forward, GovTechTalk will be held on the fourth Friday of each month, with the exception of December. The next talk is scheduled for January 24, 2020 and will be focused on Cybersecurity, which was selected during a vote by participants.

