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**Government reaffirms commitment to cybersecurity at SheSecures Jamaica  
Competition launch**

Chief Technical Director for Crime Prevention, Rehabilitation and Inspectorate Policy in the Ministry of National Security, Ms. Shauna Trowers, says the Government of Jamaica is committed to bolstering the nation's cyber capabilities through collaboration, capacity building and strategic action.

Speaking on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe, Ms. Trowers delivered remarks during the virtual opening ceremony of the second staging of SheSecures Jamaica National Cybersecurity Competition on September 12. The competition is hosted in partnership with the Organisation of American States (OAS).

Ms. Trowers hailed the initiative as a vital platform for advancing Jamaica's leadership, cyber resilience, innovation and inclusive participation in the digital space.

**“We do all of this while ensuring citizens, businesses and institutions are protected from the rising tide of cybercrime,”** she said.

In addition, she stated, **“Today, we gather to celebrate and empower the incredible women and girls who are shaping the future of Jamaica’s national security architecture through cybersecurity.”**

She further noted the global shift in the cybersecurity landscape, highlighting the increasing presence and impact of women in a field historically dominated by men.

**“Women continue breaking barriers, defying the odds and emerging as champions in their own right,”** the chief technical director said.

The SheSecures Jamaica Cybersecurity Competition is being held virtually via the Hackrocks platform from September 12-14, 2025. With nearly 300 participants, the event provides women and girls aged 16 and older with hands-on cybersecurity training and exposure to real-world challenges.

Ms. Trowers urged the participants to seize the opportunity not only to sharpen their technical skills but also to forge meaningful connections that extend beyond the digital realm.

**“I am confident that the ideas, solutions and passion demonstrated throughout this competition will make a lasting contribution to our national security efforts,”** she concluded.