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### JAMAICA CONCLUDES ITS FIRST AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT AT ICAN



*Hon. Dr. Noel Hylton of Jamaica and Mrs Laurence Fontana Jungo initials the agreement between Jamaica and Switzerland.*

Jamaica today concluded negotiations on a new air services agreement with the Swiss Federation.

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The agreement was concluded during the International Civil Aviation Organisation, (ICAO) Conference for Air Services Negotiations, ICAN. ICAN is currently being held at the Ritz Carlton Golf and Spa Resort in Montego Bay from June 27, 2010 to July 2, 2010.

The finalising of the agreement, subject to Cabinet approval, between Jamaica and the Swiss Federation comes out of this morning's meeting with that State. Later this evening Jamaica is expected to meet with another 4 States to discuss similar agreements. During ICAN2010, Jamaica will be holding talks with a number of countries with the possibility of concluding a series of air services agreements.

Jamaica's move to conclude as many agreements as possible comes from Government's thrust to pursue strategies to optimise air commerce as an economic driver an open skies policy. Earlier this year Cabinet gave the green light for Jamaica to adopt an open skies policy.

Over 170 delegates from 45 countries are now meeting in Montego Bay to discuss and conclude bilateral air service agreements.