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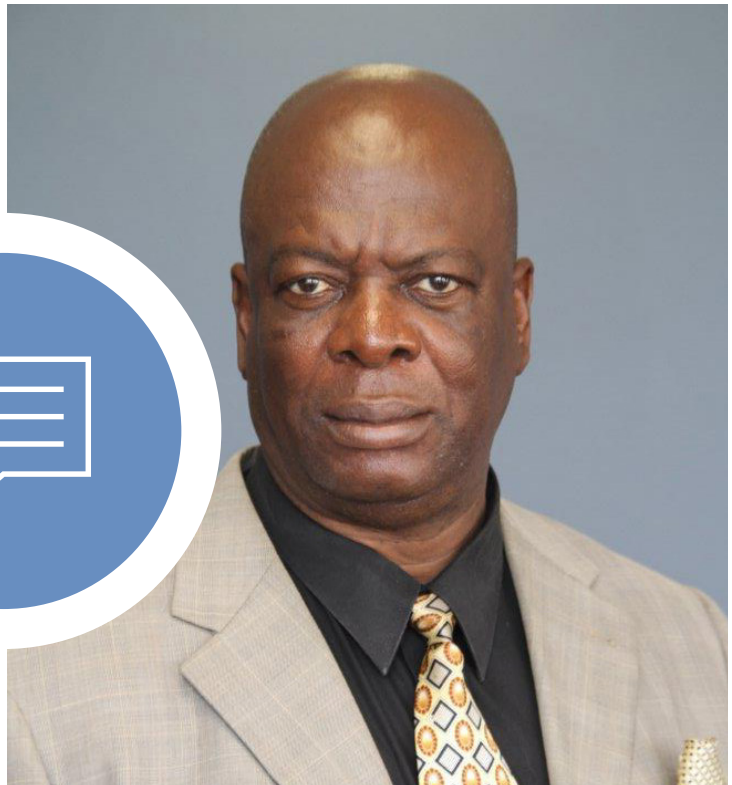


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OUR MISSION

To enhance the safety, stability and integrity of Anguilla's financial system and contribute to Anguilla being a premier financial centre, through appropriate regulation and legislation, judicious licensing, comprehensive monitoring and good governance.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS



Global events have opened many facets of life and livelihoods around the world. The financial services sector has demonstrated a profound resilience and continues to thrive. In crises there lies opportunities. Historically, financial services firms have largely been able to leverage these opportunities.

The opportunities that lie ahead for Anguilla are only limited by our endurance. Anguilla as a jurisdiction has the endurance needed to use the opportunities that are available to it, to amass tremendous gains in financial services. In the face of the negative impacts of the Global Pandemic, the Commission has forged ahead to allow innovators to benefit from regulatory clarity.

Most recently, the Commission has continued in its innovative positioning making large strides in 2017 with the introduction of Utility Tokens Legislation. Further, it has contributed to a suite of new legislation including; the Anguilla Business Companies Law, Trust and Corporate Services Providers Law and the Anguilla Special Trust Law. These draft laws have already generated excitement on the various plausible opportunities. The value of innovative regulation that offers a balance will be a major part of what attracts quality business to Anguilla without compromising core regulatory aspects.

From a practical perspective, the steps needed to be taken to ensure that Anguilla continues to meet international standards have been extensive. The work towards the National Risk

Assessment (NRA) is a component of the preparation for the upcoming CFATF mutual evaluation. The intensive process of introspection and assessment has allowed all stakeholders to critically evaluate Anguilla's systems as it relates to anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing measures.

The work being carried out on the NRA is led by the Government of Anguilla with contributions from the Commission and other stakeholders. It is important work, as it has positioned us favourably to take on future opportunities. These opportunities include the recognition and action to take on those heralded by FinTech, digital assets and other innovative applications to financial services businesses.

The values of service providers provide a fertile ground for a reinvigorated financial services industry to thrive. Such is the foundation for good regulation, "right-touch" regulation that attracts value-added businesses to our shores that translates into opportunities for employment. Work is ongoing to calibrate the regulatory framework to take on more innovative applicants; the first of many upgrades, as upgrading regulation must also recognize the cycle of technological advancements. However, we are also mindful of the evolving threats.

The Anguilla Financial Services Commission finds itself in a process of reform. We are addressing the issue of declining revenue from the licencing of captives and are working closely with the Governor's Office and the Government of Anguilla regarding the work of the Companies Registry and the passing of legislation through the House of Assembly.

The Commission is resolute in its focus on future successes. There is the endurance to triumph over past challenges with solidarity and continued common understanding and purpose between the regulator and the regulated, collectively we will forge Anguilla's future in innovative financial services solutions.