

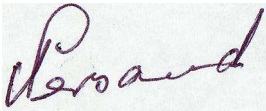
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GECOM Chairman Meets High Ranking DFID Official

Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), Dr. Steve Surujbally met with Mr. Martin Dinham, Director – Europe Middle East & Americas Division, Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom, during the latter's visit to Guyana recently. Mr. Dinham was accompanied by Ms. Sandra Pepera, Head of DFID – Caribbean and an Executive Director of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and Mr. Johnny Baxter the local DFID Office.

During the meeting, which was held at Dr. Surujbally's Office, formal discussions focused on GECOM's state of preparedness for the upcoming elections with specific reference on the current Continuous Registration exercise. Dr. Surujbally informed Mr. Dinham about GECOM's elections Project Plan and assured him that the Commission is working assiduously towards ensuring that the upcoming elections are held as scheduled in the plan. On his part, Mr. Dinham promised continued support to that aspect of the democratic process which is embodied in the work of GECOM.

Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Dinham was accompanied by Dr. Surujbally on a tour of the Registration Offices in Georgetown. This tour was taken to give Mr. Dinham a first hand appreciation of the manner in which the Continuous Registration is being conducted. A statement from the DIFID Office in Guyana emphasized that Mr. Dinham and Ms. Pepera are impressed with the efficient manner in which GECOM's registration staff dealt with the steady flow of applicants for registrations.



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