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ANGUILLA EXPLORES NEW ROUTE DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPANDED AIRLIFT AT 2024 ROUTES AMERICAS CONFERENCE

L-R: *Jabari Harrigan, Executive Airport Manager, Clayton J Lloyd International Airport; Stacey Liburd, Director of Tourism, ATB; Kendell Richardson, Acting CEO, AASPA; Greg Cuneo, Avia NG, Airport Consultant*

The Valley, Anguilla, March 25, 2024: A high powered delegation led by Mr. Kendell Richardson, Acting CEO of the Anguilla Air and Sea Ports Authority (AASPA), attended Routes Americas in Bogota, Colombia, from March 19 - 21, 2024. Routes Americas is the region's leading air service development event, bringing together senior industry professionals from airlines, airports and destinations to meet and discuss the region's air services. Mr. Richardson was accompanied by Mr. Jabari Harrigan, Executive Airport Manager, Clayton J Lloyd International Airport, (CJLIA), Airport Consultant Mr. Greg Cuneo, Avia NG, and Mrs. Stacey Liburd, Director of Tourism, Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB).

"Routes Americas is an essential forum for us to connect with air service development decision-makers for the region and beyond," declared Mr. Richardson. *"We are making significant investments in our airport infrastructure, and we are pleased to announce that our expansion is on schedule, funded in part by the United Kingdom International Program."*

The Anguilla delegation held a series of meetings with senior airline representatives, focused on sharing updates on the current airport development, the enabling works completed, and the timelines for the phases still in progress. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new 50,000 square foot passenger terminal is slated to take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, with a proposed completion date for Fall 2025. The new terminal is designed to accommodate a 215-passenger peak hour capacity for arriving or departing passengers. The new Cargo Building is slated for completion this Summer 2024, and the extension of the runway to 7,000 feet will follow as the next phase of the airport redevelopment program.

The airline carriers present included British Airways, Caribbean Airlines, InterCaribbean Airways, JetBlue Airways, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Anguilla Air Service, American Airlines, among others.

"*It is important for us to share details of our Airport Terminal Plan and our Expanded Airfield with senior decision makers as route networks are determined years in advance,"* stated Mr. Jabari Harrigan. *"We are transforming the CJLIA into a modern, state-of-the-art facility, with all the services needed to facilitate the business operations of the carriers, and the comfort and convenience of their passengers."*

"Ease of access is a critical factor in growing any destination's tourism industry, and we are confident that the new carriers and new routes coming on stream in the next two years will deliver record visitor arrivals," noted Mrs. Stacey Liburd. *"Tourism is the primary driver of Anguilla's economy, generating the largest share of employment and revenues for the island, so the continued expansion of our industry has a positive impact on the lives of every Anguillian."*

The Anguilla delegation also met with their counterparts at various regional tourism boards to discuss strategy and exchange updates on both the airport development plans and the overall destination performance. Among the Caribbean destinations participating in Routes Americas, were Turks & Caicos, Dominica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Antigua & Barbuda, The US Virgin Islands, Bermuda, The Islands of the Bahamas, St. Lucia, The Cayman Islands and Jamaica.

Vice Presidents and Heads of Network Planning from 80 of the region's leading carriers attended this year's Routes Americas Conference. Over 3,000 meetings took place between these airline stakeholders and new or existing airport and destination partners. Routes Americas 2025 will be held in Nassau, Bahamas from February 10-12, 2025, and Anguilla has already registered to attend this important event.

For information on Anguilla please visit the official website of the Anguilla Tourist Board: www.IvisitAnguilla.com; follow us on Facebook: Facebook.com/AnguillaOfficial; Instagram: @Anguilla_Tourism; YouTube; Twitter: @Anguilla_Trsm, Hashtag: #MyAnguilla.

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About Anguilla

Tucked away in the northern Caribbean, Anguilla is a shy beauty with a warm smile. A slender length of coral and limestone fringed with green, the island is ringed with 33 beaches, considered by savvy travelers and top travel magazines, to be the most beautiful in the world. A fantastic culinary scene, a wide variety of quality accommodations at varying price points, a host of attractions and exciting calendar of festivals make Anguilla an alluring and entrancing destination.

Anguilla lies just off the beaten path, so it has retained a charming character and appeal. Yet because it can be conveniently reached from three major gateways – Miami, FL (MIA), Puerto Rico (SJU), and St. Martin, (SXM), and by private air, it's a hop and a skip away.

Romance? Barefoot elegance? Unfussy chic? And untrammeled bliss? Lose The Crowd. Find Yourself. In Anguilla.