

**NO PLACE FOR DUPLICITY, DEVIOSNESS AND DECEPTION UNDER HIS
STEWARDSHIP – MR. KEITH LOWENFIELD, CEO**

All Registration Officers of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) were reminded that, as part of the GECOM family, they are required to provide services of the highest standards, keeping in mind that the image and reputation of the Commission are at stake. This was emphasized by Dr. Steve Surujbally, Chairman of GECOM during an address to the Registration Officers (ROs) at a Meeting which was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Ocean View International Hotel.

In so doing, Dr. Surujbally noted that the Registration Officers would be raising the bar of their performance, and stakeholders satisfaction, as they interface on a daily basis with members of the public to conduct registration transactions. He pointed out that the provision of excellent services in an atmosphere of courtesy is absolutely necessity relative to enhancing and maintaining the reputation of the Commission and Secretariat.

Noting that this Meeting was the first at which Mr. Keith Lowenfield was participating as the Chief Election Officer (CEO), Dr. Surujbally highlighted the upward progression of the newly appointed CEO and urged the ROs to use this as an example to upgrade themselves towards advancement within GECOM. The GECOM Chairman urged the RO to give their fullest support to Mr. Lowenfield.

In his maiden address to the ROs, as the substantive CEO, Mr. Lowenfield underlined that under his stewardship, the GECOM Secretariat will be guided by the relevant laws and the policies of the Commission throughout the day to day operations. In this regard, he underscored the need for him to get the ROs fullest cooperation above and beyond the call of duty when necessary. Moreover, he was unambiguous in anchoring his position that the new culture that he would be attempting to promote was based on honesty and efficiency in the delivery of services - watchwords that must guide the ROs and their staff in the delivery of their responsibilities. He added that there was no place for duplicity, deviosness and deception under his stewardship.

The Meeting was organized to bring Registration Officers (ROs), from all of the twenty eight GECOM Registration Offices across Guyana, up to date with the state of preparedness for the commencement of the 6th Cycle of Continuous Registration.

Further, the Meeting was used to (i) emphasize procedural issues relating to the 6th Cycle of Continuous Registration, and (ii) further discuss issues associated with boundary descriptions for Constituencies in the Local Authority Areas.

Resource persons at the workshop were Mr. Keith Lowenfield - Chief Election Officer, Mr. Calvin Benn - Deputy Chief Election Officer), Mr. Deolall Ramlall - Assistant Chief Election Officer (ag), Mr. Colin April - Logistics Manager and Mr. Beverley Critchlow - Voter Registration Manager.