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Patrick Cozier honoured at ‘CBA: Live in Kingston’

Secretary General of the Caribbean Broadcasting Union, Mr Patrick Cozier received special recognition at the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association’s **CBA: Live in Kingston** reception on the evening of Monday July 18, when he was inducted into the CBA Roll of Honour.

A smiling but surprised Cozier accepted the award to the applause of colleagues from all over the Caribbean. In acknowledgement, he cautioned about political pressures that are exerted upon media during elections and lauded those within the Caribbean who allow their media to exercise freedom of the press at such times.

Mr Cozier has been Secretary-General of the CBU since 1996, which functions in both an advocacy and representational role. One important mandate of the CBU under Mr Cozier's guidance is the relevant and current topic of digitisation and digital transition, intellectual property and the harmonization of regulation as key priorities for the immediate future.

In giving the award, the CBA’s Project Manager, Mr Adam Weatherhead stated that *“one of our strongest and most effective partners has been the CBU with Patrick at its head.”*

The CBA Roll of Honour is given to members who have served their organisations, the CBA and the principles of Public Service Broadcasting. Criteria include an outstanding record of achievement and a close association with the CBA.

The CBA is the largest global association of Public Service Broadcasters. With a UK based Secretariat, the CBA is an established ‘not for profit’ association with a remit to promote media freedom and broadcast excellence. The current focus of the CBA is to support Public Service Broadcasters through Digital Transition. With more than 100 members in over 50 countries, the CBA supports members by providing a forum for knowledge exchange and learning offering training opportunities and bursaries to employees of member organisations.

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