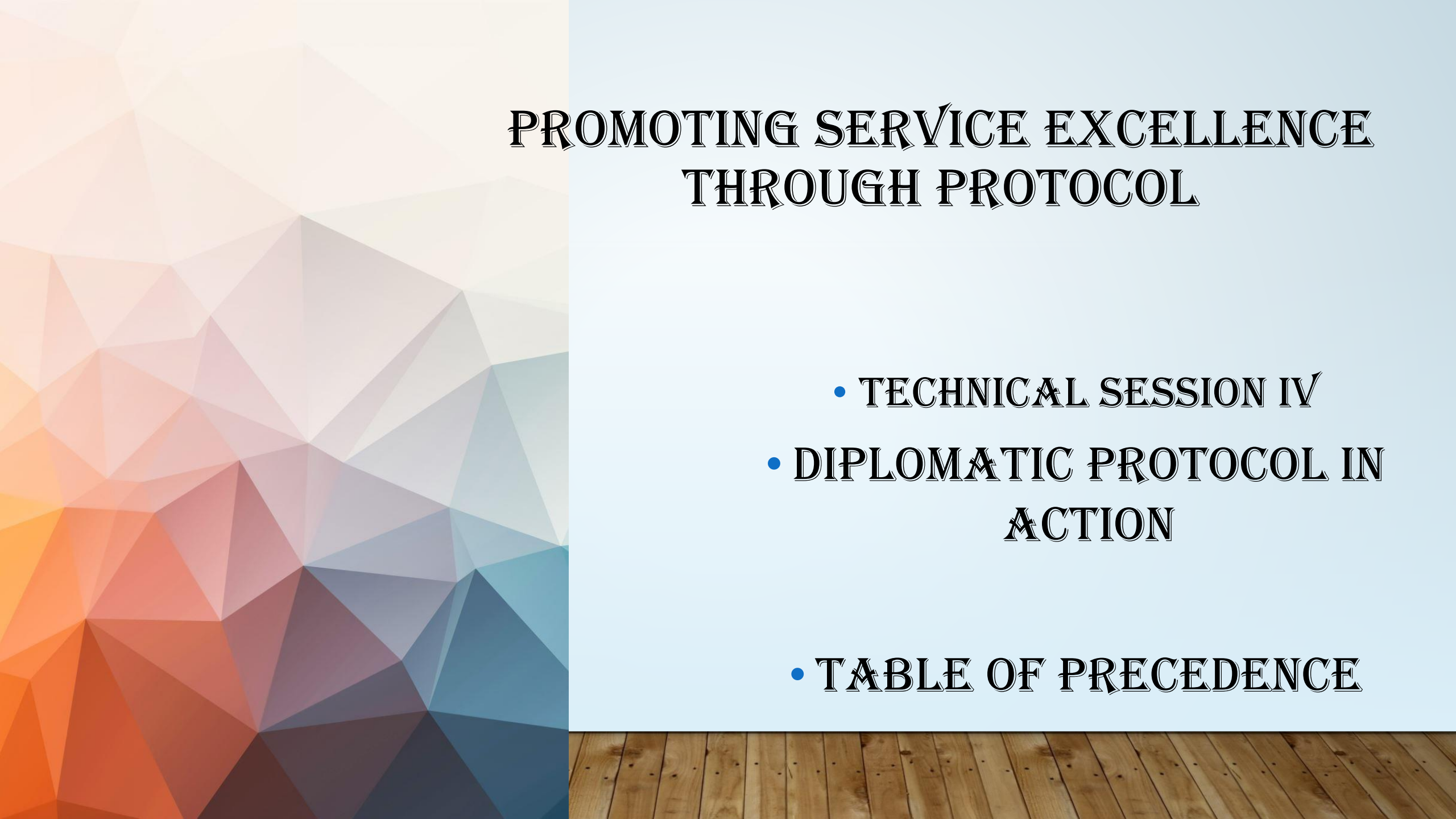




PROMOTING SERVICE EXCELLENCE THROUGH PROTOCOL

- TECHNICAL SESSION IV
- DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL IN
ACTION
- TABLE OF PRECEDENCE

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- Hierarchy And Appropriate Conduct: The Heart Of Protocol. Precedence - The Heartbeat.
- Origins
- From Antiquity- the insistence on recognition of hierarchical order.
- Casualties: Physical altercations and breakdown of diplomatic relations. 🤪🤪🤪
- Raison d'Etre: predictable hierarchical placement which is globally accepted regardless of state's power or cultural differences
- Congress of Vienna 1815 sought to establish levels of seniority among diplomatic envoys; largely ignored
- Congress of Aix-La-Chappelle 1818: Seniority in each level based on length of stay in Host Country

TABLE OF PRECEDENCE

d. **UN Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961:**

- Articles 13 to 18 established the globally accepted formula for precedence in diplomatic relations
- Validated the ranking adopted in 1815
- Endorsed the 1818 principle of seniority of Heads of Mission based on date of presentation of Credentials/true copy thereof
- Equality and uniformity of reception and treatment by Host Country
- The Holy See (Papal Nuncio)

e. **NB: UN Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963**

Art. 16 re precedence of Consular Officers and Agents

THE NATIONAL TABLE OF PRECEDENCE

- How established and maintained
- 24 rankings from HE The Governor-General through to Holders of Jamaican National Honours (OM to OJ)
- Placement of Heads of Diplomatic Missions within the National Table
 - In ranking No. 12, after the Head of Jamaica's Foreign Service
 - Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
 - Ranking within Diplomatic Missions
- Consuls General and Consular Officials: in ranking No. 21

JAMAICAN ORDER BY RANKING

1. The Governor-General
2. Prime Minister
3. Deputy PM and Ldr. of the Opposition
4. Members of Cabinet/Pres Senate/ and Spkr. of the House of Reps.
5. Fmr. GGs and Fmr. PMs
6. Chief Justice and Pres of Court of Appeal
7. Ministers of State
8. President of JCC
9. Widows/widowers of Fmr.GGs and PMs
10. Attorney General
11. Cabinet Secretary
12. Head of For. Service, Ambassadors, H. Comms; Head of EU Del; SG of ISA
13. Members of the Privy Council
14. Dep Spkr House of Rep & Parliamentary Secs
15. Senators & Parliamentarians
16. Judges of Court of Appeal and of Supreme Court
17. Chairman of PSC, FS, PS, Sol Gen, Gov BOJ, Aud Gen, and DPP
18. CDS, JDF & Comm JCF
19. Mayors/Municipal Chairmen*
20. Custodes*
21. Chief -State Protocol, Heads of UNDP, IO offices; Consuls Gen and Members of Consular Corps
22. VC, UWI and Pres of UTEC
23. Chairmen and Gen Secs of Pol. Parties/Parliams.
24. Holders of OM and OJ

TABLE OF PRECEDENCE

- NB: Not all National Tables follow the same composition.
- Relevance of the Table in Ceremonies and Events
 - Presentation in Official Ceremonies
 - Seating Plans
 - Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
- Diplomatic and Consular Agents and interaction with Host Country Representatives
 - Required formalities for meetings, gatherings, social engagements

PRECEDENCE AND INTERACTIONS

- How Precedence guides Host country interactions with diplomats and consuls
 - Political considerations
 - Risks involved in ignoring this guidance
- Extending Courtesies: How determined
 - Relevance of Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations
 - Port Courtesies granted or requested by Jamaica
 - Role of Embassies/Missions
 - Reciprocity

THE PROTOCOL RE GIFT GIVING AND RECEIPT

- Gifts to the Government of Jamaica
 - Guidelines contained in MFP Circular No. 17, of June 10, 2013
 - Gifts must never be inducement for favours or as bribe, but must redound to national good; transparency and accountability paramount.
- Gifts to Individuals Representing GoJ/Public Servants
 - Staff Orders (4.3) forbid solicitation or receipt of gifts and gratuities as inducement for non-performance of official duties or for favours. Not even the odour of corruption!
 - Where refusal might cause diplomatic offence, immediately report to Permanent Secretary or Department Head.
 - Small tokens of appreciation may be accepted (Christmas etc)
 - When in doubt, seek guidance from Supervisor.

THE PROTOCOL RE GIFT GIVING AND RECEIPT

- Exchanging gifts part of culture of many countries: be alert especially for Latin American and Asian countries
- Heads of Missions on presentation of Credentials and at Farewell
- Delegation Leaders on State or Official Visits (Bilateral)

NB:

- a. Be guided by underlying theme of avoidance of any perception of corruption
- b. Report any expensive gift to appropriate authority
- c. Always safe to give cultural gifts (Art & Craft, music, books)



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS/COMMENTS

End of
Presentation!

THANK
YOU!