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Scotiabank Canada's Anya Schnoor having a great time.

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ORE THAN 400 women, members of the International Women's Forum (IWF), from 30 countries across the globe, have converged on Montego Bay, Jamaica, with one theme in mind - music - an instrument for change.

From as far as Morocco, Hong Kong, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Israel, Iran and South Africa, to as close as the United States, Mexico, Ecuador and Bermuda, these women - some of the most powerful in the world - are here to



MONTEGO BAY HOSTS 2013 International Women's Forum



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LEFT: Rita Marley (second left) is flanked by (from left) minister of state in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce Sharon Ffolkes-Abrahams; United States ambassador to Jamaica, Pamela Bridgewater; South African High Commissioner Mathu Joyini, and Felicia Mabuza from Atlanta. Standing in the back is Reverend Russell Awkard, husband of the US ambassador.

ABOVE: From left: Sherrill Crichton, Erline Belton, Flo Miller and Darrilyn Foreman enjoying every moment.



Scotiabank President Bruce Bowen and his wife Suzanne are all smiles as they enter the reception.