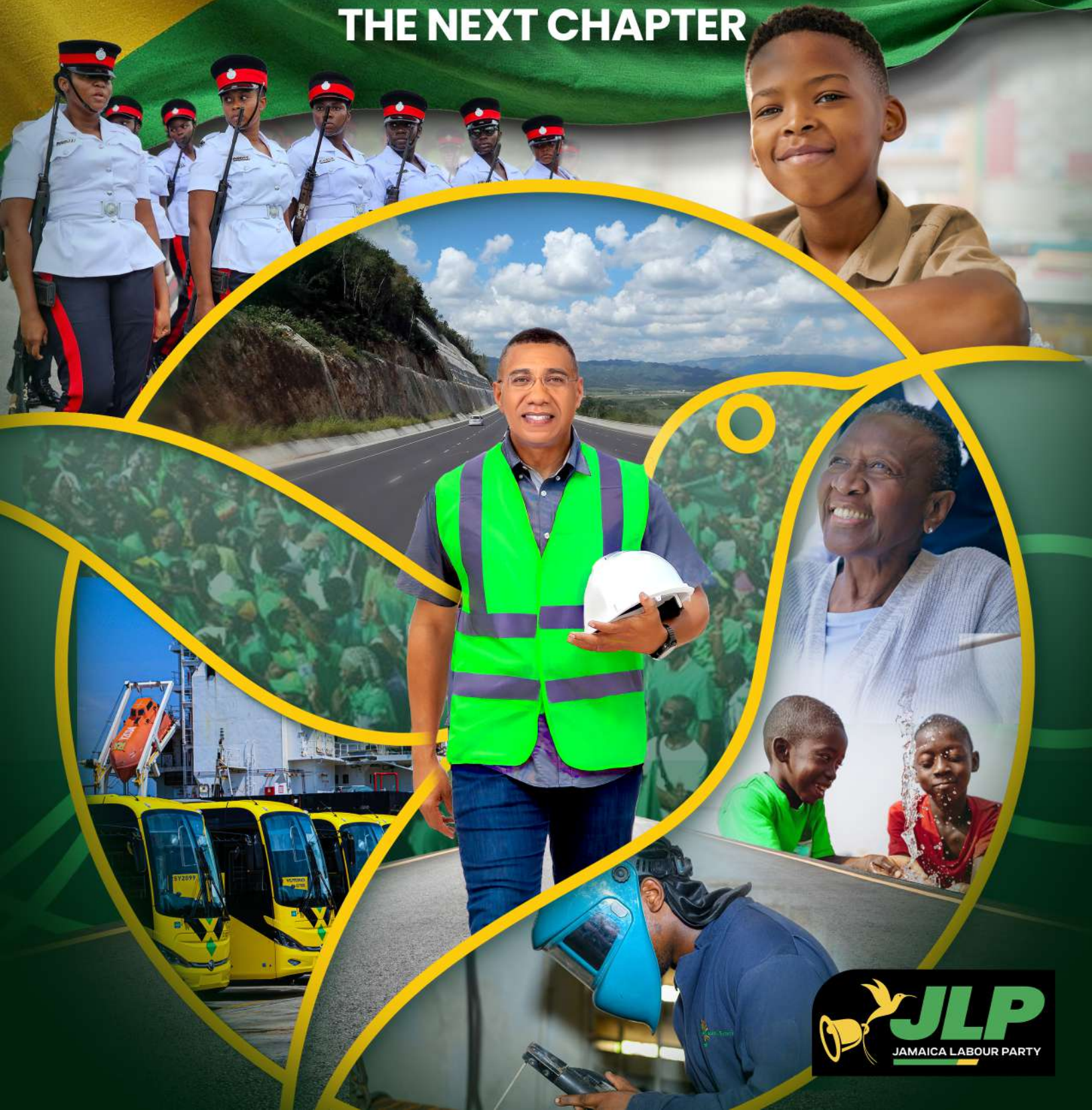


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CHOOSE LEADERSHIP THAT DELIVERS.**

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**ON ELECTION DAY,
CHOOSE THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY.**

**WE WILL CONTINUE
DOING
MORE
FOR YOU**

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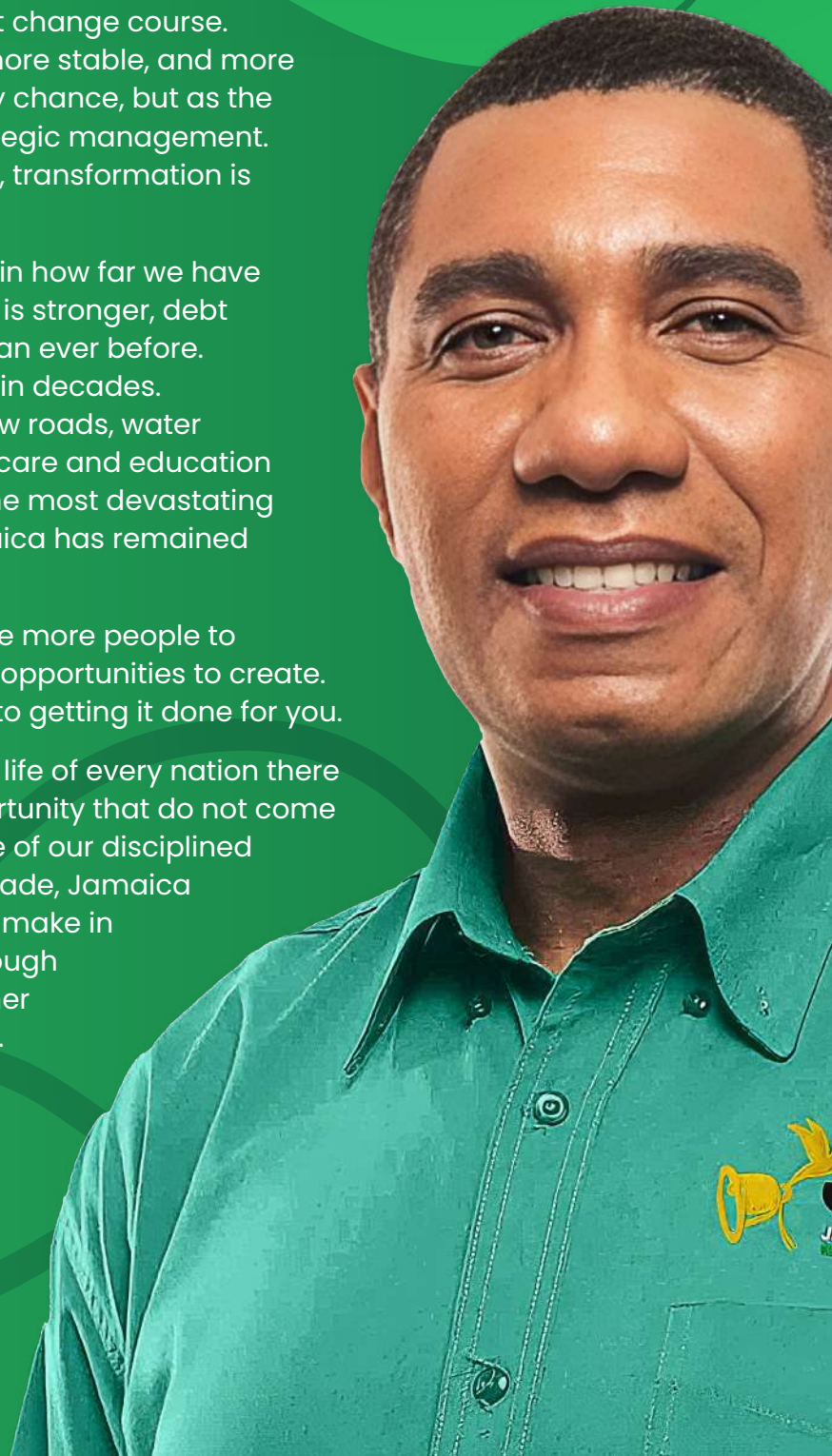
Nine years ago, Jamaica faced enormous challenges. Debt was high, jobs were scarce, public services were under strain, and national confidence was low. Many believed that the country could not change course. Today, however, Jamaica is stronger, safer, more stable, and more filled with promise. This has not happened by chance, but as the result of disciplined, careful choices and strategic management. We have shown that with the right leadership, transformation is not only possible, it is happening!

As your Prime Minister since 2016, I take pride in how far we have come together. Crime is down, the economy is stronger, debt is lower, and more Jamaicans are working than ever before. Poverty has been reduced to the lowest level in decades. Communities across the island have seen new roads, water systems, buses, schools and housing. Healthcare and education are undergoing real change. Even through the most devastating global crisis in our independent history, Jamaica has remained stable.

But we know our work is not finished. There are more people to reach, more communities to uplift, and more opportunities to create. Be assured however, that we are committed to getting it done for you.

Now, we stand at a critical crossroads. In the life of every nation there are rare moments – golden windows of opportunity that do not come again, or at least not in generations. Because of our disciplined and strategic management over the last decade, Jamaica has such a window before it. The choices we make in this moment will decide whether we step through and continue Jamaica's steady rise, or whether we risk it all on uncertainty in untested hands.

As we shape the next chapter of our nation's future, Jamaica requires leadership that is dependable, decisive, and caring; leadership that not only listens, but knows how to engage you, to solve your problems, and to navigate global challenges with strength and vision. We have confronted and overcome decades



of corruption and inefficiency, fixed broken systems, and laid the foundation for generations to come. Together, we are building a Jamaica that is more productive, more inclusive, and more united.

The Jamaica Labour Party is, and always will be, here for you. We are the party that chooses Jamaica at every turn, that does more for you, and that stands with every citizen. We are the party you can depend on to tell the truth, to be strong in difficult times, and to care for all Jamaicans with fairness and love of country.

My Message to the Undecided

To those of you who are undecided, I deeply respect the care you are taking with this decision. Choosing who should lead Jamaica is not about following the crowd; it is about thinking for yourself and deciding what is truly best for our country; it is about who can deliver – on jobs, on crime reduction, on stability and on opportunity.

The choice before you may be put this way: Do we continue to build on the tremendous progress we have made, or do we risk it all by handing the country over to those who have not proven that they can deliver? Some may say, “let us give someone else a chance.” But government is not a game of chance. The future of Jamaica should not be gambled with.

Turning back now would put jobs, security, and stability at risk. The stakes are too high. This golden window of opportunity – where our economy is strong, our democracy is resilient and our people are rising, should not be wasted. Who knows when or if it will come again? Furthermore, your vote for performance will strengthen democracy and send a clear message to future governments that they will be judged on achievements, not on promises and rhetoric.

This election is about Jamaica’s future – your family’s future, your children’s future, the future of the land we all love. I ask you to weigh the record, look at the progress, look at our plans, and think carefully about who is best prepared to do more for you and Jamaica.

On Election Day, choose proven leadership. Choose a future of stability and opportunity. Choose Jamaica.

Together, we will continue Doing More for You.

May God Bless Jamaica Land We Love.

Andrew

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JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS

- Cut poverty from 21.1% (2015) to 8.2% (2023).
- Reduced debt-to-GDP from 147% to under 69% of GDP.
- No new taxes for eight straight years.
- More than doubled the income tax threshold to J\$1.8M.
- Lowered GCT, stamp duty, and electricity tax.
- First-ever tax rebate: J\$20,000 to workers.
- Created 250,000+ new jobs and cut unemployment to 3.5%.
- Raised minimum wage by 158% since 2016.
- Increased foreign reserves to US\$5.79B.
- Maintained low inflation at 4–6%.
- Achieved highest levels of Business and Consumer Confidence ever.
- Made approx. 16,000 public sector jobs permanent.
- Reformed pay to boost public service morale and quality.
- Delivered 33 quarters of growth only interrupted by COVID (20 pre and 13 post).
- Established Jamaica as a global model for economic reform.
- Improved Jamaica's credit rating and investor confidence.
- Completed record IPOs, gave citizens ownership in key assets.
- Doubled online and duty-free shopping limits.

INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Delivered 23,500+ land titles, and more than any government (18,000) in 4 years.
- Lowered NHT interest rates and raised benefit limits.
- Built over 34,000 homes, with thousands more already under planning and construction.
- Delivered 300+ homes under New Social Housing Programme.
- Advanced key projects: Morant Bay Urban Centre, Bernard Lodge, and Raintree.
- Built new roads and new water systems.
- Built the South Coast Highway, Expanded the North Coast Highway and, building the Montego Bay Perimeter Road.
- Created major parks like Harmony Beach; more coming islandwide.
- Expanded highways and launched the biggest road repair programmes through REACH and SPARK.
- Purchased 270 JUTC buses and repaired 105 to increase reliability and new routes.
- Rolled out the rural school bus system and slashed JUTC fares.
- Introduced natural gas buses and reduced fuel theft.
- Introduced renewable energy incentives.
- Expanded rural electrification.
- Cut water losses and distributed 13,000 water tanks.
- Expanded Sangster International Airport & runway.
- Upgraded Ian Flemming Airport to international airport.

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

- Murders down 44.6% as of June 2025.
- Hired 6,000+ new police officers; force now at full strength plus 5000 more soldiers.
- Appointed more judges at all levels to improve delivery of justice.
- Modernised courts with digital stenography and remote testimony.
- Equipped police with more vehicles, tools, and tech.
- Dismantled 50% of gangs & increased gun seizures.
- Renovated 150+ police stations and built 9.
- Set up 10 Domestic Violence Units.
- Launched new forensic and pathology facilities.
- Strengthened laws on gangs and cybercrime.
- Built 4 new Family Courts and 5 Parish Justice Centres.
- Delivered 124,000+ counselling sessions.
- Transformed the lives of 2,300 youth in conflict with the law through the Child Diversion.
- Expanded legal aid and victim support services.
- More community building through restorative justice programmes.
- Cleared backlogs in Parish Courts and advance clearance at Appeal and Supreme Court levels.
- Expunged criminal records for 7,200+ Jamaicans.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Upgraded 138 health centres and built new ones bringing better care closer to home.
- Expanded hours and more services available at health centers.
- Trained 1,000+ community health aides.
- Rolled out electronic health records and modern surgeries.
- Started construction for Regional Children and Adolescent Hospital.
- Started upgrades for key hospitals including KPH, Bustamante, and Cornwall.
- Started construction of new parents' wing at Bustamante.
- Offered 600 scholarships to health professionals.
- Created 3,000+ medical and nursing positions (more nurses & more doctors).
- Expanded NHF coverage, cancer benefits, and prescription access.
- Launched mental health hotline and outreach units.
- Screened 267,000+ Jamaicans through "Know Your Numbers."
- Delivered prosthetics, dentures, and surgical support.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Invested J\$3.8B in repair and upgrades of 362 schools.
- Established Education Transformation Commission, completed report and action plan and advanced TREND process.
- Removed SLB guarantor requirements and reduced interest rates and fees.
- Offered 2,000 STEM teaching scholarships.
- Distributed 200,000+ tablets and teacher laptops / vouchers.
- Expanded school meals for PATH students to 5 days weekly.
- Established literacy and numeracy camps.
- Added more classroom assistants for children with special needs.
- Increased number of Special Needs Units in schools.
- Started expansion of diagnostic centers outside of Kingston.
- Implemented largest summer work and on the job training programmes with HOPE, YSEP, TEF, LIFT and Jamaica House Scholars.
- Increased teachers pay and trained 11,000+ in modern methods.
- Strengthened school leadership.

YOUTH, CULTURE, SKILLS AND ENTERTAINMENT

- Trained 6,000 youth via the National Service Corps.
- Made training at HEART free up to Associate Degree level.
- Provided training at HEART to 550,000 Jamaicans.
- New CARE initiative to identify and enroll unattached youth in HEART.
- Launched J\$1B Screen Development Fund and insurance for creatives.
- Established first Entertainment Zones and Artiste Registry.
- Upgraded sports facilities for schools and communities.
- Launched stadium redevelopment.
- Supported thousands with sports gear, grants, and competition access.
- Secured UNESCO recognition of Reggae, Revival Pilgrimage to Watt Town, and Port Royal.
- Exonerated National Heroes and Freedom Fighters from colonial criminal charges.
- Transferred land and provided wider support for Coral Gardens survivors.
- Support for cultural and religious communities including Maroon communities and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.
- Established Jamaica Athletes Insurance Plan (Life and Health).
- Established the Jamaica Entertainers and Creatives Insurance Plan (Life and Health).

SOCIAL PROTECTION AND WELFARE

- Raised PATH benefits and the number of PATH beneficiaries.
- Introduced a Social Pension and then almost doubled it.
- Established and completed Elder Care Committee to review laws for protection of our seniors.
- New “My Pension Plus” Portal so pensioners can manage affairs from home.
- Opened 3 domestic violence shelters, created new hotlines for reporting child abuse and expanded counseling.
- New homeless shelters and drop-in centers/soup kitchens.
- Upgraded and expanded infirmaries.
- Supported young parents and Persons With Disabilities.
- Established Disabilities Tribunal and implemented other aspects of new Disabilities Act.
- Reduced teen pregnancies and increased support for education and re-integration.
- Launched “I Am Able” programme and opened therapeutic centres.
- Created J\$1B Solidarity Grant with programmes for inclusion.
- Held more than 50 job fairs to connect people to work.
- Established paternity leave in the public sector.
- Increased paid maternity leave in the public sector.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND MINING

- Achieved record crop yields and trained 8,000+ women and youth in farming.
- Upgraded 700 farm roads and expanded irrigation.
- Launched group insurance for farmers and fishers.
- Provided over J\$3B in sector financing.
- Strengthened protection against praedial larceny.
- Upgraded Bodles Research Center and labs.
- Launched RADA App to provide farmers with direct access to support and helpful information.
- Launched IrieFins to support Fishers.
- Launched “Mining Matters” App to help hold mining companies accountable.
- Built greenhouses on reclaimed land for community use.

CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Banned single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam.
- Planted 3M+ trees and restored mangroves.
- Protected 15% of marine and 25% of land areas.
- Incentivised recycling of plastics.
- Installed Doppler radar to better predict storms.
- Launched a national weather App.
- Built 1,800+ check dams to help protect against flooding.
- Appointed and trained river wardens for the first time.
- Procured tree relocater machine to preserve mature trees and facilitate environmentally friendly developments.
- Increased fines for pollution.
- Established partnerships to reduce pollution of harbours.

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

- Started Move from the monarchy to a Republic.
- Passed the law to create Portmore Parish, the first parish in more than 100 years.
- Made BOJ independent, and started the Fiscal Commission.
- Institutionalised MOCA as an independent agency.
- Created the Integrity Commission.
- Restructured 40+ agencies.
- New regulations providing for no less than 30% women or 30% men on public boards.
- New regulations allowing all qualified members of the public to apply to serve on public boards.
- New Marcus Garvey Scholarship for the Public Sector.
- Reduced waste, improved performance, and introduced job standards for MPs.
- Turned around under-performing agencies and rooted out corruption from agencies like NSWMA, NHDC/HAJ.

FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS

- Created Global Jamaica Diaspora Councils.
- Finalised visa-free deals with Ghana, Kenya and the Dominican Republic.
- Established formal relations with 10 new countries.
- Secured unprecedented support for Jamaica in health, security, education and more from international partners.
- New seamless customs arrangements for returnees and philanthropy.
- Expanded global consular services.
- Increased international representation.
- Ensured positive image of Jamaica with high visibility in support of global and national goals.
- Secured elections and representation in important international organisations, keeping Jamaica at the table.

CONNECTIVITY AND DIGITAL PROGRESS

- Digitised applications for passport, tax, ticket, and business services.
- Created online application process for SLB.
- Launched Business Gateway with 150+ services.
- Installed 380 community Wi-Fi hotspots.
- Delivered internet to 700+ schools and agencies.
- Rolled out national digital ID.
- Modernised Registrar General's Department including online applications for birth and marriage certificates.

BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT

- Provided J\$9B+ in loans and grants to MSMEs.
- Launched portals for trade, export, and single-window access.
- Updated IP laws and registered 16,000+ IP rights.
- Trained 2,700+ MSMEs in digital tools and e-commerce.
- New Parish Roadshows, Linkages events and Networking opportunities with grants and technical support.
- Reviewed and improved SEZA framework resulting in increased investment.

TOURISM

- Hit 4.3M visitor arrivals in 2024.
- Launched housing support for tourism workers.
- Connected 2,000 small farmers to hotels through the Agri-Linkages Exchange (ALEX) Programme.
- Widened linkages to MSMEs to ensure more dollars spent with local businesses.
- Certified thousands in hospitality and launched an innovation incubator.
- Secured 20,000 new hotel rooms and expanded eco-tourism.
- Launched first ever tourism workers pension - 10,000 persons already registered.
- Promoted Carnival in Kingston, generating J\$95B.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY

- Responded to Hurricane Beryl with J\$5B relief.
- Created a Multi Layered National Disaster / Resilience framework with funding.
- Upgraded infrastructure to withstand floods and quakes.
- New Building Act and Amendments to the Disaster Response and Management laws.
- Introduced a \$1 billion tax credit for MSMEs to ease pressure and protect jobs.
- Modernised fire brigade and updated disaster laws.
- New Fire Stations and upgrades to facilities, mobility and tools.
- Disaster Response and Recovery Framework reviewed for effectiveness.

RECORD

COVID-19 RECOVERY

Having successfully emerged from covid 19, many people have forgotten just how difficult those two and a half years were for Jamaica and the world. Your government worked hard to bring Jamaica through.

Here is some of what we delivered for you:

- Expanded services and innovation in health care to save lives and navigate domestic and global uncertainties to the tune of \$26 billion.
- Protected over 440,000 Jamaicans through the \$20 billion CARE Programme, the first and largest social support initiative in our history.
- Safeguarded all public sector jobs, no layoffs or pay cuts during the crisis unlike many countries globally.
- Provided billions of dollars in compassionate grants, worker stipends, cash transfers and thousands of care packages to vulnerable families nationwide.
- Tax incentives for employee retention in the private sector.
- Created the Resilient Corridor, saving jobs and positioning.
- Jamaica as a global leader in tourism recovery.
- Launched ENDS to support over 2,000 entrepreneurs and ensure safe delivery of food, medicine, and essentials during lockdowns.
- Created new innovative regulations to safeguard BPO jobs and businesses, ultimately resulting in growth in the industry.
- Achieved one of the fastest economic recoveries in the region.
- Secured unprecedented levels of international support to assist in health care, online education and agriculture.
- Creation of an online immigration portal and quarantine rules to facilitate the re-entry of Jamaicans, giving priority to citizens overseas who were facing the most hardship, while managing public health concerns.

CHOOSE WHAT WORKS FOR YOU!



This manifesto is about you.

Your work, your family, your home, your community, your Jamaica.

In these pages, you'll find an ambitious plan for what comes next. Whether you are a public servant, farmer, student, senior, creative, business owner, or returning resident—Everyone has a stake in our future.

We have created this for everyone. But to make it easy we've made some suggestions of interest, based on the groups in which you might see yourself such as:

- **Public Sector**
- **Private Sector**
- **Families and Households**
- **Children and Students**
- **Youth and Young Professionals**
- **Seniors and Pensioners**
- **Farmers**
- **Creatives**
- **Persons with Special Needs/Disabilities**
- **Climate Advocates**
- **Community Representatives**
- **Diaspora**

And much more!

Flip through the next few pages to find a category with you in mind.

This book is your guide to our nation's next chapter.

Each page is a quick look at how we plan to keep doing more for you. To read the full story, just follow the page numbers!

As you turn the pages, remember:

Every initiative connects to a person, a family, a community.

Every choice is about building a stronger Jamaica together.

Now, it's your turn to choose what works for you.

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Your future.
Your Jamaica.**

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CHOOSE SPEED

**STREAMLINING PROCESSES
FOR EFFICIENCY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

OUR VISION

We will modernise government processes so that every Jamaican, no matter where they live, can access faster, fairer, and more efficient public services. In building a smarter, more connected society that delivers more effectively for you, we choose Jamaica.

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An Efficiency Programme Oversight Committee to Cut Red Tape

We will introduce a new team of stakeholders led by the Minister responsible for efficiency and innovation to identify priority areas for the removal of unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape that hamper access to public services and ease of doing business in Jamaica. We will also establish a portal for the public to suggest areas for actionable improvement with prizes for the most impactful suggestions that are implemented, fostering buy-in and inclusion in the process.



Streamlined Forms and Faster Processes at the Companies Office

We will build on progress already made by further reviewing forms and procedures in order to simplify processes, save time, increase productivity and improve customer service for all business clients, from sole traders and micro businesses, to our largest corporations.



Social Benefits Payments App

We will introduce an app for PATH and other social security benefit payments, allowing beneficiaries to easily track and receive payments digitally. Additionally, beneficiaries will be able to access their benefits through an expanded pool of options.



Digital Payment System for Real-Time Banking

A seamless system of digital payments to enable every Jamaican to execute real-time transfers across all banking institutions. The payment system will also be able to have real-time person-to-person money transfers similar to what is seen in other digitally advanced countries such as India.



One-Stop Online Event Permit Process

Planning an event should be smooth, not stressful. We will cut out the red tape and put event permits in the palm of your hand. Streamlined, time-bound processes with rules that provide greater transparency and predictability will completely change the current experience.

To get there, we will implement:

24/7 Permit Portal & App

Apply, pay and download every permit from one login, at any hour. No more visiting five offices, waiting in five lines, or taking a day off work; file at midnight if that works for you.

Standard Rules Across Parishes

Standardised forms, fees and timelines island-wide. Whether your stage is in Hanover or Portland, you'll face the same fundamental checklist and get the same peace of mind.

Instant Cost Calculator

You'll know what your bill should be, up front. Type in your crowd size and venue, and budget your gospel concert or street dance with no surprise fees at the end.

Smart QR Permits

Every permit will have a QR code that law enforcement can scan at the gate—speeding up entry and avoiding confusion.



Renew Your License. Anywhere. Anytime.

Renewing your driver's license will be fully digital; no long lines, no wasted hours. Apply online, pay online and choose whether to collect it at the Tax Office or have it delivered to your doorstep. Convenience, efficiency and service that meets you where you are.



Increased Period of Validity for Business Registration Certificates

Business Name Registration Certificate (for sole traders and partnerships) period of validity will increase from 3 years to 5 years.



Increased Period of Validity for Farm Registration Licenses

We will increase validity periods for farm registration licences - Commercial Farm Licence, Produce Dealer Licences, Aquaculture and Fisheries Permits etc., to reduce red tape for farmers and fishers.



One-Stop Portal for Builders and Developers

Expanding, upgrading and modernising the AMANDA system to provide a dedicated portal for all levels of building and development approvals. It will integrate the Jamaica Developers Application Portal, NEPA and municipal government approval processes to cut approval times, minimise the number of copies required and ensure more efficient time management overall.



National Regulatory Reminder System

We will implement SMS and email alert systems to remind persons and businesses before expiration of licences and permits, allowing them to make the necessary preparations for renewal.



Universal Internet Access

We will double the number of public Wi-Fi hotspots in five years to 700, with increased speed and reliability and encourage competition to reduce the cost of internet within homes across Jamaica.



Accessing Government Services Through Digital Service Points

We will establish locations at post offices and community centres for Jamaicans to receive assistance with accessing government and other digital services so that we leave no one behind in this changing world.



Flexi-Work for Family and Productivity

A modernised flexi-work framework to better support parents and families juggling work and caregiving. Flexible schedules will ease emotional and financial pressure. By embracing compassionate policies that support caregivers, we will build a more balanced, productive and humane society.



Central Online Traffic Court Scheduling Portal

For those who wish to contest a ticket, we will introduce a central online court scheduling portal. Motorists will have 14 days to choose their court date based on availability, cutting wait times and ending the chaos of overcrowded courtrooms.



CHOOSE

BETTER ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND STRONGER GROWTH

OUR VISION

We will continue to deliver strong fiscal discipline and economic management to ensure Jamaica's ability to grow and our resilience to bounce back more quickly from shocks the world throws at us. Even when it is difficult, we will choose Jamaica.

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Keeping Our Finances Strong So We Can Do More for You

We will maintain strict fiscal discipline to bring Jamaica's debt below 60% of GDP by 2027/28, freeing up more resources to invest in your communities, roads, schools and hospitals. A stronger economy, well managed by your government, means a better life for every Jamaican.



Fair, Phased and Disciplined Tax Reform

Keeping More Pay in Your Pocket

We have a clear, long-term vision for Jamaica's tax system: to steadily reduce the burden of direct taxes, and shift towards a more growth-friendly structure that relies more on indirect taxation and allows hardworking Jamaicans to keep more of what they earn. We will build on our "1.5", the largest increases in the income tax threshold in decades and embark on a disciplined, deliberate phased move toward a long-term base rate for personal income tax of 15%. This will promote fairness and equity by ensuring that all contributors to national development are treated fairly and reward effort and enterprise by broadening the tax net so that the responsibility of funding public services is more evenly shared, all while maintaining the economic stability we have worked so hard to achieve.

Phasing out Asset Tax

We are also committed to reducing and ultimately eliminating the Asset Tax requirement for Regulated Financial Institutions, as fiscal space allows.



Consolidating Statutory Deductions

We will replace the four separate statutory deductions (Education Tax, HEART, NIS, NHT) with a single consolidated deduction, simplifying payroll administration for employers and employees. We will also streamline the reporting requirements for statutory deductions, reducing the administrative burden on businesses.



Optional One-Time Annual Deduction Options for Voluntary Contributors, Self Employed & Domestic Workers

An optional annual NIS contribution for domestic workers to increase participation, alongside the development of simplified forms and filing procedures for annual contributions and a public awareness campaign in partnership with faith-based institutions and the JHWU to educate domestic workers about the benefits of NIS participation and the simplified contribution process.



Making Every Government Office Feel Like It Works for You

Beyond identified SPEED initiatives, accelerated modernisation and transformation of the public sector will be undertaken so that all Jamaicans fundamentally experience a tangible improvement in the delivery of government services. This will not only include more online options, but better, more responsive in-office experiences by focusing on customer service training and reducing bureaucratic processes that waste your time and the time of our public servants.



Building Generational Wealth: Jamaica's Sovereign Investment Fund

Establish a national wealth fund based on a portion of the budgetary surplus once Jamaica's debt-to-GDP falls below 60%. This fund will strategically invest in global equities, infrastructure, renewable energy and high-growth industries to generate sustainable returns to serve as a stabilisation mechanism during global economic downturns.



Disaster-Ready Jamaica, Built to Withstand and Rebuild Stronger

We will continue to strengthen our multi-layered National Natural Disaster Risk Financing so that Jamaica can recover quickly from natural disasters, ensuring assistance to families, farmers and fishers and timely repairs to roads and other infrastructure.



Strengthening Job Security in the Public Sector and Beyond

We will build on our historic achievement of making approximately 16,000 public sector contract workers permanent. We will continue to transition contract workers to permanent positions, ensuring stability, benefits and long-term opportunities for government employees. We will ensure that there is even more Decent Work in Jamaica in line with ILO principles, so that as we grow our economy together, workers operate in an atmosphere of stability, fairness, and dignity.



Stronger Resourcing for Emergency Response Systems and Sports Development

We will make more personnel available at the community level to provide stronger emergency response systems and to support local sports development to unlock more potential within our talented population. We have therefore prioritised the Jamaica Fire Brigade and the Sport Development Foundation for establishment of posts ensuring that appropriate resources are deployed for protection and growth respectively.



A New Jamaica Micro Stock Exchange

Building on the successes of the Junior Stock Exchange, we will foster a new level of growth and job creation through and for our entrepreneurs and micro businesses through the creation of a micro market. We have already started the work and will continue to advance the efforts of the Micro Market Steering Committee, to ensure effective frameworks and structure are developed.



Fuelling MSME Growth and Affordable Credit

We will increase funding to the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) so that it can lend more to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, driving growth, innovation, and job creation. With \$2 billion already allocated this year and fees already rolled into loans to increase loan affordability, we will also further cut red tape, simplify access, and push for lower interest rates so that every small business has a real shot at success.



More Practical Support for MSMEs, Growth and Jobs

Recognising that MSMEs are the engines of growth and that entrepreneurial activity will exponentially grow personal wealth and the economy, we will launch a single digital space for MSMEs that widens access to critical advice, links to Government agencies and their services as well as interactive functionality to allow for ease in access to finance, business-to-business matching and applications to and feedback on government services.



Attracting Big Ideas and Bold Investments

We will activate the Large-Scale Projects and Pioneer Industries Tax Relief Act (2025) and roll out a full suite of incentives to attract visionary investors and large-scale developments that create jobs, expand industries and transform Jamaica's economy.



Skills Councils for Manufacturing and Logistics

We will establish Skills Councils for key sectors such as manufacturing and logistics where private sector businesses will guide the development of curricula being executed by the Ministry of Education, key tertiary institutions and HEART/NSTA. This will ensure that training being undertaken is being informed by the people and institutions seeking specific skills to grow the economy, supporting alignment between training providers, employment seekers and employers.



Making the 4th Logistics Node a Reality

Further transformation of the Kingston Container Terminal, which has already increased cargo volumes by 60% and employment by 50% since our successful divestment in 2016.

We will advance and complete the expansion on Greening of the Port in partnership with the EU;

We will advance and complete the Westlands Expansion Project which will increase container storage capacity by a further 25%; and

We will advance and complete the 700 acre Caymanas Special Economic Zone with direct connection to the Port.

These projects will catalyse the logistics industry as a new engine of growth for Jamaica, creating highly skilled, high paying jobs in engineering, logistics management, light manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and beyond.



Special Economic Zones for Health Care

Having demonstrated the transformative power of Special Economic Zones in BPOs, outsourcing and logistics, we will leverage this model and Jamaica's global brand and extend similar incentives to the health sector with the creation of SEZs for Health Care. In parallel with the construction of new local hospitals already under way to improve domestic healthcare, these new Zones will be designed to position Jamaica as the Caribbean's leading medical tourism hub, delivering high quality, cost-competitive care that meets international accreditation standards. This will also drive foreign exchange earnings, create high-skilled, high paying jobs for Jamaican health professionals and generate opportunities for local suppliers in pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, hospitality and ancillary services.



Building a More Inclusive Economy

We will foster an even more inclusive economy where all workers and business operators have the opportunity to thrive. We envision a simplified and accessible system that encourages formalisation, empowering all Jamaicans to participate fully in the economy and benefit from social protection as well as programmes geared toward growth and development. We will focus on:



Promoting Financial Literacy & Inclusion

We will promote financial literacy among workers in formal and informal sectors to give them the knowledge to use new opportunities available to them. Through your new National ID (NIDS) every Jamaican can have easier access to a bank account and wider services, helping everyone to receive and make payments more easily and safely and to save and better manage personal expenses.

Helping You Navigate

Bringing help to you through mobile registration campaigns to assist small farmers, fishers, producers, and entrepreneurs to register with relevant agencies and institutions to enable their improved access to support.

Going digital through user-friendly online registration portals to simplify processes and reduce administrative burden.

Introduce a small business portal at the Companies Office of Jamaica and other agencies to support our new entrepreneurs.



Smart Incentives for Social and Business Formalisation

We will offer formalisation incentives such as access to grants, training programmes, government social support programmes or services, micro-loans and market linkages. The Solidarity Programme is the first such programme to help identify those falling within the margins of society, and to encourage them to engage formally with state systems and available support.



Free Basic Intellectual Property Law Advice for Creatives

We widened and strengthened intellectual property laws to give you more rights to protect the fruits of your creative labour. We will now expand Legal Aid to support you in providing advice on protecting, claiming and enforcing your rights. This means all registered Artists will have access to legal protection, not only those who can already afford it.



Easy Registration & Credit Drive

With our Easy Registration & Credit Drive, creative businesses will have the opportunity to be formally registered online over three years. A single tax form and one annual NIS payment will bring legal status, health benefits and credit access to gig workers like street artists, photographers, and costume makers.



Special Economic Zones for Creatives

We will expand the Special Economic Zone framework to encompass music,

film, fashion and art production. This strategic move will provide tax incentives, infrastructure support and streamlined regulatory processes to nurture our talent and attract investments from local and international players. The next generation of music producers, fashion designers and audio engineers will be able to import their equipment with lower duties and artisans will receive support to export their creations to the world. We anticipate robust growth in creative outputs, positioning Jamaica as a leading cultural and creative hub and exporter in the region and putting our incredibly talented people in a better position to profit from their efforts.



100 Creative Villages (100 Sites)

Through 100 Creative Villages, we'll transform community centres into hubs of cultural energy, rehearsal rooms, studios, workshops, open-air markets and safe spaces for families.



Performing Arts Centers, New JCDC HQ and New Dancehall Museum and Training Center

Nationally, we'll construct two world-class Performing Arts Centres in Kingston and Montego Bay, a modern fit-for-purpose JCDC Headquarters, and the world's first Dancehall Museum & Training Centre, ensuring year-round work for actors, engineers and cultural guides.



Culture & Creative Practitioners Institute (CCPI)

The Culture & Creative Practitioners Institute will offer flexible evening and weekend courses in lighting, tour management, e-sports and digital marketing, with every graduate receiving a blockchain-based "Creative Passport" for instant global recognition.



Cultural and Creative Apprenticeship - Mentors, Incubators & Rocket Accelerators

Through mentorships, incubators, and "Rocket" accelerators, creatives will have an unprecedented pathway to success. They will start by receiving preliminary creative and business training by HEART. They will then be paired with local and international creatives such as event planners, promoters, entertainers, artisans, sculptors, filmmakers and content creators

for the completion of their training. While apprentices are being trained on the job, they will receive a monthly stipend from the Trust. Furthermore, to ensure broad representation, each Member of Parliament will be encouraged to nominate two young persons for the programme. The first cohort will comprise 200 persons, and will be increased thereafter.



Strengthened Local Film and Media

We will continue to support the Jamaica Screen Development Initiative, introduce funding blends of grants and loans via JAMPRO and DBJ and require local cinemas and foreign productions to showcase and include Jamaican stories, actors and crew.



24-Hour Entertainment Zones

We will establish permanent 24-hour entertainment zones in key urban centres to unleash the full economic potential of Jamaica's world-renowned music and party culture. After decades of unfulfilled promises, our administration will prioritise the development of designated areas where events can be hosted without disturbing residential communities. These zones will feature purpose-built venues of varying sizes, upgraded infrastructure, and streamlined permitting processes to attract local and international promoters. By doing so, we will maximise earnings in the entertainment sector, create jobs for young creatives and position Jamaica as the nightlife capital of the Caribbean.



CHOOSE

MORE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

OUR VISION

We know that the true magic of our tourism product lies not only in our beaches, culture and cuisine, but our people. We will grow tourism in a way that protects our environment, strengthens our communities, ensures fair treatment and facilitates opportunities for our workers and communities. In choosing inclusive sustainable tourism, we choose Jamaica.

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More Affordable Housing for Tourism Workers

Having already started implementation of hotel-provided housing for non-management workers, we will go further to negotiate, secure and incentivise resort developers to include on-site or nearby staff accommodations. In addition, we will expand partnerships with NHT, HAJ, and private sector developers to construct affordable housing solutions for workers in all major resort towns.

Real, Fair Rewards for Great Service

We will introduce legislation to mandate that at least 80% of all amounts collected from customers by hotels, restaurants, bars and other similar establishments as service charges, gratuities, or similar fees must be paid over to employees, no later than three months after collection.

No Tax on Tips and Gratuities

In keeping with our late 2024 announcement, Tips and Gratuities paid to employees of hotels, restaurants, bars and similar establishments will be exempt from income tax for employees earning up to J\$3 million per annum. This will ensure that the people on the frontlines of our hospitality industry, the hearts and smiles of tourism, see a real and direct benefit from delivering outstanding service.

Pathways to Certification and Professions

Alongside financial incentives, we will expand training programmes in customer service excellence, gastronomy, entertainment, event management, cultural tourism, and other specialised areas across the full spectrum of the tourism industry. In partnership with HEART/NSTA, the Jamaica Centre for Tourism Innovation, the Gastronomy Academy, and the Entertainment Academy, we will ensure that workers are formally trained, certified and classified according to recognised industry standards. This will enable them to command higher rewards, advance in their careers and position themselves as world-class professionals who deliver a visitor experience equal to the best destinations globally.

Local First: Deepen Access for Local Producers and Entrepreneurs

We will build on the foundations laid by the existing Linkages programme to add sectors. Addition of niche product areas such as high value craft, spices and sauces to the ALEX portal will expand connectivity between local businesses and the tourism sector. We will implement incentives to ensure greater participation of Jamaican manufacturers, farmers, creatives and professionals in the tourism supply chain, meaning more local money stays in local hands.

Making Every Jamaican a Tourism Stakeholder

We will promote “Shared Tourism Prosperity,” an approach that ensures more Jamaicans own, work in and earn from the sector through training and business grants, easier access to loans for small businesses and tourism-linked jobs for people with diverse skills from farmers to IT experts.

New Frontiers: Expanding Tourism Beyond the North Coast

We will accelerate development in untapped areas like St. Thomas, Clarendon and Manchester, with planned eco-tourism, heritage trails and boutique resorts, creating new jobs and spreading the tourism dollar.

Climate-Smart and Resilient Tourism Development

We will ensure that new tourism investments are climate-resilient and sustainable, safeguarding our beaches, marine ecosystems, and communities. The GTRCMC will be expanded to train more workers and guide businesses in climate-smart practices.

Unlocking the Power of Cruise Tourism

We will work with global partners to expand cruise tourism offerings that benefit locals directly, from new cruise village projects to craft and cultural showcases that generate income in port communities.



Tourism for the People – National Events and Culture Programme

We will create more cultural and entertainment events throughout the year, across Jamaica, linking them to tourism while supporting local artists, musicians, chefs and dancers. This will be anchored by the Tourism Entertainment Academy and expanded Carnival in Jamaica offerings.



Reforming Tourism Ground Transportation for Fairness and Growth

We will implement comprehensive reforms to improve Jamaica's tourism ground transportation sector by working closely with local stakeholders to ensure fairness, standardising hotel access for licensed operators and cracking down on illegal transport.



Digital Transformation of Tourism Services

We will implement a national digital tourism platform to support local bookings, promotions and service quality tracking, giving small operators and artisans more visibility and control over their earnings.



National Tourism Loyalty & Discount Programme

We will launch a "Love Jamaica Travel Pass" to encourage Jamaicans who live here to explore the island with discounted access to attractions, hotels and events, stimulating the domestic tourism market and supporting small operators year-round.



Protecting Heritage and Natural Assets

We will work with communities to restore and preserve cultural and heritage sites and support environmental tourism projects that create jobs while safeguarding our natural treasures for future generations.



"Tourism Fi All a Wi" Calendar

We will make tourism work for creatives all year round. In partnership with members of the creative and entertainment sectors, we will develop A "Tourism Fi All a Wi" calendar

which will ensure headline events are hosted in different parishes each month, bundled with hotel, tour and cruise deals to attract steady visitor flow.



Tourism Entertainment Academy

The Tourism Entertainment Academy will train and certify 10,000 artistes and technicians for hotels, festivals and cruise ships. Every graduate will receive a free digital press kit hosted by the Jamaica Tourist Board, ready to book local or international gigs.



Bigger, Greener Carnival & Festivals

We will expand Carnival into an eight-week, eco-smart festival with rural road marches, re-usable costumes, and a Green Fête Cash-Back for every reveller who recycles. This means DJs, designers, chefs, and seamstresses double their earnings—while revelers party in safety and sustainability.



Jamaica: The New Major Event Destination of Choice

We will leverage Jamaica's airlift, transport, hotels, language, location and brand as a prime destination for tourists and leisure travel to become a major event destination. We will establish the requisite institutional framework to support this new avenue for growth as this will provide incredible new opportunities for our artistes and artisans to monetise our culture, food and tour attractions, keeping more benefits locally.



CHOOSE

GREATER SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

OUR VISION

We will feed ourselves as a country, protect our farmers, and build a resilient local food system on land and at sea, because food security is national security. In growing what we eat, we choose Jamaica.

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Creation of the First Ever Farmers Pension Scheme

The Jamaica Labour Party has a strong history of strengthening social protection for all our citizens. Our farmers and fishers will not be left behind. We will establish a dedicated pension scheme for farmers and fishers, with seed funding of \$1 billion, ensuring that when they retire, they can do so with dignity and financial peace of mind.



Establishment of One Agro-Park per Parish

We remain committed to ensuring that in every parish, land is set aside to support viable careers in commercial agriculture. We will earmark lands from the National Land Agency (NLA), SCJ Holdings (SCJH) and Jamaica Bauxite Mining (JBM) to develop fully equipped agro-parks with irrigation, storage and road infrastructure. Also, 25% of all new Agro-park lands will be designated for women, youth and persons with disabilities under the Feeding the Economy through Empowerment and Development (FEED) Programme.



Provision for Small Agri-business Financing & Empowerment (SAFE)

In this next phase of governance, we will provide \$2 billion in capital to financial institutions, including the EXIM Bank, to offer concessionary loans to the agriculture sector. This facility will allow farmers and agribusinesses to access financing with preferential interest rates, moratoriums and extended repayment terms that recognise the business particularities of agriculture.



Establishment of a Protected Agriculture Innovation Facility through the DBJ

To modernise farming and strengthen climate resilience, our administration will establish a \$3 billion Protected Agriculture Innovation Facility through the Development Bank of Jamaica. This will finance greenhouse and climate-smart production, enabling farmers to mechanize or re-tool with tractors, drones, irrigation systems and adopt other cutting-edge technologies.



Introduction of Jamaica's First Agricultural Impact Bond

We intend to advance Jamaica's agricultural financing tools by launching our first Agricultural Impact Bond, a major initiative, with support from international partners like the World Bank and IDB to fund climate-resilient agricultural infrastructure.



Launch of Project Green Home

In the next term, we will break new ground by establishing Jamaica's first integrated agriculture and housing development. In partnership with SCJ Holdings, the NHT and private investors, we will deliver affordable homes with built-in greenhouse infrastructure, creating communities that house and feed themselves.



Enhancement of Marketing and Distribution Support for Farmers

Building on the progress made, we will formalise a national buy-back programme through the Production Incentive Programme, secure long-term contracts with the hotel and tourism sector and strengthen public-private logistics for better access to local and export markets.



Finalisation of the National Agricultural Development Plan & Food Security Strategy

Our government will finalise a comprehensive 10-year National Agricultural Development Plan and Food Reserve Strategy, a strategic priority for this third term, to ensure national food security and long-term sector growth.



Establishment of Three New Fish Sanctuaries

In our ongoing commitment to marine sustainability, we will designate three additional fish sanctuaries, protecting over 20,000 hectares of marine ecosystems across the island.



Expansion of Mariculture and Blue Economy Opportunities

We will continue to diversify Jamaica's Blue Economy by supporting the commercial expansion of sea moss, oyster and freshwater prawn production. This will open new income streams and strengthen our coastal economies.



Establishment of Jamaica's First Aquaculture Agro-Park

In this new term, we will establish Jamaica's first aquaculture agro-park. This facility will offer entrepreneurs pond space, shared infrastructure and technical support to build sustainable fish farming ventures.



Expansion of the Fishing Beach Rehabilitation Programme

We will expand our fishing beach rehabilitation programme to reach at least 30 sites islandwide over the next five years, improving safety, amenities and livelihoods for thousands of fisherfolk and their families.



Strengthen Laws for the Protection of Animals

As we work to build a more peaceful and gentle society, we will repeal and replace the Cruelty to Animals Act of 1904, and pass a new Animal Welfare Act to strengthen Jamaica's animal protection laws, enforce tougher penalties for cruelty, give authorities the power to rescue animals, sustain spay and neuter projects and support our national humane society, so that every community can help to reduce stray populations and give animals the care they deserve.





CHOOSE CLEANER, CHEAPER ELECTRICITY

OUR VISION

We will modernise and diversify our energy sources so that every Jamaican can benefit from cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable electricity.

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Re-negotiation of the JPS License for Cheaper Electricity

Having inherited a fixed license arrangement on assuming office in 2016, the government will now be able to undertake a full re-negotiation of the JPS licence in 2027, with the goal of transforming the energy sector in the national interest. Your government has formally signaled this intention to the JPS and we are committed to delivering the best result for you. A new licence will reflect modern realities, sustainability goals and better electricity cost for households.



Cutting Electricity Costs and Supporting Households

We will continue to support the latest cost-saving initiatives such as:

- Reduced GCT on electricity to 7% from 15%; and the replacement of the GCT-free threshold of 150KWH with a 10% rebate for households using up to 250KWH per month.

- We will also continue to provide a pathway to legal electricity for our citizens through the Government's provisioning of pre-paid meters, wiring and inspection and an initial 6-month subsidy so no one has to live in fear of being charged for stealing electricity.



House Wiring Assistance for First-Time JPS Users

We will connect more Jamaicans and provide more support to First-Time Users: We will fund house wiring and inspection costs to connect the first 20,000 new JPS customers, helping regularise electricity access in specific communities.



Affordable Electrical Ready Boards for Households

We will make available low-cost "ready boards", which come equipped with breakers, outlets, and lighting, designed to safely and cost-effectively bring electricity into homes previously without access.



Free Monthly Credit for New JPS Prepaid Meters

For the first 20,000 new prepaid meter users under the Prepaid Programme, a \$4,000 monthly top-up will be provided for 6 months. We will continue to support our recently implemented cost saving initiatives.



Powering Jamaica's Future: A Just, Reliable and Affordable Energy Transition

We remain firmly committed to a strategic and sustainable energy future, one that balances affordability, reliability, and environmental responsibility, while tackling energy poverty and reducing the cost of living for our people. We remain resolute in achieving 50% renewable electricity generation by 2030 on a measured path that ensures grid stability, energy security and affordability for all Jamaicans.

New Renewable Projects to Expand Generation Capacity:

- 100 MW of new renewable capacity already awarded, coming online by 2027.

- An additional 220 MW of renewable energy with storage is to be procured in 2025 along with JPS replacement of 171.5 MW of retiring fossil fuel units exclusively with renewables.

Together, these efforts will take Jamaica's renewable share of electricity generation to approximately 48%.



Expanding Safety Through Solar Access to Low-Income Communities

We will address energy poverty and safety concerns starting with distribution of small solar lamps and/or solar systems, to vulnerable Jamaicans. We will start with a national pilot to provide solar electricity systems to 2,000 households in underserved communities, including Zones of Special Operations (ZOSOs), where grid access is limited or unaffordable. The second phase will target 8,000 more households so they can do away with unsafe kerosene lamps and candles, saving more families from tragic fires and keeping their lighting costs low.



Prioritise Solar where the Grid Cannot Reach

We will target communities where grid extension is cost-prohibitive, using solar as a faster, more affordable solution to meet our goal of 100% electricity access by 2030.



Train Families to Maintain Their Solar Systems

We will train 1,000 beneficiaries in basic maintenance and monitoring of household solar systems, ensuring long-term functionality and community-based knowledge sharing.



Create Jobs Through Local Solar Deployment

We will contract local technicians and solar installers to carry out this pilot, supporting Jamaican jobs and building a sustainable green energy workforce.



Cleaner Public Transportation

We will increase the number of buses powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and electricity. Already, more than 50% of the JUTC's fleet runs on clean energy, and we will continue to expand these efforts to reduce emissions and improve fuel efficiency.



Accelerating Jamaica's Transition to 50% Renewable Energy by 2030

We will double down on our renewable energy transition to ensure a just, inclusive and green future. We will drive down costs while safeguarding the environment and reducing dependence on imported fuels.

This commitment forms part of a broader strategy to modernise Jamaica's energy infrastructure and meet global climate goals. Inter-ministerial collaboration and partnerships with the private sector and communities will secure buy-in and win-win solutions.

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CHOOSE

***A CLEANER, GREENER,
MORE BEAUTIFUL
JAMAICA***

OUR VISION

We will deliver a waste to wealth revolution through the most ambitious and modern overhaul of Jamaica's waste management system in our history, while at the same time addressing our pressing challenges with garbage and the cleanliness of corridors and communities. Through a Public-Private Partnership model, we will implement an Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) system that will transform waste from a national problem into a national asset, eliminating unsanitary dumps, protecting public health, and generating clean energy. In so doing, we choose Jamaica.



Transforming the NSWMA into a Modern Regulator

We will transform the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) from primarily a collection agency into a modern regulatory body by separating its garbage collection operations from its oversight and enforcement functions. This shift will ensure stronger regulation, higher standards and more efficient service delivery.



Implementation of an Integrated Solid Waste Management System

Phase 1

Waste Collection and Transportation: We will deliver modern, island-wide waste collection and transportation, ensuring cleaner communities across Jamaica.

Phase 2

Sanitary Landfill and Waste-to-Energy: We will introduce a state-of-the-art 65MW Waste-to-Energy facility and a modern sanitary landfill replacing open dumps with safe, environmentally responsible disposal.

Phase 3

Waste-to-Energy Expansion: We will add a second 26MW Waste-to-Energy facility, maximising energy recovery and reducing landfill use.

Upon completion of all three phases, all major open disposal sites, including Riverton, will be closed. The lands will be rehabilitated and redeveloped for safe, productive uses, while persons who currently make a livelihood from these sites will be supported with skills training, alternative employment opportunities, and integration into the new waste management system. This plan will create jobs, improve public health, generate renewable energy, and keep Jamaica cleaner, greener, and more resilient for future generations.



Expanding the Sanitation Fleet for Better Service

We will expand the sanitation fleet of the NSWMA through strategic public-private partnerships, increasing coverage, reliability and efficiency in waste collection across the country.



Clean and Proud: Rewarding Community Excellence

We will launch a national "Clean and Proud" competition to empower communities, reward excellence in cleanliness and environmental care, and inspire pride in maintaining cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful surroundings. This will include more garbage receptacles (including separation receptacles) in town centers.



Beautification of City Corridors and Fostering National Pride

We will beautify the major corridors of Kingston by planting Bouganvillea or other low maintenance perennial flowering plants and trees such as the pouie, ensuring that we improve aesthetics of the built environment and build greater civic pride in beauty and cleanliness. We will phase expansion to other corridors will also promote greater national pride and awareness of our national symbols by systematically installing Jamaican flags in town centers and parish capitals and support youth engagement by partnering on maintenance with the Scouts Association and Jamaica Combined Cadet Force.



Spruce Up Jamaica 2.0: Every Constituency Benefits

We will expand and double funding for the Spruce Up Jamaica initiative, bringing beautification, tourism micro-projects, heritage upgrades and job creation to every single constituency.



CHOOSE

STRONGER ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

OUR VISION

We will continue to expand protection of our environment, recognising that climate change affects our livelihoods, our island and our world. This will ensure that our development will always be balanced and sustainable, ensuring that we choose Jamaica.



Modernising Environmental Laws for Sustainability

We will pass key environmental policies and overhaul outdated legislation, including the Forest Act and Wildlife Protection Act, while introducing new regulations on air quality, wastewater and environmental impact assessments to support Jamaica's green development goals.



Launching the Ja-Sustain 20-Point Plan for a Greener Future

We will complete and launch a comprehensive roadmap which will guide Jamaica's journey toward environmental protection, climate resilience and sustainable prosperity.



Cleaner Air Through Renewable Energy and Emission Controls

We will improve air quality by accelerating renewable energy adoption, introducing vehicle emissions testing, increasing the electrification and greening of the national fleet and enforcing port-side pollution controls.



Protecting Water Quality with Community Monitoring and Regulation

We will update regulations and through community engagement, will drive better water quality monitoring and enforcement across Jamaica.



Plant 3 Million MORE Trees and Expand Protected Areas

We commit to protecting 30% of Jamaica's land five years ahead of our national and global targets, planting 3 million more trees and implementing a national land restoration plan.



Cutting Pollution and Scaling Up Recycling

Jamaica will raise its plastics recycling rate to 70% within five years, ban more unrecyclable plastics, expand waste collection and promote e-waste solutions.



Positioning Jamaica as a Global Leader in Environmental Advocacy

We will continue to play a leading role in negotiations of major sustainability treaties, and to ratify them where appropriate. We will host global environmental summits and create a National Sustainability Advisory Council to include more stakeholders in policy consultations and to elevate Jamaica's voice.

Restoring Wetlands, Reefs, and Mangroves

We will rehabilitate vital ecosystems with strategic projects in Negril, Hellshire, Clarendon and Mason River to protect communities and enhance biodiversity.

Fixing Sewage Infrastructure for Environmental Protection

We will expand, upgrade or re-locate key sewage plants in Negril, Downtown Kingston and Soapberry as required to reduce pollution and safeguard public health.

Scaling Up Climate and Resilience Finance

We will mobilise local and global investment through the Blue-Green Facility and a national climate finance platform to fund renewable energy and resilient infrastructure.

Delivering on Jamaica's UN Climate Commitments

We will complete our updated climate targets, long-term emission strategy and National Adaptation Plan while introducing climate change legislation.

Adapting to Climate Change for Survival

We will prioritise climate adaptation strategies to protect agriculture, water, infrastructure and vulnerable communities.

Unleashing the Economic Power of the Blue Economy

We will work with international partners to create a cohesive national Blue Economy strategy that boosts sustainable maritime economic activity.

Creating a River Control Authority to Protect Watersheds

We will establish a River Control Authority, launch community-based environmental wardens and implement stricter river pollution controls like the Rio Cobre alert system.

Nationwide Investment in Environmental Education

We will dedicate \$150 million annually to anti-litter campaigns and environmental education, including support for "Nuh Dutty Up Jamaica."

Upgrading Diagnostics for Environmental Health

We will launch a real-time Water Health Dashboard, modernise water labs and integrate advanced hydrological monitoring with a national supercomputer.

Doubling Marine Protection and Reviving Coral Reefs

We will increase marine protection to 30% of our EEZ and expand coral reef restoration and fish sanctuary funding in collaboration with global partners.

Ratifying Key Global Environmental Treaties

We will ratify and implement the SPAW Protocol, the BBNJ Treaty and the Escazú Agreement after modernising our Access to Information Act and other requisite domestic legislation.

Strengthening Environmental Law Enforcement

We will increase staff, revive the Environmental Warden Program and equip agencies like NEPA with stronger legal authority and tools.

Implementing Smart Urban Development Plans

We will design smart Masterplans that will guide development in Negril, Half-Way-Tree and Mandeville, ensuring sustainable cities with full parish coverage through finalised development orders.



Guaranteeing Public Beach Access for All Jamaicans

We will continue to work with the Urban Development Corporation to upgrade and/or develop more public beaches, with clean, safe facilities, lifeguards, and activities for families.

Our promise: Every parish must have at least one world-class public beach. We will finalise and implement the Beach Access Policy and develop 20 public beach parks, including major upgrades to Negril, Boston, Paggee and Priory beach parks, ensuring fair and enjoyable shoreline access for all Jamaicans.

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WATER FOR ALL: CLEAN, RELIABLE, EQUITABLE

OUR VISION

We will invest in sustainable, equitable access to water because every Jamaican deserves clean and reliable water, at home, in school, on the farm, and in business. In doing so, we choose Jamaica.

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True Transformation of Jamaica's Water Infrastructure

Over the next 5 years, we will transform Jamaica's water infrastructure, building on our successful delivery of water to 350,000 more Jamaicans through recent improvements and targeting 900,000 more with expanded access, including through major projects like the Rio Cobre Water Treatment Plant and the Western Water Resilience Project.



Expanding the Mona Reservoir & Constructing New Dam

We will expand Mona Reservoir by 50% and double capacity at the Hermitage Dam. We will also construct a new dam in Rock River, Clarendon, to serve more than 10,000 households.



Additional Household and Community Storage

An additional 100,000 household water tanks and 100 community tanks will be installed across the island, adding 50 million gallons of storage capacity to build greater resilience to periods of reduced rainfall.



Expanding Water Production and Treatment at Martha Brae, Great River & Rio Bueno

Water production capacity will grow by 30 million gallons per day. This includes completing the Rio Cobre Plant (15M gallons daily), expanding treatment at White River, Martha Brae, and Great River, and constructing new plants at Roaring River in Westmoreland and Rio Bueno in St. Ann.



Smarter, More Efficient Distribution & Major Pipeline Development

We will further reduce water loss from leaks and theft from 65% to 35%. We will also replace major pipelines, including in Yallahs and the Falmouth-Negril corridor and complete the Greater Mandeville water distribution system. This will send more of our precious resources to your homes and businesses, increasing your reliability of supply.



Cutting Energy Costs and Boosting Resilience

NWC's energy costs will be slashed by 30% through the installation of 45MW floating solar panels at Mona Reservoir, LNG-powered pumping stations, solar systems for areas with unstable power and the acquisition of 100 generators for rural back-up supply.



Bringing Water to More Rural Communities

We will continue to improve the lives of Jamaicans living in under-served rural communities by undertaking a major water distribution project to bring water to 38,000 Jamaicans across 6 of the most poorly served rural communities including Aqualta Vale/Jordan Run/Mason Hall (St. Mary); Albert Town/Ulster Spring (Trelawny); Union/Balaclava (St. Elizabeth); Port Morant/Airy Castle (St. Thomas) and Green Park/Bamboo (St. Ann). No one will be left behind.



New Investments In Hydro-Storage

We will mobilise funding through global partnerships to strengthen Jamaica's water future, including through a new hydro-storage plant for Central Jamaica and a modernised water system for St. Thomas and Eastern St. Andrew.



Better Sanitation for Better Health

We will double the capacity of the Soapberry Wastewater Plant and upgrade it to tertiary treatment standards. The sewage systems in Negril and Bogue will be relocated for environmental protection. Sewer networks will be expanded in developing communities and we will modernise Kingston's ageing sewage infrastructure in partnership with global agencies.



New Social Water Policy: Ensuring Equity and Affordability

We will develop and implement a new Social Water Policy to ensure that water remains legally accessible to low-income households, returning dignity and water to households while ensuring viability of maintenance of water systems. Prepaid connections will be established based on assessment of current community consumption levels.



New Water Amnesty for MSMEs

Starting September 1, 2025, we will also expand the NWC Amnesty Programme to micro, small, and medium enterprises, cutting outstanding bills in half and offering free reconnections.

This will unburden small businesses from challenges caused by leaks and damaged infrastructure and allow for the regularisation of the mutually beneficial relationship with the NWC.



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CHOOSE

***MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
BETTER PLANNING,
AND STRONGER LAND SECURITY***

OUR VISION

We will reimagine housing and urban spaces to ensure that every Jamaican, regardless of income, has access to safe, affordable, and well-planned communities. With modern infrastructure, green spaces, and resilient designs, we will build not just houses, but futures. In planning better cities and stronger communities, we choose Jamaica.



From Promise to Property: Delivering 25,000 Land Titles/Year

We will bring security and opportunity to the thousands of families living in long-established informal settlements across Jamaica. We will secure land and secure futures by building on the new Systematic Land Registration system to deliver 25,000 titles per year over the next five years. A national campaign will ramp up the use of Systematic Registration to pursue nationwide land tenure regularisation, beginning with high density urban areas, using cutting-edge technology.

We will move to Digital Titles and Digital Land Surveys at the Title Office and Survey Departments of the National Land Agency – an essential part of achieving our target of 25,000 Titles per year. With digitisation, every Jamaican whether at home or abroad will also be able to get their Title Information on a computer or on their phones. As part of this process, we will:

- Exponentially increase the capacity of land surveying by the establishment of a New Land Surveying Training School at the National Land Agency to equip our young people in all areas of the Land Surveying Profession needed to get this done.

- Finance the title cost through the National Housing Trust (NHT), allowing residents to repay over time. This repayment will be rolled into a plan that will unlock other NHT benefits such as construction grants and home improvement loans to build on their property for which they will now have title.

New Targets and Moving From Housing Solutions to Sustainable Communities

We will deliver 60,000 housing solutions in our next term – through a combination of direct construction and initiatives that expand housing development islandwide, increasing supply, driving down costs and opening the doors of homeownership to more Jamaicans. With this overarching target, we affirm our belief that quality housing is the foundation for thriving and sustainable communities. We will therefore move beyond the limited concept of “housing solutions” and embrace a holistic

approach to community development. We pledge to transform the housing philosophy to prioritise the creation of sustainable communities, incorporating the following elements:

Building Essential Infrastructure

Our commitment to building strong, resilient communities begins with the development of essential infrastructure. We will prioritise the construction and improvement of roads and drainage systems, ensure reliable access to utilities such as water, sewage, and electricity and expand digital connectivity so that every community is equipped for the modern age.

Invest in Public Services (Fire Stations, Hospitals and Health Centres)

We recognise the importance of reliable public services. That is why we will continue to invest in hospitals and health centres, as well as police and fire stations to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens.

One Park Per Parish for Recreation, Green Spaces and Social Infrastructure

To promote wellness and quality of life, we will develop more recreational and green spaces including parks, playgrounds and trails. Communities will benefit from multipurpose courts, football fields and picnic areas that support active lifestyles, family life and social connection.



Delivering on the Vision: Bernard Lodge and Beyond

The transformation of community planning and development is already underway. The Greater Bernard Lodge Development in St. Catherine stands as Jamaica's largest and most ambitious master-planned community. It reflects the new quality standard in how we build communities for people, with everything residents need to live well, nearby and connected. This landmark project is set to deliver over 15,000 housing solutions alongside carefully planned infrastructure including schools, healthcare facilities, commercial and business centres, green spaces, and recreational areas.

And we are not stopping there. Innswood, also in St. Catherine, will be the next large-scale, master-planned community development designed to meet the same high standards of integration, livability and long-term sustainability.



Making Homeownership more Accessible and Affordable

Our commitment to delivering affordable housing remains stronger than ever, as we accelerate construction and planning efforts to meet the growing demand islandwide. Twelve housing projects are already under construction or in contract stage, comprising 11,322 housing units and the NHT will start construction on a further 19,575 housing units across all parishes over the next two years.

We are increasing financing for developers under the Guaranteed Purchase and Developer Programmes to enable them to bring more housing solutions to market. In addition to the current 5% mobilisation payment, NHT will offer milestone-based payments of up to 15-20% as key infrastructure milestones are achieved.

We have also launched the Small Developer Partnership Programme to help private landowners with small parcels develop housing—NHT provides planning, designs, financing, and technical support to turn private land into affordable housing solutions.



New “1 in 5” and “2 in 10” NHT Benefit for Teachers, Nurses, and Security Forces

Nurses, teachers, and members of the security forces will have their very particular nation-building service to country recognised by:

- an additional 1% reduction in their NHT loan interest rate after completing 5 full years of service.
- an additional 2% reduction in their NHT loan interest rate after 10 full years of service.



NHT Mortgage Loan Limits Increased

Effective July 1, 2025, we raised the NHT mortgage loan limits to make higher-quality housing solutions more affordable as follows:

- Single applicant – from \$7.5M to \$9M. And if the home you are purchasing costs \$14M or less, the loan limit is \$12M;
- Two co-applicants – from \$15M to \$17M; and
- Three co-applicants – from \$21M to \$23M.



NHT Reduced Deposit Requirements

Effective July 1, 2025, we reduced the required deposit on open market purchases from 5% to 2%, for contributors who earn less than \$30,000 weekly, if the housing solution being acquired is priced at or below \$14 million.



NHT Construction Loan Limits Increased

We have also increased construction loan limits to \$11M (individual), \$17M (two applicants), and \$23M (three applicants) to help more Jamaicans build on their own land.



NHT Home Improvement Loan Waiting Time Reduced and Limit Increased

We have reduced the waiting period for home improvement loans from 10 years to 7 years and increased limits from \$3.5M to \$5M making it easier and more affordable to renovate, expand, or repair existing homes.



NHT Service Charges Reduced or Eliminated

We have eliminated service charges for NHT loans for applicants with weekly incomes under \$30,000 and reduced them to 2% for applicants with weekly incomes between \$30,001–\$42,000.



Expanded Home Grant Programme Eligibility

We have expanded the Home Grant programme by raising the qualifying income ceiling from \$18,000 to \$30,000 per

week and increased the grant value up to \$3.5M for eligible low-income contributors. The Grant may be combined with an NHT loan to purchase land or residential property, or to build. The NHT also offers grants to help pensioners and low-income families complete unfinished starter units.



New Urban Renewal and Planning For Cities and Towns

We will replace the 1995 Urban Renewal (Tax Relief) Act with a brand-new legislative framework, designed to stimulate modern urban development.

We will expand the list of urban renewal zones eligible for tax relief beyond Downtown Kingston to include: Vineyard Town, Olympic Gardens, Spanish Town, Caymanas, Morant Bay, Port Antonio, Montego Bay, Lucea, Negril and more.

We will create a one-stop portal under the UDC to replace the current cumbersome approval process, so developers can move from concept to construction faster.

We will reform the tax credit system to allow unused credits to be transferred when a property is sold, unlocking value for investors and developers.

We are removing the bureaucratic barriers that have limited urban renewal to just a few large players and opening up incentives to medium and small-scale developers to bring life back into underutilised and decaying urban centres islandwide.



More New Social Housing

We will expand and fortify the New Social Housing Programme with a goal of 5,000 units by 2030, targeting the most vulnerable. The programme will have 3 components, including:

- Individual families living in the worst conditions on land to which they have rights;

- Families who do not have land but whose housing and relocation needs are desperate due to destruction by fire, natural disaster or environmental threats; and

- Small developments of multi-family units to transform “tenement yards” of 25 households or less residing on one piece of land. This will be complemented by the Small Urban Developers Programme announced by the Prime Minister earlier this year which

will help to in-fill and transform spaces of urban blight already close to centers of economic activity.



National Roof Repair and Room Completion Assistance Programme

Too many households across Jamaica are vulnerable to weather, with leaking roofs and a source of frustration with incomplete rooms families have longed to complete. We will assist with the repair of 5,000 of these homes over the next 5 years, starting with the most vulnerable as assessed by the SDC and based on recommendations of the relevant Members of Parliament, who best see and know the needs of their vulnerable constituents.



HAI Land Title Amnesty

The government will offer an amnesty to help individuals who currently owe less than \$150,000 on their land at HAI, to settle their debts and secure their ownership. We will also offer a payment plan for those who owe more than \$150,000 but have been unable to make payments for some time.



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BETTER ROADS AND BRIDGES

OUR VISION

We will invest in modern roads, cut commute times, boost safety, and open pathways for growth across every community for a Better Jamaica. In building better roads and bridges we will strengthen connections and provide greater opportunities for growth for people, communities and businesses.



New One Road Authority

We have mapped all roads across Jamaica and created a Database of the 27,000 identified roads. This will enable more effective overall road development and maintenance of Jamaica's roads. To make this better management a reality, we will create a new Regulatory Authority for Roads, which in its first phase of existence, will establish and enforce road construction and maintenance standards for all roads, whether main, municipal, parochial or farm roads.



Ten Town Center Roadside Renovation Programme

Sidewalks, Safety Furniture, and Pedestrian and Asphalt pavings will be repaired and upgraded across 10 Town Centers, starting with Barbican, Half-Way-Tree, May Pen, Mandeville, Santa Cruz, Savanna-la-Mar, Falmouth, Ocho Rios and Port Maria.



New National Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade Programme

We will implement a New National Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing programme to make them user-friendly for Persons with Disabilities. This will work in conjunction with the intention to also make pavements and road crossings safer for all pedestrians including children and the elderly.



SPARK II

SPARK II - Another SPARK Programme will be launched to make sure that every road important to your communities is fixed, has proper supporting infrastructure and is maintained in good condition.



Innovative Accelerated Rural Bridge Development Project (ARBDP) Replacing 48 Aged Bridges with New Bridges

We will transform rural communities and uplift the lives of Jamaicans by replacing 48 aged structures with new bridges through an innovative partnership project with the UK. The structures will be designed with climate change considerations to withstand contemporary environmental challenges. The socio-economic outcomes will be extensive through improved safety, increased reliable connectivity for rural communities, and a significant boost to local economies.



Comprehensive Gully Rehabilitation

We will implement a four-phase rehabilitation programme addressing major gullies and drainage systems across Kingston. The investment to be made will have a significant impact for communities prone to flooding by protecting infrastructure, facilitating a healthier environment, safeguarding commuters during periods of heavy rainfall and strengthening Jamaica's resilience to climatic conditions.



5.5 km Expansion of the Harbour View Airport Roundabout

We will transform this critical 5.5 km thoroughfare to four lanes with modern safety features, improved intersection signals, and streamlined access to the Caribbean Maritime University. Through this investment, we will reduce travel time for commuters, including those accessing the NMA or Port Royal Cruise Ship Terminal. This project will also bolster our climate resilience and facilitate the well-being of our citizens through enhanced recreational and wellness opportunities along the corridor.



3.3 km Expansion of the Molyne Road Corridor

We will widen 3.3 km of the Molyne Road corridor to four lanes, from the Eastwood Park Road-Molyne Road intersection to Molyne Road-Lyndale Avenue Intersection. This key arterial connector in the Corporate Area requires dedicated turning lanes, consistent road widths and improved intersections. The travelling public and several commercial enterprises along this corridor will benefit significantly from the expanded carrying capacity, reduced congestion and enhanced road safety.



4 km Expansion of Windward Road and Mountain View Avenue

We will upgrade 4 km along Windward Road and Mountain View Avenue to four lanes from the intersection with Sir Florizel Glasspole Highway to the Excelsior High School. We will also replace the existing ford in the vicinity of Jarret Lane with a culvert. Another major connecting thoroughfare to key areas, this provision of a modernised and resilient road infrastructure will lead to continued growth for all Jamaicans. Commuters will benefit from shorter travel times, improved safety and reduced vehicle operating costs.



4.5 km of Road Improvement for Red Hills Road

We will expand 4.5 km along Red Hills Road to four lanes from the Eastwood Park Road-Red Hills Road intersection to Perkins Boulevard. This major thoroughfare has several collector roads accessing both commercial and residential areas. The modernisation of the road infrastructure and enhanced safety measures will expand the carrying capacity, reduce vehicle operating costs and improve connectivity to adjoining communities and business hubs.



9.3 km of Rehabilitation of Port Royal Road

We will rehabilitate 9.3 km from the Airport Roundabout to Port Royal. As a critical thoroughfare for residents, commercial enterprises and visitors to Port Royal, this roadway will be modernised with surface upgrades, drainage, sidewalks and shared-use paths. Strengthened climate resilience, enhanced access for motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists and improved travel safety will be amongst the outcomes from this investment.



4.2 km of Rehabilitation of the Sir Florizel Glasspole Highway

We will strengthen 4.2 km along the Sir Florizel Glasspole Highway from the Harbour View Roundabout to its intersection with Windward Road. The infrastructural improvements include major repairs to underground drainage and upgraded road surfaces and structures. As a key thoroughfare for Jamaica's growth, with several major industries as well as communities and recreational hubs, the sustainability of this corridor is critical. This project will provide a safer and smoother connection between Kingston, Port Royal and St. Thomas, create resilient infrastructure and reduce traffic delays.



8 km of Upgraded Roads from Old Hope Road to Papine to Cross Roads

We will upgrade 8 km along Old Hope Road from Papine to Cross Roads, widening roadways, installing advanced traffic signals, adding pedestrian facilities and improving drainage and utilities. A major corridor for business, residential properties and schools, commuting along this thoroughfare will see reduced travel times, efficient traffic management and improved safety for all.



Montego Bay Bypass, Long Hill Bypass, Upgrades to Barnett Street and West Green Avenue

The ongoing Montego Bay Perimeter Road Project (MBPRP) is a national development project valued at US\$274M, which is completely funded by the Government of Jamaica (GoJ), without any loans. This undertaking includes the 15 km Montego Bay Bypass, the 11 km Long Hill Bypass, strategic upgrades to Barnett Street and West Green Avenue, and the construction of a 180 metre bridge over the Montego River, which will be the longest and tallest bridge in Jamaica. The project is currently 65% completed, while the Montego River Bridge is 99% completed. These developments will directly benefit citizens in St. James, Hanover, Westmoreland, Trelawny and St. Ann, easing long-standing congestion in Montego Bay and laying the foundation for stronger commerce and connectivity in the western region.



Lucea and Hopewell Bypass

We will design and construct a Lucea and Hopewell Bypass. The new segment of the National Highway Network will be a 4-lane arterial roadway, with grade-separated interchanges that runs parallel to the North Coast Highway and act as a new alternative route. The project will increase connectivity while providing much needed relief to the traffic congestion in the towns of Lucea and Hopewell.



Williamsfield to Hodges Highway and Spur Tree Bypass

The recently completed May Pen to Williamsfield Highway will be extended from Williamsfield in Manchester to Hodges in St. Elizabeth. The project also includes the construction of a Spur Tree Bypass and will bypass the towns of Junction, Southfield and Black River, in St Elizabeth.



North-South Highway Extension

We will construct an extension of the North-South Highway. The new segments will extend from Mammee Bay westward to Discovery Bay, St. Ann and eastward to Tower Isle, St. Mary, with multiple link roads that connect to the North Coast Highway. This monumental project will ease the traffic on the North Coast by providing an efficient and safe alternative route. The project will also create access lands that can be used for housing, agriculture and commerce.



New Dunrobin Avenue to East Kings House Road Connector

We will construct a new 4-lane link road from the Dunrobin Avenue–Constant Spring Road intersection to East Kings House Road. This will provide an alternative route for motorists, decreasing the demand along key corporate areas corridors which connect to major commercial and residential zones. The traffic redistribution will decrease peak hour delays and improve road network efficiency.



Six Miles to Darling Street Expansion

We will implement comprehensive roadworks along 11 km of Spanish Town Road, including Including sectional upgrades to four and six lanes, and new bridge construction. Workforce productivity will be increased by reducing time lost in traffic, improving connectivity between major commercial centres and facilitating future development/re-development along the improved corridors and adjoining areas.

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***ADVANCED SCIENCE,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND TRANSPORT***

OUR VISION

We will promote smart infrastructure and sustainable energy to power our future and connect our people. We invest in reliable transportation, cleaner fuels, and digital access because progress must reach every corner of Jamaica. Even when the road is long, we choose Jamaica.



National Rural School Bus System

We will roll out a National Rural School Bus System so that students pay a flat fare of only \$50 per trip, which is projected to save parents up to \$180,000 annually and ensure better student attendance at school. Having completed a successful pilot in Portland in May 2025, a national rollout will take place starting in September 2025. Phase 1 will see 110 buses serving 258 rural schools, benefiting approximately 328,000 students. Over the next two years, we will expand the programme with up to 300 additional buses, eventually reaching all 850 rural schools.



More Comfortable and Reliable JUTC Transportation & Services

We will implement new daily and peak-hour bus routes to better connect urban and rural communities. These routes will serve Morant Bay, Yallahs, May Pen, Chapelton, Old Harbour, Spanish Town, Negril, Montego Bay, Linstead, Bog Walk, Castleton Gardens, Naggo Head, and Green Pond, making transportation more affordable, reliable, and accessible for workers, students and families across Jamaica.



Modernisation and Fleet Expansion

Having added 270 JUTC buses and repaired 115 in the last 2 years, we will be adding 100 more new buses and refurbishing 46 more of our existing units to increase reliability and commuter comfort. We will continue our new policy of ensuring a minimum of 10% of buses acquired will facilitate Persons with Disabilities and work to ensure appropriate route utilisation. A study is also underway to determine the optimal fuel mix for future fleet acquisition.



Absorption of Montego Bay Metro

Montego Bay Metro's services will be integrated into the JUTC, establishing a dedicated Montego Bay Depot. This will enhance fleet management, scheduling, and operations, with 10 additional buses designated to serve western parishes. A City Shuttle Service will also link key hubs including Sangster International Airport, Cornwall Regional Hospital and Fairview.



Premium Express Service Expansion

New park-and-ride routes have been introduced to communities like Phoenix Park,



Silver Sun Estate and Catherine Estates in St. Catherine to improve comfort and reduce commute times.



Inter-Parish Express Services

Planned express services will connect Kingston with Ocho Rios, Montego Bay and Mandeville, alongside a regular Port Antonio to Morant Bay route.



Invest in Cleaner Fuel for Public Transportation

Increasing the number of buses powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and electricity. Already, more than 50% of the JUTC's fleet runs on clean energy, and we will continue to expand these efforts to reduce emissions, improve fuel efficiency and reduce theft.



Improve Fuel Management and Reduce Waste

Through better monitoring, scheduling, and anti-pilferage measures. This approach has already cut fuel costs per kilometer by nearly 60%, resulting in projected annual savings of up to \$1.3 billion.



300 More Public Wi-Fi Hotspots

We have rolled out more than 300 public Wi-Fi Hotspots across the island, impacting more than 250,000 Jamaicans. We will further expand coverage, by doubling public Wi-Fi hotspots in all 63 constituencies with a focus on rural and low-income communities.



Expanded National Broadband Initiative

Having undertaken the National Broadband Initiative, we will further invest in infrastructure to provide faster, more stable internet connections. Elements of our plan include:

- Further expansion of the Broadband Network Initiative to connect all police stations, courthouses, post offices, libraries and other government offices.

- Invest in Fiber-to-the-Home infrastructure to provide faster, more stable internet connections.

- Expand 5G availability islandwide and incentivise investment in telecoms network expansion.





Stronger Legislative Protection for Telecommunications Customers

We will strengthen legislation for the regulators and authorities to impose higher penalties for sub-standard service / non-compliance with service quality standards by service providers.



Better Broadband Service for Rural and Low-Income Communities

We will expand the national broadband network to underserved rural areas and low-income communities; we will also lead the commencement of the digital switch-over transition.



Stronger Cybersecurity Regulations and Systems

Strengthen cybersecurity regulations, invest in robust network security systems and implement tougher laws against equipment theft. Public awareness campaigns will educate users on safe online practices.



More Information for All Jamaicans

We will be empowering citizens with information and tools to make the best decisions for themselves and their families.

Strengthen the Access to Information Framework.

Rollout of a robust, responsive fact-checking platform and digital media literacy campaign.

Wider distribution of public information using more creative means.

Expanded Educational Broadcasting: 24/7 learning content via TV, radio and digital platforms aligned to the national curriculum.

Public Education and Empowerment: We will develop a one-stop hub for access to benefits, scholarships, and information about critical public services.



Establishment of a National Research & Development (R&D) Fund

The National Research & Development (R&D) Fund will drive innovation, economic diversification and technological advancement by providing targeted funding for research, commercialisation and industry-academic collaboration. This fund will support universities, start-ups and private sector entities engaged in high-impact research in fields such as digital transformation and advanced manufacturing.



CHOOSE

***SAFER,
MORE SECURE AND
JUST JAMAICA***

OUR VISION

We will continue the multi-faceted work of investing in the men and women of the security forces by increasing mobility, expanding the use of technology including forensics, applying new and existing legal frameworks, and improving case preparation, alongside social investments, community policing, and targeted operations. We will continue to implement Plan Secure Jamaica including strategies in place to dismantle gangs; strengthen land and maritime border control and to reduce all elements of serious crime. We choose a safer society in which you and your children can thrive in your neighbourhoods and communities.

Security



A Gang-Free Jamaica

Recognizing the significant role played by organized gangs in the maintenance of high levels of violence, criminality and social disruption, we will continue our efforts to identify, interdict, disarm and dismantle criminal organisations across the country, allowing communities to live and grow in peace. We will continue to build our local and international intelligence capacity and in parallel, strengthen our ports, systems and partnerships to stop the flow of guns and the coordination of violence and wider criminal activity from overseas and in our prisons.



Full Digitisation and Automation within the JCF

The Jamaica Constabulary Force will undergo full digitisation and automation of processes to improve efficiency, case management, and improve public trust. The C5 Ultra-Modern Command and Control Facility will become fully operational to streamline response to criminal activities across agencies. Cyber defence capabilities will be expanded to protect Jamaica's digital infrastructure and respond to emerging threats.



Upgraded Technology for Immigration

We will implement new and upgraded technology in our immigration systems which will improve ease of movement and enhance border security, including:

- PICA's Electronic Travel Authorisation System which will modernise entry processing and enhance national border security.

- An Integrated Border Management System will be implemented to better coordinate customs, immigration, and law enforcement agencies.

- The Passenger Name Record (PNR) system will be fully adopted to support real-time risk analysis in travel.



Improving Corrections & Rehabilitation

We recognise that as we improve prosecution and detention of criminals, the correctional systems will need greater reform to ensure that we are disrupting the criminal cycle as best as possible. We have already started the process through review and overhaul of the Corrections Policy, and we will make further key legislative reforms to the Corrections Act.

We will intensify rehabilitation of inmates, supported by a modernised and strengthened probation service.

We will provide additional psychological and psychiatric support for inmates as needed, as well as additional social workers; and

We will advance implementation of remedial education, advanced education and vocational training options together with life skills and psycho-social initiatives to increase likelihood of successful re-integration on release.



Amendments to Critical Legislation

We will further strengthen the national security legislative framework, including amendments to the Corrections (Amendments) Act and the Firearms Act in addition to legislation required to bring border control and immigration screening and processing in line with emerging best practices to address transnational organized criminal threats and trends.



Expand the National Service Corps

We will expand training opportunities through the Jamaica National Service Corps (JNSC) with even greater focus on youth engagement and skills development. Our partnership with the JDF in imparting skills, discipline, patriotic and values-based training programmes has turned around lives and channeled the best of our young people into productive and purposeful lives. We will therefore increase the number of young people who benefit from this programme.



Social Investments in Vulnerable Communities

Community intervention programmes will be scaled up from the 20 most vulnerable and violent communities, to reach all 100 of Jamaica's most vulnerable communities

with targeted anti-violence strategies. This will include provision of identification documentation, referrals to social programmes, increased school enrollment, more training and job opportunities, and sustainable beautification programmes.

Justice



Paperless Court Initiative

Our push toward digitisation as a means of delivering justice more efficiently to the public, reducing the length of time taken for matters to be addressed by the Courts. Our advancement of Jamaica's paperless court system will be based on an international model recognised as best practice, and will allow court documents to be filed more simply and for documents and files to be found more easily and to be stored more effectively. This will ensure greater transparency and efficiency and reduce the time and energy lost in administrative processes.



Construction of Judicial Complexes

We will prioritise the continued development and modernisation of court infrastructure through the construction of new Judicial Complexes island-wide. These facilities will be designed to improve access to justice, offering a more comfortable, dignified and secure experience for all Jamaicans engaging with the justice system. We will also place emphasis on further integrating technology-enabled courtrooms and expanding capacity to accommodate increased caseloads.



Backlog Reduction

We will intensify the work to reduce backlogs even further through targeted interventions, including the expansion of case management systems, increased judicial staffing, and support for alternative dispute resolution (ADR). We will institute dedicated backlog reduction units and further streamlined procedures in order to further accelerate the disposal of long-standing cases.



Mediation Policy Development

We will introduce a National Mediation Policy to standardise and expand the use of mediation as a primary tool in dispute resolution. This will involve training of mediators, public awareness campaigns and integration of mediation into court processes to reduce caseloads and promote more amicable settlements. Through our international engagements and treaty arrangements, we will also ultimately position Jamaica as a mediation hub within the region.



Restorative Justice and Child Diversion

We will scale up our Restorative Justice and Child Diversion programmes to foster rehabilitation, reconciliation, and reintegration. This will include expansion of Restorative Justice Centres, and the development of stronger community partnerships. We will also ensure that Child Diversion measures focus on early intervention, mentorship and non-custodial solutions tailored to youth offenders. We will also amend laws to de-criminalise non-violent status crimes like truancy and inter-teenage, non-predatory intimate activities which can more effectively be dealt with by counselling and mentorship.



Expand Victim Support Services

As the Party of Equal Rights and Justice, we are committed to building on the progress made in our last administration to provide greater support, healing and a sense of justice. We will expand the Victim Support Division, increase the number of counsellors, improve data management systems, and provide more comprehensive care for vulnerable victims, including women, children, the elderly and persons living with disabilities. We will also ensure greater inter-agency collaboration to ensure well-coordinated support which is informed by the level and type of trauma experienced by victims of crime and families impacted.

Together, these initiatives represent a holistic effort to build a more accessible, efficient, and compassionate justice system. Through continued policy innovation, infrastructural investment, and stakeholder engagement, we remain committed to delivering justice for all citizens in a timely and equitable manner.

Human Rights



Dignity, Equity, and Development for All

We affirm that human rights are not privileges for a few, but guarantees for all. Our Human Rights Agenda 2025 to 2030 is a declaration that every Jamaican, especially the poor, the imprisoned and the marginalised deserves protection and dignity.



Human Rights Begin with a Dignified Existence

We will expand and fortify the New Social Housing Programme with a goal of 10,000 units by 2030, targeting the most vulnerable.

We will transform eligible informal settlements through land regularisation and infrastructure upgrades into secure, legally recognised communities that foster stability, economic empowerment, and a better quality of life for all Jamaicans.

We will ensure that our most vulnerable children have access to free, nutritious meals in school, access to mental health services and broadband internet by 2030.



Enhancing Support for Legal Aid and Detention Monitoring

We will implement a digital intake and detention tracking system in all police stations, linked to a centralised portal that prompts outreach to legal aid.



Increase Legal Aid Resources for wider access

We will fast-track legal aid for minors, the mentally ill, and indigent defendants through a streamlined intake and eligibility system coordinated with police and courts.

The Office of the Public Defender will be strengthened to ensure effective performance of its mandate, including enquiries into court delays, pre-trial detention trends and alleged breaches of constitutional due process.



Children and Youth as Rights-Holders

Strengthen the capacity of the Office of the Children's Advocate (OCA) to conduct regular inspections and intervene proactively in circumstances where children may be at risk.

Ensure continued provision of legal representation, medical care, and education access for all children in state care.

Expand Child diversion and restorative justice programmes, and remove criminal sanctions for non-violent status offences (e.g., truancy).



A Jamaican Digital Rights and AI Blueprint

Continue to prioritise expansion of public broadband access as well as digital literacy, to close the digital divide.

Develop a Jamaican Blueprint for AI and Digital Rights, establishing rules for transparency, non-discrimination, and accountability in automated decision-making. This blueprint will set out guidelines relating to the use of AI tools in policing, social services, and in the financial sector.

Develop interim guidelines for AI ethics and data privacy, ensuring AI applications comply with the Data Protection Act.



CHOOSE

A TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM

OUR VISION

We will advance the transformation of education for all our children and teachers to be their best selves and achieve their goals in partnership with parents and all education stakeholders. Through an inclusive and transformative management approach, together we will achieve:

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Mastering Literacy and Numeracy

We will continue to ensure that every Jamaican child becomes a confident reader and problem solver, leaving Primary School with the appropriate reading, comprehension level together with the appropriate numeracy skills, through:



Early Grade Literacy Commitment

Daily, timetabled reading instruction from Grades 1 to 3 across all schools to give our students more time to become confident readers.



Literacy and Numeracy Teachers

Recruit and deploy a cadre of specialist reading and numeracy coaches across educational regions to support literacy and numeracy in schools. We will also expand opportunities for remote classroom support from Mathematics experts at our Teachers' Colleges.



Evidence-Based Interventions

National rollout of proven literacy programmes such as the Creative Language Based Learning and ARROW islandwide as well as holiday literacy camps to bridge learning gaps and prevent regression during holidays. We will also roll out more Mathematics camps for our students who are struggling with Math, to give them a chance to catch up.



Online and Community-Based Adult Literacy Programme

Introduce an online audio and visual-based programme through HEART/NSTA Trust to support adults who want to learn to read at home in privacy and on their own time. Selected schools will also be used to deliver face-to-face adult literacy programmes after school hours and on weekends.



Update to Primary Exit Profile (PEP)

We will continue to reform the PEP exams to reduce the number of assessments thereby reducing the stress of the exam for students, teachers, and parents. We will also review the PEP to ensure that it is meeting the expected needs of a fundamentally changing world.



Brain Builder Centres

We will establish 28 brain builder centres across all seven educational regions to provide free hands-on, stimulating day care that supports child development.

A More Inclusive Classroom

We will create an education system that meets every child where they are, through:



Fully Operational Special Needs Diagnostic Centres

All three diagnostic centres will be fully operational-with mobile units for additional access in rural areas-to provide diagnostic and other support services.



Reduce Diagnostic Wait Times

Introducing fast-track assessments for severe cases.



Children's Passport

We will partner with the Ministry of Health and Wellness to update the Child Passport to pre-emptively alert and guide parents of children who display early signs of developmental delays or special needs.



Special Education Desk

Every educational region will have a special education desk that provides support to parents, schools and, most importantly, our children with special needs. We will also provide public education and targeted information in health clinics to assist parents in knowing what their steps should be in seeking assistance, including the numbers for the special education desks.



Enhanced Inclusive Training to Support our Schools

For all educators and school leaders to prepare them to adequately to incorporate children with special needs into our classrooms.



Full Scholarships for Special Educators

We will introduce additional scholarships to train diagnosticians, special educators, speech therapists, and occupational therapists over the next 5 years.

Hire 1,000+ new Special Education Needs Assistants (SENAs)

To support integrated classrooms and HEART will introduce a part-time weekend certification programme to reskill and upskill all assistants.

Enhanced and Expanded Early Stimulation Programme

The Early Stimulation Programme will be expanded to assist more young children under the age of 5 with developmental delays.

Build More Special Needs Departments in Schools

We will meet the demands of the increasing number of children with special needs in Jamaica. In addition to more departments, we will also expand inclusion of children with special needs in mainstream schooling, in appropriate cases.

Public Education Tool

We will introduce a tool to support parents of children of special needs so they can easily find and utilise the resources available to support their child. This will supplement basic information also to be provided at clinics and at the Special Needs desks.

Transformed Education for Our Boys

We recognise that closing the gender gap in education also means confronting the unique challenges faced by our boys in the school system. Boys are under-represented in tertiary institutions, more likely to drop out of secondary school, and disproportionately affected by underachievement and behavioural challenges.

Addressing this requires targeted, data-driven, and culturally responsive interventions. We will therefore implement a National Boys' Education Strategy designed to improve learning outcomes, boost engagement, and strengthen life pathways for boys. Key measures include:

Mentorship in Every School

Expand structured mentorship programmes pairing at-risk boys with positive male role models in every secondary institution - both co-ed and all boys.

A More Relevant Curriculum

Encourage teaching practices and curricula that reflect boys' interests and learning styles, incorporating more project-based, hands-on, and competitive learning approaches.

Male Teacher Recruitment Initiative

Launch a national campaign to recruit and retain more qualified male teachers so boys have more positive male figures in academic spaces.

Sports and Discipline Integration

Further integrate sports and other extracurricular activities into schools to promote discipline, teamwork, and emotional regulation.

Technical-Vocational Pathways

Expand access to STEM and TVET programmes for boys, giving them more hands-on learning opportunities and creating more pathways to high-demand careers.

Special Taskforce for the Advancement of Jamaican Boys

Experts and stakeholders will be assembled to provide recommendations for changes to the education system to better address the disadvantages that our boys face.

A Digital School Environment

Having already connected 50% of our primary and secondary schools to the internet, we will accelerate the digital transformation of our classrooms, through:

Jamaica Learning Assistant Platform

Fully roll out free online access to lessons, assessments, and AI tutors so your child can receive support at home, at their own pace.



Smart Classrooms

Install smartboards, provide devices, projectors, and internet connectivity in primary and secondary schools. No school will be left behind.



Cyber Hygiene Curriculum

Train students and teachers in digital citizenship, cybersecurity, and responsible tech use so they can avoid bad actors and use technology responsibly.



Education Management Information System (EMIS)

Complete the rollout of EMIS for school leaders and education stakeholders to track student performance and attendance, thereby allowing for early interventions when necessary.

A Secure, Healthy and Education System

We will create a safe, nurturing and accountable space for learning, with:



Full implementation of the Nutrition Policy

Provide healthier meals in and around our schools through nutritional guidelines, the training of canteen staff, and partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture to include more local produce into the meals prepared at our schools.



Expand access to breakfast and lunch

We will continue to expand access to breakfast and lunch for our vulnerable students.



Perimeter Safety Programme

Expanding secure fencing and monitored entry points for schools in violence prone communities.



Rollout of an Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Campaign

We will complete the design of our Anti-Bullying Campaign to address escalating bullying (including Cyberbullying) in our schools. We will deepen our collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Wellness on addressing Mental Health in Schools,

including our Mental Health Day, Wellness Benches at school and referrals to external counselling / psychological support where internal resources are insufficient. We will also facilitate and encourage the creation of more green spaces and gardens in schools where possible.



Governance Reform Modernising School Boards

Leadership of our schools is important. We will modernise school boards aligned with contemporary good governance principles.



Residential Therapeutic Centre

We will build the Caribbean's first ever residential therapeutic centre for vulnerable children.



School CCTV Programme

Expand security surveillance technology to keep our students safe in schools.

Jamaica as a STEAM Nation

We will prepare students for a prosperous future with a strong foundation in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math through:



STEAM Clubs (in Schools)

Coding & Robotics Clubs in at least 50% of all schools across all levels (including infant schools) by 2029. Promote female participation in STEAM: Eg.. Girls Who Code Competitions.

Develop and introduce innovation hubs, called Makerspaces in primary and secondary schools with successful STEAM Clubs by providing new equipment (digital tools, physical tools & craft materials) to encourage creativity and problem solving among students.



Six new STEAM Schools

We will build six STEAM Schools that are climate resilient and accessible across strategic locations islandwide. These will be linked to industry and tertiary partners supporting apprenticeship and integration across career pathways and among students with and without disabilities.



Performing Arts Secondary School

We will establish Jamaica's first three performing arts secondary schools to give our gifted creative students a chance to develop their skills and to support the further growth of our creative economy. The schools will focus on the teaching of art, music, and performing arts.



Youth In The Arts

More resources allocated for supporting youth in the arts though:

- The introduction of Music Technology courses supported with Music labs in select secondary schools & youth innovation centres.

- More musical instruments in all schools.

- More performing arts support: resources and personnel across all primary & secondary schools.

- Strengthen support to the Arts industry by creating alternative pathways to support festivals, shows, and the entertainment industry through TVET programmes.

- Introduce stagecraft, lighting, costume design, and event management courses tied to national entertainment events.



Incentivise STEAM Teaching

We will provide more scholarships and additional incentives to attract and retain STEAM educators across the spectrum of the acronym prioritising educators in the Visual & Performing Arts.



Modernization and Equipment for TVET labs

Annual investments up to \$400 Million yearly towards renovation and modern equipping of TVET labs in high schools across the country, as well as relevant teachers' colleges.



Develop Artificial Intelligence (AI) Labs

Develop AI labs in our key universities in collaboration with local and international businesses developing apprenticeship and co-op programmes across career pathways.

A Skilled Jamaica

We will close the skills gap and expand access to jobs through robust training programmes.



Apprenticeship 3.0

The HEART/NSTA Trust will implement an enhanced apprenticeship programme that will allow HEART trainees to get relevant on-the-job training, HEART will cover stipend/salary costs in exchange for the structured training initiatives implemented by participating private sector firms. Key areas of initial focus will be construction, logistics, and manufacturing.



Expanded Prior Learning Assessments

We will bring certification to our tradespeople and skilled professionals by expanding assessment and recognition of their experience.



Digital Certificates

We will roll out a portable, digital record of credentials and competencies for successful trainees across all HEART programmes.



HEART Tuition free up to Level 5

We have already eliminated fees up to Level 4. We will now eliminate all tuition fees up to Level 5 because we understand how important it is to continuously improve access to skills training.

A Well-Resourced and Empowered Teacher

We will support our educators as professionals and nation builders.



Staff Room Transformation Initiative

Our teachers deserve a comfortable work environment. We will provide modern, well-equipped rest and planning spaces for teachers in every school.



Private Sector Education Support Programme

Industry partners to adopt schools, provide additional resources, mentorship and support to our educators.



AI Tools for Educators

We will reduce the administrative burden on our teachers by providing new tools for grading, content creation and student assessment so that our teachers can focus more on student engagement.



Revised Teacher Education Curriculum

Greater focus on digital skills, special education, data literacy and classroom technology to prepare educators for the future of the classroom.



Mentor Teacher Programme

Veteran teachers to support and develop early-career educators.



Teacher Wellness Programme

Stress management and time management support, physical fitness and professional coaching for the enhancement of our educators.

An Involved Parent

We will further integrate our Parents into the development of our Country.



Restructure and Reorient the National Parenting Support Commission

Conduct targeted community-based engagement and activities, support local groups and provide training.



Enhanced HFLE Curriculum

This revised curriculum will include parenting skills, improved financial literacy, male and female health concerns across the entire life cycle of a person and family communication and conflict resolution.



National Parenting Campaign

Promote parental involvement, attendance and home-based learning strategies.



Parenting Support Officers

Deployed to communities with high truancy and underperformance rates to help those parents attain the best outcomes for their children.



Parenting App and Toolkit

This will promote early childhood development and provide adequate tools to assist parents in managing the various developmental stages of their children.

A Modern Institutional Framework for Children

In addition to the work underway to reform the Early Childhood Policy and to review the Jamaica Early Childhood Curriculum, we will also, more broadly, strengthen the institutional arrangements for children by clarifying mandates, improving coordination, and reinforcing accountability across the system. Agencies involved in care, protection, or oversight will operate within well-defined roles to ensure that no child falls through the cracks.



Simplifying and Streamlining the Adoption Process

Jamaica's adoption system is burdened by outdated laws, high legal costs, and unnecessary delays, leaving too many children stuck in state care without the love and stability of a permanent home. We will overhaul this broken system to make adoption simpler, faster, and more affordable because no child should grow up without the chance to have a loving home. We will streamline the adoption process by removing bureaucratic barriers, introducing clear guidelines and standardised forms, and improving transparency. We will reduce the financial burden by lowering legal fees and offering targeted support to adoptive families. Most importantly, every step will prioritise the best interest of the child, ensuring quicker placements with capable, loving families, stronger screening systems, and ongoing support for those who open their hearts and homes. We will also provide more evidence based training for prospective, adopted and foster parents to support the best family building outcomes.

Speeding Up Safe, Stable Placements

The new adoption law will support faster, more child-centred placements in permanent homes. It will include provisions for open adoption and structured, ongoing support for adopted children, adoptive families, and birth families.



Bringing Foster Care Under the Law

For the first time, foster care will be brought under clear legal and regulatory oversight. This will promote safe, stable placements for children in need of family care, while enabling structured planning for permanent solutions.



From Institutions to Families

We will continue the move toward family-based care for children who cannot remain with their families, and away from institutional settings. The CPFSA will take on a dedicated regulatory role for children's homes in keeping with best practices in de-institutionalisation.



Greater Policy Emphasis on Families and Children

The family deserves greater focus. We will explore the appropriate institutional framework and resourcing to make this a reality with a focus on the areas covering policies related to children in state care and beyond, parenting, youth and adolescence. This is to ensure we provide optimal policy and programme support for initiatives to address the parenting skills gap, children affairs, conflict resolution within the home and more, all in the best interest of our families and our children.



HOPE for Children Trust Fund—Building a Financial Foundation for Every Child

We will implement the HOPE for Children Trust Fund to help break the cycle of generational poverty. Every eligible child in PATH households or Wards of the State, born on or after August 6, 2022, will have a Government-funded long-term savings account, with contributions also welcomed from parents, guardians, and donors. The funds will grow with interest until the child

turns 18 and can be used for education, skills training, property ownership, or starting a business. In this financial year, we will seed the Fund with \$200 million as we create a financial foundation for every child's future.



Independent Oversight for Better Protection

We will reinforce oversight in the child protection sector by supporting the work of the Child Care and Protection Advisory Council and Boards of Visitors, while creating additional mechanisms for independent scrutiny of all agencies involved in the care and protection of children.



Reforming the CPFSA and Strengthening Social Work

We will further reform the CPFSA, strengthen the National Parenting Support Commission and ensure alignment of their mandated work with the support of a more responsive social work system. This includes steps to ensure more manageable caseloads and improved case management practices.



Data-Driven Child Protection

Children's records will be digitised in a secure system that supports active case management and long-term tracking. This will allow for better planning, earlier interventions, and more responsive services throughout a child's journey.



Investing in Working Families

We envision a Jamaica where all working families have access to quality, affordable, and government-supported childcare, enabling parents to participate fully in the workforce while ensuring the well-being of their children. We will therefore establish a National Child Care Task Force to map the demand for childcare across Jamaica and develop a clear plan to deliver more government-run facilities, starting with two in every parish (brain builders centres). Priority will be given to densely populated areas and communities with high female labour force participation.

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CHOOSE

***A PURPOSE
DRIVEN YOUTH***

OUR VISION

We will unlock talent, drive ambition, and build the human capital that will power our next generation. In every classroom, on every field, and through every trade; in empowering our young people, we choose Jamaica.

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NHT Youth Housing Policy Expansion

We will increase the allocation of affordable NHT housing units for young people from 10% to 15%.

Strengthen and Support Youth and Adolescence Policy & Programmes

We will continue to modernise the institutions responsible for youth affairs to better respond to the evolving needs of our young people to ensure youth-centered policy making, programme delivery and impact measurement.

Strengthen National Youth Bodies

Further strengthen the Youth Advisory Council of Jamaica, the National Youth Parliament and the National Youth Council to give more young people an opportunity to guide national policy direction and ensure meaningful feedback in real time.

Student Loan To Now Cover Housing, Laptop, Meals and Books

Having removed the barrier of the need for guarantors and reduced interest rates, we will further reform the Students' Loan Bureau to provide comprehensive and flexible support for students. For the first time, students will be able to access funding not only for tuition, but also for essential education-related needs such as housing, laptops, meals, and books. No longer should the cost of basic needs become a barrier to learning. This reform ensures that every student has a fair shot at success, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Student Loan Debt Reset

We understand that in order for the SLB to meet the needs of our ever-growing population of ambitious students, repayment is critical. We also understand that life can throw curve balls that disrupt even the best of intentions. We will therefore implement a Debt Reset Initiative as follows:

Between the period November 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, all delinquent debtors will be able to benefit from:

- 100% waiver of late fees / penalties
- 100% waiver of insurance charges
- 50% waiver of interest arrears

We also understand that in this wider context, individuals with accounts in good standing should be rewarded. We will therefore apply a credit of \$100,000.00 to accounts in good standing. Accounts which may require less to be closed out will of course receive the closing amount.

Easy Student Loan Management and Tracking

We will roll out the Student Loan Management Information system to enable students access to their loan information and payment history, giving students greater clarity and information, empowering them in the management of their arrangements.

Creation of a National "How-To" Resource Hub for Young Jamaicans

We will establish a comprehensive digital and physical resource hub designed to provide young Jamaicans with easy access to essential information on navigating key life processes. This initiative will bridge the knowledge gap by offering clear, step-by-step guidance on various topics, including government services (how to apply for a TRN, NIS, passport, driver's license, birth certificate, and other essential documents), how to find scholarships, entrepreneurship & business support (how to access funding, grants and loans for young entrepreneurs, register a business and understand tax obligations) and financial literacy.

Youth Innovation Hubs 2.0

We will re-design public libraries into Youth Innovation Hubs. We will transform existing public libraries into vibrant youth-friendly innovation centers featuring modern co-working areas for study and collaboration, state-of-the-art digital labs for creative entrepreneurs, and recreational zones that foster networking sessions and cultural and entertainment experience. These hubs will serve as safe, accessible spaces where young people can innovate, grow and connect.

Mainstream Youth on Public Bodies

We will ensure that young people have a seat at every table where national decisions are made.

Mandate the appointment of at least one

appropriately qualified person under age 35 to the board of every public body to give our young people more seats at the policymaking table.

We will deepen youth participation in school boards and other bodies by providing more advocacy training.

National Internship Initiative: Tertiary Learn Earn & Prosper (LEAP) (Creating Pathways to Employment and Experience)

We will expand access to real-world opportunities to equip young people for meaningful work and professional experience and provide them with an income. We will:

- Launch the Tertiary Learn Earn and Prosper (LEAP) program to provide thousands of structured placements for youth aged 17 and above in both the public and private sectors so they can start their career journey.
- Partner with industry to create more earn-as-you-learn arrangements.
- Expand support for youth entrepreneurs with technical training, mentorship, and access to funding.

Building a Culture of Volunteerism and National Service

We will be fostering even more love for Jamaica, civic pride, and a spirit of contribution among Jamaica's youth by:

- Launching a National Volunteerism Programme where students earn recognition and practical experience by contributing to national development.
- Partnering with NGOs, churches, and community organisations to expand structured opportunities to contribute to education, environment, and social care.

Supporting Young Sporting Potential

We will launch a transformative J\$250 million, five-year initiative to supercharge school sports across Jamaica. With J\$50 million allocated each year, this programme will uplift schools that show real promise but lack the resources to reach their full potential. It's more than a sports

investment — it's a youth empowerment revolution. By upgrading courts, fields, and equipment in underserved areas, we are opening doors for young Jamaicans to shine — not just on the track or in competition, but in life. Together we will nurture talent, inspire discipline, and create safe, positive spaces where students can grow, thrive, and dream big. By prioritising communities affected by crime and economic hardship, sport will become a powerful tool for unity, resilience, and hope. Through this strategic investment, we are not just building champions — we will build a stronger, safer, more vibrant Jamaica.

Boosting Youth through Tourism Innovation and Training

We will expand initiatives that provide funding, training and mentorship for youth-led tourism enterprises, ensuring more youth can thrive as business owners and leaders in the industry.

We will expand the Tourism Innovation Incubator and JCTI certification programmes islandwide to reach more youth, creatives, and tech innovators. Special support will be given to young entrepreneurs in rural areas and inner-city communities.

Support for Young Fishers

We will expand our provision of training, boats, engines and fishing equipment for youth registered as fishers for no less than 3 years, encouraging young people to grow in the sector and securing seafood sustainability.

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CHOOSE

A HEALTHY JAMAICA

OUR VISION

We will continue to strengthen healthcare delivery, expand access, and reduce costs so that no Jamaican is left behind due to illness, gender, age or access to quality care. In choosing health, we choose Jamaica.

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Primary Health Care Reform

We will increase the number of health centres offering access to doctors 5 days per week by more than 100%. This means we are targeting 67 health centres to be expanded over the next 3–5 years. This expansion will allow clinics to move from having doctors at the health centres once or twice per week or once or twice per month, to having this full service 5 days per week. Services to be delivered include maternal and child health, treatment of specific illnesses, sexual and reproductive health, oral health, mental health, substance abuse and also programmes that cater to the care of specific groups such as adolescent health and elderly health.



Health Centre Upgrades

The development of new health centres and continuation of health centre infrastructural upgrades across the island as part of primary care reform will continue. The “Adopt-a-Clinic” programme with collaboration with the private sector and the Jamaican Diaspora will be expanded. Health centre expansion and upgrades will support the primary health care reform agenda. We are partnering with the National Housing Trust to upgrade health centres facilities. Already for 2025/2026, \$500M has been allocated for infrastructure improvements. This partnership will continue over the next three to five years.



Late Opening of Health Centres – Extended Care

Twenty-nine (29) health centres now offer extended hours beyond 4:00 pm, some of them until 10:00 pm and some on weekends. As part of the expansion of this initiative, named ‘Extended Care’, we will increase these numbers by 25% over the next year, with an additional 25% in the following year, if required in response to surveys and actual use data. Extended hours for pharmacy services will be ongoing.



Hospital Expansion/Upgrade

The expansion of hospitals will feature an increase in bed spaces and specialist services, such as cardiology, gastroenterology and urology. This will

help to ease the overcrowding in tertiary hospitals that have a concentration of specialist services. The Western Child and Adolescent Hospital and the newly renovated Cornwall Regional Hospital in St. James will be opened to improve access to quality health services in the Western Region.



Kingston Public Hospital Redevelopment

We will build a new KPH! A Land Use Survey Report was prepared and we have already identified lands to be purchased.



New Parent Wing at Bustamante Children Hospital

We will complete the new parent wing at Bustamante Children’s Hospital to give parents a secure and comfortable location to be with their child while they are in the hospital.

This will help to facilitate increased communication between parents and medical professionals, lessen tension and anxiety, and enable parents to take an active role in their child’s care.



More Operating Theatres

We will add another 27 operating theatres over the next two years. The Regional Health Authorities will appoint an Operating Theatre Manager at each hospital, whose responsibility it will be to ensure that best practice protocols are followed for scheduled maintenance and usage; and develop and implement a revised policy on supplier servicing and inventory of parts to ensure quick turnaround for repairs.



Hospital Visitations Policy Development

We will develop a new policy on patient visits with an implementation timeline of September 2025, to commence at the Bustamante Hospital for Children and later, the Western Child & Adolescent Hospital. Over the next several months, we will standardise the protocol for other facilities, including Princess Margaret Hospital, Percy Junor Hospital and the Port Antonio Hospital.



New Centres of Excellence for NCDs

We will create develop Centres of Excellence around the four key disease risks (diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and cancers) to focus on:

- Epidemiological profiling and surveillance;
- Primary prevention and health promotion;
- Integrated and people-centred care models; and
- Policy, governance and multisectoral action.



NCD and Depression Screening Programme

We will scale-up disease screening programmes for conditions such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, cardiovascular disease (such as heart attack or stroke) and depression.



AI for Healthcare

We will utilise AI powered technology to address the following areas:

- Cross-border treatment support, including with radiology services;
- Lifestyle-linked medical profile predictability;
- Community-based screening;
- Homecare for the chronically ill and ageing;
- Ongoing monitoring and assessment; and
- Any other new trends and practices ethically acceptable for healthcare delivery.



Improved Disease and Drug Subsidy

We will increase the medical conditions and medications covered under medical subsidy programmes to broaden the access to the public to further achieve universal health care coverage in keeping with the national development agenda.



Comprehensive Mental Health Programme

We will develop and implement a comprehensive mental health programme to address the growing

mental health burden in Jamaica which has had significant social, economic and psychological impact on our society.



Increased Diagnostic Equipment

We will increase the availability of diagnostic equipment for the timely diagnosis and management of health conditions. This includes the procurement of equipment such as CT scan machines, digital X-ray systems, MRI, ECG and ultrasound machines.



Improvement in Customer Service Experience

We will invest in enhancing customer experience through staff training, reduction in wait times, improvement of aesthetics of health facilities and greater communication between staff and customers. We have entered into bilateral agreements as well as with entities such as HEART/TRUST NTA to facilitate training for improvement of customer service delivery. We will seek to launch islandwide campaigns to assess and improve customer service delivery through periodic audits.



Reducing Hospital and Clinic Wait Times for Better Patient Care

We will implement strategies to reduce surgical, emergency room and outpatient wait times, by increasing operating theatre spaces and operating times, increasing staff, patient flow and by implementation of an appointment system for outpatient services.



Strengthened Lab Systems

We will strengthen laboratory systems to improve public health surveillance, rapid disease detection and enhanced access to quality diagnostic services.



Expansion of Electronic Health Records

To help medical staff and patients alike, we will expand the implementation of Electronic Health Records (EHR) in health facilities and improve the availability of information and communication technologies. This expansion will help to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance data accuracy. The EHR will enhance the availability

of comprehensive patient information, enable better coordination of care, and empower patients to actively participate in their health.

Electronic Immunisation Registry (EIR) Pilot Rollout

The EIR pilot project will be rolled out in the coming months and marks a bold step forward, a transformative shift from manual data entry to a fully digital immunisation system that supports real-time decision-making and system-wide improvements. Jamaica is not just keeping pace with global health innovations, we are leading the way toward a smarter, more responsive, and more resilient healthcare future. It will make the immunisation process smarter, faster, and more efficient, strengthening the health system's ability to protect every citizen through timely and effective vaccination.

Strengthened Partnerships for Health Service Delivery

We will strengthen partnerships with the private sector and civil society organisation to help Jamaicans get faster access to health services. This will include partnerships for diagnostic, laboratory, disease prevention and clinical services.

Dental Services Expansion

We will expand dental services in the public sector to include increased availability of dentures to help restore confidence and boost overall morale of affected persons.

More Disability-Friendly Health Services

We will tailor service delivery to meet the needs of Persons with Disabilities and ensure investment in physical infrastructure, access to assistive technologies and training.

More Eye Care Services

We will increase the number of surgeries for glaucoma, cataracts and other eye-related conditions, as well as increase vision screening in primary health care. There will also be strengthening of partnerships with civil society organisations and the private sector for the provision of glasses. Greater vision comes with significant economic and social advancement.

Expanded New Limb Programme

The expansion of the new limb programme, designed to provide prosthetic limbs to individuals who have lost limbs due to health conditions or trauma, will help individuals regain mobility and live more independent and productive lives.

Transportation Fleet Expansion

The expansion of the transportation fleet by adding ambulances and service-related vehicles will enhance the ability to transport patients who require health care services and improve efficiency in logistics and health service operations.

Food Handlers Permit Term Extended to Two Years

As part of those efforts, we will:

- Extend the term for a Food Handlers Permit renewal from one to two years;
- Introduce convenient bill payment service options, effective January 1, 2026;
- Implement a bi-modal modular training format to reduce certification-processing time from three weeks to two weeks;
- Introduce new technology to facilitate faster and more efficient processing to eliminate delays and backlogs;
- Increase the cadre of professionally trained food handlers to reduce the risk of outbreaks linked to improper food handling; and
- Increase application access points, reducing wait time and enhanced delivery process.

Improved Pharmaceutical Approvals Using Reliance System

We will undertake the following policy changes:

- Establish a protocol for greater dependence on the Reliance System for drug approvals, in collaboration with US, UK, and European standards, which means applicants who have already met these standards will be placed on a fast track for approvals, once they submit the appropriate documents;
- Digitise the application process so that applicants will not need to wait for a response to determine the incomplete nature of their application as these will

- be flagged in the online application while filling out forms;
- Establish an express window for local manufacturers who apply for approvals once they are manufacturing locally for the local and export markets.

- Building capacity of at least 90% of healthcare practitioners in primary care to identify and manage healthcare needs in older adults; and
- Providing allied health and rehabilitative services to older persons with complex health and disability needs.

Increase Number and Training of Health Care Workers

We will train more healthcare workers (all categories) and establish more posts. We will also continue to integrate bilateral arrangements to ensure availability of workers in areas of need. We have started exploring long-term relationships in training and clinical exchanges with India, the Philippines and Nigeria, in the first instance. We are also looking at remote services using technology. We will, through various programmes, initiate training for 100 healthcare professionals over the next year. Over the next three years, we expect to engage at least 500 healthcare professionals to allow for the enhancement and expansion of service delivery.

Second Cohort of Barry Wint Scholarship

This year (2025) we will award another \$500 Million, with focus on persons who are pursuing studies in biomedical engineering, medical physics, occupational therapy, radiation therapy and dental nurse therapy, in addition to third and fourth year nursing students.

National Health Insurance Plan for Seniors

We will launch the National Health Insurance Plan for Seniors, expanding access to health services for Jamaica's over-60 population. The initial phase will target 400,000 seniors, covering 10 chronic illnesses, even as we continue to work on Universal Health Coverage.

Development of Health Programme for Older Persons

The objectives of this plan include:

- Maximisation of the period in which older persons maintain good health, wellness, and functional independence through the promotion of healthy ageing throughout the life course;



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***WELFARE SUPPORT AND
AN OPTIMISED LABOUR FORCE***

OUR VISION

We will protect the most vulnerable among us through stronger social welfare and safety nets that catch those who fall and lift those in need. We will also facilitate labour supportive of a market better aligned to meet the needs and aspirations of a growing nation. In building a more caring nation and an optimised productive labour force whose safety and rights are protected, we choose Jamaica.

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Income Tax Relief for our Senior Citizens

We recognise and deeply value the lifetime of work, sacrifice, and service that our seniors have contributed to Jamaica.

We will exempt from income tax, all earnings from employment and pension income for persons aged 65 and above, provided their total annual income (from all sources) does not exceed \$6 million. This will deliver meaningful relief to thousands of seniors, leaving more money in their pockets to meet living expenses, support their families, and participate actively in community life.



Priority Services for Seniors

As a mark of respect and in recognition of their service to Jamaica, we will also require all Government offices that serve the public to provide special priority queues for persons aged 65 and above. This will ensure that our seniors are treated with courtesy, efficiency, and the convenience they deserve when accessing public services.



New Law for Senior Citizens

We are committed to building a compassionate, more caring Jamaica, where every senior lives with dignity, safety and purpose. We will pass a single, comprehensive law to protect the rights of older persons, ensuring their dignity, care, freedom from abuse and access to essential services. This includes provisions setting out the rights of older persons to ensure statutory protection for their dignity, autonomy, care, right to basic amenities, freedom from abuse and neglect and their right to fair and non-discriminatory treatment.



Easier Guardianship Orders & New Registry

Will also review the wider legislative framework for the grant of powers of attorney, simplify the process to obtain guardianship orders and create a registry to ensure appropriate record-keeping and monitoring.



Older Persons' Advocate

We will establish an Office of the Older Persons' Advocate as a Commission of Parliament endowed with the powers to represent vulnerable older persons, cause the investigation into complaints of abuse of older persons and intervene in matters involving the care and protection of older persons.



Protection from Abuse

The law will define elder abuse and introduce tough penalties for physical, emotional, or financial harm to seniors.



Active Aging: Opportunities to Serve and Meaningful Work

We will ensure that pathways are provided for older persons to engage in meaningful work and service where desired and participate in the transfer of knowledge and support for the training and development of young people.



Simplify Access to Government Services

We will implement simpler and more accessible pathways to government services and benefits,



Caregiver Training

In partnership with HEART/NSTA, we will train nursing aides and caregivers, with a focus on age-related conditions like Alzheimer's, stroke, and cancer.



Standards and Oversight

Establish standards of conduct, training certification and monitoring of caregivers of older persons in both formal and informal environments including the home.



I Am Alive App

We will eliminate the burden on our senior citizens and their families to frequently find a Justice of the Peace to sign a life certificate to receive their well-deserved pensions. We will roll out the "I am Alive" App to allow for digital and remote life certification at the convenience of our pensioners, anywhere, anytime via phone.



Increasing the Minimum Wage

We will build on our record of minimum wage increases, by continuing to review cost of living, inflation, as well as our economic and employment conditions, ensuring that work lifts people out of poverty and delivers a decent standard of living for every Jamaican worker.



Streamlining of Work Permit Process

We will revamp the entire work permit system, at every level, to improve efficiency and functionality and improve public awareness. The transformation will continue to ensure a new structure aimed at efficiency and accountability.

We will continue to align the issuing of work permits with a central focus on bringing training, knowledge transfer and other meaningful life benefits to both workers and the economy, advancing the capacities of the former and boosting the latter.



The Development of a National Skills Bank

We will create the National Skills Bank (NSB), an all-encompassing database designed to identify labour shortages and mismatched skillset allocation. It will be an innovative and comprehensive tool identifying training needs and skill requirements for current jobs and those in the future, preparing Jamaicans for the ever-changing world of work and the opportunities they hold for our naturally talented people.

This transformative initiative will see collaborations with the Ministry's Social Intervention Programme (SIP), HEART/NSTA, non-governmental agencies, academic institutions and several other purpose-driven stakeholders. We intend to extend our reach and include Members of Parliament who have batches of job seekers registered within their constituencies. The NSB will also place emphasis on providing job opportunities to persons with disabilities and those within other vulnerable groups.



Electronic Labour Exchange: JamaicaJobs.com

We are making major improvements in this area to strengthen the Ministry's local employment services.

The Electronic Labour Exchange (ELE) platform will have its functionality upgraded and be rebranded as JamaicaJobs.gov.jm. We will launch a robust public sensitisation programme to ensure the widest pool of participants from job seekers and job offerors.

All jobs that are available across Ministries/ Departments & Agencies (MDAs) will be posted on JamaicaJobs.gov.jm.

The rebranded JamaicaJobs.gov.jm portal will be free, available and at your service.



Unemployment Insurance Project

A major lesson from the COVID-19 pandemic was the need to ensure that when workers have lost their jobs, there is a facility in place to support them to re-enter the labour force, and also to continue to support their families and themselves while seeking employment.

We will therefore add the Jamaica Unemployment Insurance Benefit to the suite of benefits under the National Insurance Scheme. This will provide a guaranteed safety net for workers at all levels who are contributors to the NIS, with the exception of the self-employed.

We are also already developing the legal and institutional framework to make unemployment insurance available to all employees in Jamaica.



On-the-Job Training Policy

We will be restructuring our on-the-job training policy and procedures to expand reach and provide more opportunities for targeted groups such as members of PATH households.



Job Fairs

We will increase the number of job fairs, career workshops and recruitment drives as practical means of bringing job seekers and potential employers together in person.



I AM ABLE: MYJCPD App

We have launched a groundbreaking digital platform to streamline services, provide real-time updates, and expand access to jobs, scholarships, and training opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. We will further invest in this platform to expand its features, increase accessibility, and ensure that all persons with disabilities can confidently access government support.



Jamaica Partnership Programme (JPP)

The JPP will unite stakeholders, government, private sector, Diaspora and donors to support the elderly, low-income families and Persons with Disabilities through community centres, assistive devices and livelihood initiatives. Our goal is to supply more assistive devices, create community centres for seniors and launch livelihood support programs for vulnerable individuals



Occupational Safety and Health Bill (OSH)

We will finalise and pass the OSH Bill to protect workers' rights, set high safety standards and ensure safer workplaces across all industries.





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MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OUR VISION

We will unlock the full potential of our rural areas and underserved communities by investing in people, infrastructure, and opportunity, because where you live should never determine how far you can go. In spreading growth across the island, from coast to hillside, we choose Jamaica.



Empowering Rural Jamaica – Investing in Sustainable Development

We pledge to implement a comprehensive strategy to promote the development of rural Jamaica and empower communities, re-focusing and re-imagining possibilities for rural citizens. We will do this through:

- Expanding access to essential infrastructure, including water, internet, streetlights and public transportation.
- Rehabilitating and modernising markets with a focus on sustainability.
- Increasing support to farmers through training on sustainable agricultural practices, including climate-smart agriculture and value-added processing.
- Connecting rural farmers to local, regional, and national markets through improved transportation and marketing channels.
- Improving access and removing barriers to quality education and skills training programmes in rural communities.
- Enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities through further improvement to health centers, mobile clinics and telemedicine initiatives.
- Empowering Community Organisations to play a leading role in community development.
- Developing and promoting sustainable agro-tourism and eco-tourism investments in rural Jamaica.
- Enhancing the preservation and promotion of the rich cultural heritage of rural communities.



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***GREATNESS IN
CULTURE, GENDER,
HERITAGE & SPORTS***

OUR VISION

We will build a stronger Jamaica by transforming our cultural and creative industries into a global powerhouse, creating jobs and income for communities while protecting our unique identity. We will also champion gender equity by providing real support for all individuals, including women, men, children, and vulnerable communities. In addition, we will use sports as a powerful tool for national development, promoting better health, fostering national pride, and creating new economic and youth opportunities.

Culture

Support Cultural Practitioners

We will build on the Economic Empowerment programmes we put in place for cultural and religious groupings and communities, by expanding training in creative rights and business, introducing group health insurance and certifying practitioners through the CPTC and Media Technology Institute using prior learning portfolios.



Promote Cultural Trade and Financial Inclusion

Implement a National Cultural Trade Strategy, streamline CSME certification, and help entertainers access financial services, bank accounts, and business development tools.



Advance Reparatory Justice

Finalise a National Reparation Policy and Roadmap, submit a Reparations Petition to King Charles III, and invest in Maroon and Rastafari communities, including the building of a Permanent Elder Care Home and the protection of Rastafari children's rights in schools.



Promote Cultural Equity and Accessibility

Ensure entertainment venues include ramp access and sign language interpretation and expand community movie theatres and Digital National Museums for immersive, inclusive cultural access.

Gender

Investing in Working Families

We envision a Jamaica where all working families have access to quality, affordable, and government-supported childcare, enabling parents to participate fully in the workforce while ensuring the well-being of their children.

We will establish a National Child Care Task Force to map the demand for childcare across Jamaica and develop a clear plan to deliver more government-run facilities—starting with two in every parish (brain

builders). Priority will be given to densely populated areas and communities with high female labour force participation.



CHILD Care Grant (Caring for Her Independence Learning and Development)

Too many women are unable to enter the workforce due to maternal responsibilities – unpaid care work. We will do more to support the social and economic well-being of our mothers. Under the HEART Trust/ NSTA, we will introduce the Caring for Her Independence Learning and Development Care Grant. Women with children born in the last 3 years (since the start of 2022) who enrol in a HEART programme, will receive a monthly CHILD Care Grant for the duration of their programme.



Create a National Gender Commission

Transform the Bureau of Gender Affairs into a National Gender Commission with legal powers, supported by a Board of Commissioners and establish a men and boys department for male engagement and support.



Strengthen Laws to Protect Women and Children

Enact legal reforms to criminalise stalking, increase penalties for gender-based violence, and introduce new offences targeting predatory abuse by trusted adults. Harsher penalties and more effective monitoring and enforcement will be a part of this legislative/institutional agenda.



Expand Domestic Violence Shelters and Support Services

Operationalise all three state-run National Shelters offering legal aid, counselling, and family-centered care for survivors of violence and add a Transitional Safe Home to assist in social re-integration of survivors who have exited the most difficult of circumstances.



Empower Adolescent Mothers

We will build on successes of our last administration by scaling up the Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation and

the A-STREAM programme to provide reintegration, mentorship, and scholarships for pregnant and teen mothers as we break more cycles of inter-generational poverty.

Increase Economic Opportunities for Women and Seniors

Provide start-up support to seniors without income including in areas such as digital literacy, youth mentorship, remedial education and general childcare;

We will also deliver skills training, job placement, and family support for rural women and GBV survivors.

Sensitive & Dignified Support to Fight Period Poverty

Expand sensitive and dignified access to free hygiene items, to be managed in schools including packages for students on PATH.

Apply a Gender Lens to Our Justice Systems

Embed Gender Optimisation Services into the judicial system, launch an early-warning GBV app, and build Jamaica's first shelter for trafficked boys.

Consideration of Public Sex Offender Registry

Undertake final consultations to explore the option of making the Sex Offenders Registry public.

Perimenopausal/Menopausal Programmes

We will establish perimenopausal/menopausal programmes to ensure that the health system is designed to educate the population more widely and to support women as they transition through these life stages. This will include ensuring that the formal pharmaceutical processes provide appropriate medication and treatments available; that the medical community is more educated about modern diagnostic approaches; and that preventive health benefits are shared more widely. This is how we will address physical and emotional symptoms, improve overall well-being, and help women prevent and navigate potential health issues related to hormonal changes.

Sports



Modernise Sports Governance

Restructure major institutions including Institute of Sports (INSPORTS), Independence Park Ltd., Sports Development Foundation and to improve performance and accountability.



Expand Athlete Support and Development

Launch a Junior Athlete Incubator Programme, introduce a National Athlete Retention Strategy, and provide corporate sponsorships, training and post-career planning for athletes.



National Stadium Redevelopment

We will undertake a historic renovation and remodeling of the National Stadium to make it fit for the world-renowned sprint nation that we are. Having started with the iconic black green and gold track, we will increase capacity, add 90% covered modern seating, new technology, anti-doping facilities, media facilities, lounges and new concession facilities. The Stadium will also be the home of the National Sports Museum.



Upgrade of Sports Facilities Nationwide

We will also enhance the Trelawny Stadium, build a National Sports Museum, and in partnership with UWI and Usain Bolt, create a Sports Medicine Centre.



Promote Sport Tourism and Participation

Position Jamaica as a sport tourism hub, increase investment in community-level sports, and provide funding to local clubs and national sports federations.



Sport Safeguarding Policy to Protect Youth in Sport

Implement a Sport Safeguarding Policy, maintain a certified coaches database, and enforce a national code of conduct for all sports organisations.



Use Technology to Advance Sports

Roll out an Athlete Management System, adopt a Results Management System, and expand digitisation of sports records and recovery data.



E-sports and Digital Athletics

We will formally introduce E-sports and Digital Athletics into national sport policy, recognising their growing popularity and commercial value. This initiative will expand youth participation, encourage digital entrepreneurship and place Jamaica at the forefront of the evolving global digital sports economy.



Develop Talent in Dance, Diving, and Gymnastics

To diversify athletic success beyond traditional disciplines, we will identify and nurture raw talent in areas like dance, diving and gymnastics to be streamlined into the National Gymnastics and National Diving Teams.



GC Foster Sports Scholarships

We will offer 500 tuition scholarships each year to high school students from across Jamaica who aspire to build a career in sports – whether as athletes, coaches, trainers, sport managers, or sports teachers. These scholarships will provide full tuition at GC Foster College of Physical Education and Sport, giving recipients the professional training, coaching expertise, and academic qualifications needed to succeed.

At a cost of \$75M annually, the programme will meet students at their academic level and place a strong emphasis on sports and gender equity, ensuring that young women and men have equal opportunities to excel in all sporting disciplines. It will also give them the opportunity to earn diploma and degree certifications, opening the door to long-term careers in the sports industry. This investment will prepare Jamaica's next generation of sporting leaders, strengthen our global sporting legacy, create jobs, and empower communities through education and sport.



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***STRONGER, BETTER
& FAIRER GOVERNANCE
AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM***

OUR VISION

We believe that good governance begins with openness, integrity, and trust. We believe that as stewards of Jamaica's resources, we have a responsibility to report to you and to be accountable to you in order keep our democracy strong and vibrant. We choose transparent and accountable democratic governance for our beloved country.



Making the Law Work for You

The Laws of Jamaica are for everyone. We will develop an Artificial Intelligence tool to explain the provisions of legislation to help all Jamaicans to better understand our laws and how our laws impact them.



Clarity and Accountability in Representation

We will continue to strengthen the framework for transparency and accountability in public service by launching a public education campaign to sensitise the public about the job descriptions for Members of Parliament approved in the last session of Parliament. This will allow for further discussion among the wider population and assist citizens to better understand their roles and performance expectations.



Constitutional Reform with the People at the Centre

We will prioritise Jamaica's transition to a Republic. We will also continue to broaden national consultations on wider constitutional reform to ensure that the voices of all Jamaicans are heard and respected. We remain committed to an inclusive and participatory process that advances the phases of reform and strengthens our democratic foundations.



Reform of Laws of Jamaica and the Legislative Drafting Process

Simplification and shortening of the legislation making steps while further improving the quality of legislative instruments.

Through intra-government and public consultative processes, create lists of pre-Charter laws for scheduled reform, until all are brought up to date.



Continuous Training for Legislative Drafting Teams

Development of a Legislative Policy programme for the continuous training of Ministry Legislative Teams.



Increase Public Awareness of Constitution, Laws and Governance

Publication of Explanatory Notes for the Constitution of Jamaica, and over time, all Laws of Jamaica, with simplified versions to increase knowledge and compliance.



Strong and Fair Anti-Corruption and Oversight Bodies

We will continue to strengthen and invest in Jamaica's key anti-corruption, oversight and accountability bodies, ensuring they have the frameworks, resources and capacity to operate at the highest standards. The reinforcement of fairness, safeguarding of the public trust and upholding the credibility of our governance systems are critical to maintaining our strong democracy.



Protecting Your Data, Prioritising Digital Governance

Digital governance will continue to be a high priority as we work to serve you more efficiently. To complement new technological processes and approaches, we will strengthen the enforcement of the Data Protection Act to protect your personal information and ensure wide access to digital literacy tools to ensure that no one is left behind.



Protecting Jamaica from AI Misuse and Safeguarding Digital Dignity

We will strengthen legal protections that recognize every Jamaican's face, voice, and likeness as their personal property, ensuring that no one can exploit or reproduce them without consent.



Modernising Access to Information

In addition, we will re-visit and advance unfinished work in the review of the ATI framework. We will increase access to public information by modernising the Access to Information Act to ensure that citizens have timely access to public documents in a convenient manner.



Real Time Procurement Portal – Real Transparency

We will promote transparency in the management of your tax dollars by establishing a real-time public procurement portal where citizens can know the winners of contracts across government. This will also promote fairness and public understanding of government contracting systems and procedures.



Clear Service Standards Across Government

We will make it easier to interact with government agencies. By advancing the Customer Service Excellence Policy, we will introduce clear, enforceable standards for public sector processes, giving you peace of mind and a better experience whenever you need to get things done.



GOJ Talent Gateway

The Government of Jamaica is the single largest employer in our country. We will introduce the GOJ Talent Gateway to promote transparency in the public sector hiring process and recruit the most talented and qualified Jamaicans to the public service. The Gateway will be a single portal where public sector vacancies are advertised so every qualified Jamaican can have the opportunity to serve their nation.



Protecting Our Financial Integrity and Expanding Access

Having undertaken the hard systemic changes needed to secure our removal from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list and the European Union (EU) list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions, we will continue to ensure that our Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism systems are robust and in line with best practices so that access to financing is open to all. We will also ensure that they are risk-appropriate so that businesses do not bear an inordinate compliance burden without compromising progress made.



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STRATEGIC CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE

OUR VISION

In a changing geopolitical landscape characterised by uncertainty, ever-evolving circumstances must be seen as opportunities, rather than insurmountable obstacles to our national development, and we commit to always working with partners to advance Jamaica's interests. We will provide safe leadership, promoting Jamaica's social and economic development, and expand opportunities for our exports.

Foreign Affairs



Expand Jamaica's Positive and Effective Global Presence

In regional, hemispheric and multilateral fora, we will further strengthen good relations with countries across the world including close friends and non-traditional partners.

We will foster closer cooperation and promote mutual understanding on issues that challenge our world, between small and developing countries and among larger and more developed nations.

We will maximise our soft power and diplomatic skills to promote the resolution of conflicts that impinge on the well-being of our people and beyond.

We will continue to support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our CARICOM partners.



Alignment with National Development Goals

We will ensure synergy between Jamaica's international initiatives and our national development goals, including trade and investment, physical and cyber security, agriculture, climate resilience, infrastructure, education, health, clean and affordable energy as well as technology.

Accordingly, we will position ourselves strategically to collaborate with international organisations and bilateral partners; and leverage agreements that can address common issues such as funding for climate resilience and inclusive, sustainable social development through accelerated poverty reduction and transnational security, which are global and national priorities.

We will continue to support a rules-based multilateral system aligned with the UN Charter, even as we advocate for reforms to make the system more representative of a post-colonial world and more responsive in the face of unprecedented modern challenges.



Advancement of the Economic Diplomacy Programme

We will continue to assess and strengthen the partnership between our overseas missions and JAMPRO to ensure the effectiveness of our Economic Diplomacy Programme in support of overseas opportunities for Jamaican businesses at home, and of investments in Jamaica by businesses overseas including those owned by our Diaspora. Together we will use effective public diplomacy initiatives to strategically promote Jamaica in both contexts.



Strengthened Consular Services & Diaspora Engagement

We will continue to strengthen the capacity of our diplomatic missions and consular network overseas. Digital diplomacy and the successful implementation of AI and other technologies already underway, will continue to boost the efficiency of consular services to Jamaican nationals overseas.

We will continue to hail the invaluable contributions of Jamaicans in every corner of the world, toward national development, and look forward to further harnessing the limitless potential of the GOJ / Diaspora partnership under the National Diaspora Policy.

We will also pursue re-energized and deepened collaboration with the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council and the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council, as we continue to mainstream Diaspora engagement and partnership at all levels of national development and plan for the 11th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference.

Foreign Trade



Leveraging Opportunities for Export Market Expansion

We will continue to strategically leverage the provisions of multilateral and bilateral Trade Agreements to create even more opportunities for local businesses to expand the export of goods and services into new markets. As we continue to create the conditions for increased exports, we will increase employment for Jamaicans and Jamaica's overall economic growth.



Greater Implementation of CSME (CARICOM)

We will work with CARICOM partners to develop more efficient and effective governance processes, decision-making and implementation and resolution of outstanding trade-related disputes. This will include review of modalities to give effect to the CARICOM Single Market, mindful of our small size as a region and the importance of a collective approach to the global market.



Support for Innovative Approaches to Foreign Trade Expansion

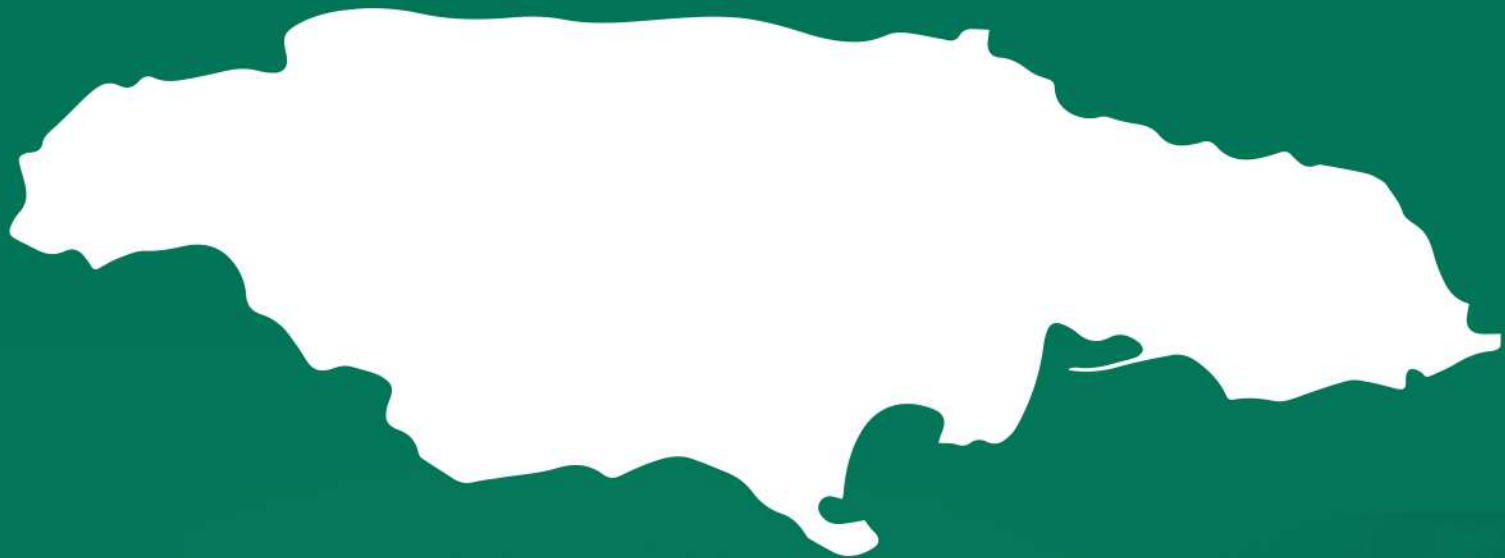
We will review and update the National Foreign Trade Policy and Action Plan and leverage every opportunity, through economic diplomacy, for access to critical resources and new technologies that will support innovation in production and industrial development. This support will be particularly important for businesses to gain and maintain a competitive advantage in the production of specialised goods and services.



Pursuit of New Trade and Investment Opportunities

We will continue to buttress our engagements on trade issues in the global, hemispheric, and regional contexts, within CARICOM and the LAC region as well as through our membership of important organisations viz. the UN and its specialised agencies such as the WTO; EU-OACPS-CARIFORUM, and the Commonwealth.

We will deepen engagement with our private sector and civil society on these initiatives and support our Foreign Trade sector to serve as a catalyst for increased exports and foreign investments in other economic sectors, such as services including the cultural and creative sector services and tourism.



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