



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME AS  
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No.	No.	Ministry	Name of Policy	Purpose	Stage	Comments
1.	1.	Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport	National Culture Policy of Jamaica	The aim of the revised National Culture Policy is to establish a robust and relevant framework which can guide the Government of Jamaica as it seeks to safeguard, develop and promote our Jamaica's culture and cultural and creative industries.	1	
2.	1.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Population Policy and Plan of Action (Revision)	The Population Policy is a deliberate attempt to influence population parameters – fertility, mortality and migration – to meet the sustainable development imperatives of the country.	1	
3.	2.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Water Sector Policy and Implementation Plan 2004 (Review)	To provide universal access to potable water to all Jamaicans by 2030	2	
4.	3.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Beach Access and Management Policy	To ensure access rights are preserved as well as the effective management of the island's beaches, particularly public beaches.	2	
5.	4.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Policy on Environmental Management Systems (EMS)	The Policy seeks to support the implementation of EMS within the public and private sectors.	2	

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6.	5.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Sustainable Management of Public Sector Residential Real Estate (formerly Policy for Divestment of Government-Owned Houses)	To establish a framework to guide the divestment of government owned houses in an efficient and transparent manner.	2	
7.	6.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Revision of the 2008 Housing Public Private Partnership (HPPP) Policy	<p>The Housing Agency of Jamaica Limited (HAJL) has been utilizing an approach as it relates to unsolicited proposals from prospective Developers to enter into Housing Public Private Partnership (HPPP) Agreements to pursue a number of housing developments.</p> <p>The current HPPP (2008) does not adequately address this new model and as such, Cabinet by way of Decision No. 36/13 instructed that the Policy should be reviewed to incorporate this model.</p>	2	
8.	7.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Dolphin Policy for Jamaica	The development of the Policy is for the protection and conservation of Dolphins (emphasis on the Bottlenose	3	

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				Dolphins) within Jamaica's jurisdiction.		
9.	8.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Housing Policy and Implementation Plan	To give strategic direction to Jamaica's housing sector, so as to provide the enabling framework within which the Government can realize its goal of access to affordable, safe and legal housing solutions for all Jamaicans by 2030.	3	
10.	9.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Policy on Poverty (and National Poverty Reduction Programme)	<p>This National Policy on Poverty and its associated National Poverty Reduction Programme will provide a focused and integrated framework that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Outlines the Government's prioritization of the issue of poverty;</li> <li>b) Provides a structured and coordinated approach to monitoring and evaluation of poverty reduction interventions;</li> <li>c) Emphasises improved coordination, integration, collaboration, and efficiencies among poverty reduction programmes;</li> </ul>	3	

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				d) Provides the basis for resource mobilization for poverty programmes; e) Provides a locus of responsibility for coordinating the National Poverty Reduction Programme; f) Identifies key focus areas and target groups for prioritization within a medium-term National Poverty; and Reduction Programme g) Provides a credible and responsive mechanism to positively and directly influence poverty prevalence.		
11.	10.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Forestry Policy	The goals of the Policy are presented under three broad headings: 1. Governance of the forestry sector; 2. The conservation and protection of forest ecological systems; and 3. Incorporation of socio-economic considerations into forest management.	4	
12.	11.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	National Policy on International	The overall objective of the National Policy and Plan of Action is to contribute to socio-economic	4	

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			Migration and Development	<p>development by integrating international migration into development planning at the national and sectoral levels.</p> <p>The Policy will forge a common understanding of the migration and development nexus. A number of positive impacts have been identified, which underscore the potential of migration to contribute to development. It is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better utilize international migration flows to improve critical economic development indicators and outcomes;</li> <li>• improve the quality of life of migrants and citizens through: (i) direct assistance to targeted sectors; and (ii) overall knowledge, skills and cultural exchanges;</li> <li>• foster collaborative efforts that seek to create a more defined foreign policy position on issues dealing with border protection and management;</li> </ul>		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guide actions and establish protocols and mechanisms for the definitive steps to be taken by the National Working Group on International Migration and Development and the International Migration and Development Monitoring Board;</li> <li>• introduce, rationalize and repeal migration related legislation;</li> <li>• improve collaboration and dialogue among MDAs to ensure inter-institutional policy coherence; and</li> <li>• facilitate stronger partnerships with non-state actors through the utilization of participatory approaches to national development.</li> </ul>		
13.	1.	Education, Youth and Information	Pathways to Secondary Education	To provide diverse learning opportunities in the education system to meet the differentiated needs of learners and to engender improved educational outcomes for all students	2	
14.	2.	Education, Youth and Information	National Play Policy	This policy is in keeping with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and as part of the new thrust to make	2	

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				Jamaican schools more child- friendly. It also supports the new child-centred play based on national early childhood curriculum.		
15.	3.	Education, Youth and Information	National School Feeding Policy	To provide good nutrition for physical, social and cognitive development of students thereby increasing their ability to participate in learning activities. Additionally, the Policy aims at the standardization of the School Feeding Programme and regularization of programme procedures.	2	
16.	4.	Education, Youth and Information	National Youth Policy	To provide the guiding principles and a framework for enhancing youth development. It sets out a mechanism to create an environment that will optimize the potential of young Jamaican to adequately adapt to and cope with the various environmental and social challenges.	3	
17.	5.	Education, Youth and Information	Safe Schools Policy	To provide schools with policy guidelines directed at securing children at school and addressing issues of security in schools.	3	



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18.		<b>Finance and the Public Service</b>				<b>The Ministry has no submissions for the Programme at this time.</b>
19.	1.	Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	National Consular Policy	To create a comprehensive framework to address the complexity of consular needs and improve the quality, efficiency and reach of consular services provided to Jamaican nationals abroad and at home.	2	
20.	2.	Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade	Foreign Trade Policy	To revise Jamaica's Foreign Trade Policy	4	
21.	1.	Health	National Infant and Young Child Feeding Policy	To create a sustainable environment that will contribute to reduction in child morbidity and mortality and improvement in child health and nutrition	3	
22.	2.	Health	HIV Policy (Revision)	To address the broad and evolving range of challenges and opportunities associated with HIV epidemic.	2	
23.	1.	Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	Youth in Agriculture Policy and Action Plan	The Youth in Agriculture Policy is intended to provide the framework for guiding all the agencies and institutions contributing to the development of the agricultural sector using youth population as the vehicle. Importantly it should minimize	2	

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				<p>duplication and splintering of resources and programmes especially among Government Agencies, and establish a framework for focused coordination. The policy will also provide the enabling environment for the realisation of the sector's 2030 goals and establish clear pathway for transition and sustainability.</p> <p>The objectives of the policy are to provide a framework for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The creation of a strategic plan for youth involvement in the sector</li> <li>2. Creation of specific guidelines for access to land and other resources</li> <li>3. Youth participation in the sector's policy decisions</li> <li>4. Youth in agriculture education</li> <li>5. Coordination of rural and agriculture youth related activities</li> </ol> <p>Funding for rural youth and agriculture related programme</p>		
24.	2.	Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	Revised Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise and	The reviewed policy refocuses on the development of the micro small and mediums sized enterprises and refined the programmatic areas of	2	

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			Entrepreneurship Policy	business development support and capacity building, an enabling business environment, improving financing to the sector, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship along with cross cutting issues. The revised policy updated and agreed on a national definition for MSMEs and added the inclusion of social enterprises and social value creation. Additionally, a three (3) year implementation plan (reviewable) and a monitoring and evaluation framework were added to the policy. The reviewed policy also now contains targeted policy strategies and a wide range of actions ranging from marketing, financing, promoting, innovation, management, research, legislation etc.		
25.	3.	Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	Agricultural Land Use Policy	This Policy has been developed in response to the national imperative to guide proper administration and management of land for sustainable use that will foster agricultural growth, encourage opportunities for investment and income generation, satisfy the demand for lands for	4	

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				agricultural production, re-generate livelihoods for farming communities, and promote overall economic development of the country.		
26.	4.	Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries	National Seed Policy and Plan	<p>The policy focuses on the development of a seed system that ensures the availability of high quality seed which is accessible to end users. The policy addresses research, plant breeding and evaluation, seed multiplication, processing and storage, quality control, marketing, promotion and protection of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture. The policy makes provision for the implementation of an appropriate institutional framework, building of technical and institutional capacity, promulgation of seed legislation, financing strategy and a communication programme.</p> <p>The goal of the policy is to establish a sustainable seed system that ensures a consistent and reliable supply of clean, affordable and accessible seed in support of agricultural production,</p>	3	

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				productivity, food security and biodiversity.		
27.		<b>Justice</b>				<b>The Ministry has no submissions for the programme at this time.</b>
28.	1.	Office of the Prime Minister	National Identification System (NIDS)	<p>The overall objective of the NIDS is to:</p> <p>(i) Guarantee that each citizen or person ordinarily resident in Jamaica will be issued with a lifetime unique National Identification Number (NIN);</p> <p>(ii) Establish a reliable database of Jamaican citizens and other individuals ordinarily resident in Jamaica, with a NIN as the primary key/identifier of a person in the system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue each citizen or person ordinarily resident with a multi-purpose identification card;</li> <li>• Establish an effective and convenient system of identification verification and authentication thereby</li> </ul>	5	

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				<p>reducing the possibility of persons having multiple identities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the governance and management of national, social, economic and security programmes; and</li> <li>• Strengthen immigration and border control arrangements.</li> </ul>		
29.	1.	Tourism	Craft Policy	To develop and implement flagship heritage, cultural, historical and nature based attraction projects.	2	
30.	2.	Tourism	Network Policy and Strategy	<p>To enable the tourism sector to facilitate growth in the economy through key Networks that provide a foundation for coordinated achievement and growth.</p> <p>The Policy and Strategy document will present a framework for expanding the activities of the Linkages programme, with the build-out of five Network areas, namely: Knowledge, Gastronomy, Health &amp; Wellness, Shopping and Sports &amp; Entertainment.</p>	2	

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31.		Transport and Mining				The Ministry has no policies approved for development at this time. They have advised that matters will be brought to Cabinet shortly.