

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (BY MINISTRY)

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| 1. | 1. | Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining | Agricultural Land Use Policy | To guide the acceptable administration and sustainable management of prime agricultural lands for economic growth, investment and environmentally sustainable use of agricultural land resources within the sector. | 3 |
| 2. | 2. | Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining | Industrial Minerals Policy | To manage the development of the industrial minerals sub-sector to accrue to the benefit of Jamaica. | 2 |
| 3. | 3. | Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining | Organic Agriculture Policy | To provide the framework for guiding all organic agriculture-related development and implementation. | 2 |
| 4. | 4. | Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining | Youth in Agriculture Policy | To provide the framework for the development of the agricultural sector using the youth population as the vehicle. | 2 |
| 5. | 1. | Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport | Culture Policy (Working title National Policy for Culture and the Creative Economy) | To establish a robust and relevant framework to safeguard, develop and promote Jamaica’s culture and cultural and creative industries. | 2 |
| 6. | 2. | Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport | Safeguarding Policy | To establish a policy framework treating specifically with issues concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable groups in sports, which supports existing legislation and regulations and is entrenched in good sports governance. | 1 |
| 7. | 1. | 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. | 3 |
| 8. | 2. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | Cays Management Policy | To support the sustainable management of Jamaica’s cays. | 2 |
| 9. | 3. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | Construction Industry Policy | To provide a comprehensive framework to strengthen institutional mechanisms and operational processes within the construction sector. | 1 |

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| 10. | 4. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | Housing Public-Private Partnership Policy | To provide for public-private partnership developments being undertaken under the Housing Act (1968) on lands registered in the name of the Minister of Housing and set out provisions for developments which are facilitated by the Ministry with portfolio responsibility for housing. | 2 |
| 11. | 5. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | National Squatter Management Policy and Implementation Plan | To develop a national framework to regulate and manage squatting in Jamaica. | 2 |
| 12. | 6. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | National Urban Renewal Policy and Action Plan | To provide the strategic framework to guide and manage sustainable urban renewal across Jamaica. | 2 |
| 13. | 7. | Economic Growth and Job Creation | Overarching Policy for Jamaica’s Protected Areas System | To guide and provide an enabling environment for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, effective and representative system of protected areas. | 3 |
| 14. | 1. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | Children’s Policy | <p>To facilitate a comprehensive analysis of current circumstances, for new policy directions to be articulated, for emergent and extant issues to be addressed, and for the policy framework to be modernized to create harmonization across the policy landscape.</p> <p>This policy is a revision of the National Policy on Children, developed in 1997.</p> | 1 |
| 15. | 2. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | Electronic Media and Content Policy (EMC Policy) | To introduce critical strategies to address issues and gaps in the existing regulatory framework and enable better functioning of the EMC Industry, and to foster a modern and sustainable regulatory framework, promoting innovation, local content and prioritizing consumer protection. | 2 |
| 16. | 3. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | Higher Education Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish globally relevant institutions by developing a coherent framework for the regulation of the higher education sector.• To advance a dynamic higher education sector that is responsive to the needs of the labour market by promoting cooperation between regulatory entities and reforming the funding mechanism.• To facilitate economic resilience by increasing access to higher education for all Jamaicans. | 2 |

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| 17. | 4. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | National Safe Schools Policy | To provide schools with policy guidelines directed at securing children at school and addressing issues of security in schools. | 2 |
| 18. | 5. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | National School Nutrition 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. | 3 |
| 19. | 6. | Education, Skills, Youth and Information | Pathways in Education Policy | To provide students with multiple pathways or options in pursuit of excellence. | 2 |
| 20. | | Finance and the Public Service | | | |
| 21. | 1. | Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade | 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 overseas and in Jamaica, as well as to foreign nationals. | 2 |
| 22. | 1. | Health and Wellness | Health Insurance Policy | To provide appropriate levels of access, coverage and financial protection to the population. | 3 |
| 23. | 2. | Health and Wellness | Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy | To provide a robust framework to guide the health sector and key partners in delivering integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health services as well as outline the government's commitment to improving Sexual and Reproductive Health outcomes in alignment with the National Development Plan and other international commitments. | 2 |
| 24. | 1. | Industry, Investment and Commerce | Consumer Protection and Welfare Policy and Implementation Plan (formerly Consumer Affairs Policy) | To leverage synergies across portfolio areas, thereby maximizing the efficient use of government resources in enhancing consumer welfare. | 2 |

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| 25. | 2. | Industry, Investment and Commerce | National Services Policy and Implementation Plan (formerly Services Policy) | To leverage synergies across portfolio areas and thereby maximize the efficient use of government resources in enhancing the services sector. | 2 |
| 26. | 1. | Justice | Restorative Justice Policy | To establish a framework for the utilisation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism as a means of restoring social relationships by allowing parties with a stake in a particular offence to come together to collectively determine how to treat with the aftermath of the offence and the implications for the future. | 3 |
| 27. | | Labour and Social Security | | | |
| 28. | | Legal and Constitutional Affairs | | | |
| 29. | 1. | Local Government and Community Development | Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Policy | To build Jamaica's resilience to disasters by placing emphasis on risk identification, disaster risk preparedness and reduction, disaster recovery and reconstruction, disaster risk financing, financial protection and risk transfer, modern and innovative legal and institutional frameworks for Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management (CDRM) and social protection to ensure that Jamaica achieves the vision of becoming a resilient and safe country by 2040. | 3 |
| 30. | 1. | National Security | Border Security Policy and Strategy | To strengthen Jamaica's border and maritime domain capabilities and bolster counter narcotics and transnational organized crime efforts in support of national security. | 2 |
| 31. | 2. | National Security | Correctional Services Policy (formerly the Offender Management Policy) | To provide for comprehensive review and reform of the offender management systems (rehabilitation, correction, probationary and reintegration) of the Department of Correctional Services. | 3 |
| 32. | 3. | National Security | Visa Policy | To strengthen Jamaica's border management capacity whilst facilitating trade and development. | 3 |

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| 33. | 1. | Office of the Prime Minister | Employment Policy | To foster sustainable economic development in Jamaica by promoting full and productive employment. The Policy also aims to create an inclusive, dynamic and resilient labour market that provides opportunities for all Jamaicans. | 1 |
| 34. | 2. | Office of the Prime Minister | National Computer Animation and Industry Policy | To provide the mechanisms, strategies and regulatory framework required to address the issues and needs of the industry, thereby establishing a viable, coordinated and sustainable Computer Animation Industry. | 2 |
| 35. | | Office of the Cabinet | | | |
| 36. | 1. | Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport | National Transport Policy | To guide the overall development of the transport sector and to provide the framework for the development of environmentally sound transport infrastructure and services in support of sustainable economic and social growth. | 2 |
| 37. | 2. | Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport | Road Safety Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide the basis for achievement of the vision of a safe traffic environment;• To assist in guiding and coordinating the actions of relevant ministries and organisations toward the rational use of scarce resources and reduction of the duplication of effort.• To create a framework for the undertaking of corrective programme interventions and;• To facilitate steps to access funding. | 2 |
| 38. | 1. | Tourism | Community Tourism Policy and Strategy | To encourage better inclusivity, coordination and integration of enterprises, to facilitate greater linkages and community participation. The expectation is for all members of the community to feel a sense of ownership and inclusion in the activity, where they can reap benefits through employment, returns on investment, community development or environmental conservation. | 2 |
| 39. | 2. | Tourism | Destination Assurance Framework and Strategy | To create a framework for the development and implementation of tourism assurance programmes aimed at ensuring that visitor expectations are met and exceeded consistently, anchored by principles of environmental, economic and social sustainability. | 3 |

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| 40. | 3. | Tourism | Tourism Linkages Network Policy & Action Plan (formerly Tourism Networks Policy and Strategy) | To prioritize and develop strategic connections within the tourism sector, identifying untapped opportunities for economic growth, community engagement, and diverse tourism offerings. The policy will target areas with competitive advantages and growth potential in the value chain, focusing on key sectors like culture and heritage tourism, community tourism, ecotourism, and transportation. Through this approach, the policy seeks to foster sustainable development, local ownership, and the expansion of tourism benefits. | 1 |

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