

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

No.	No.	Ministry	Name of Policy	Purpose	Stage
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.	1
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
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

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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.	8.	Economic Growth and Job Creation	Watersheds Policy	To facilitate effective management of the island's critical watershed areas.	5
15.	1.	Education and Youth	Children's Policy	This policy is a revision of the National Policy on Children, developed in 1997. The Policy will 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.	1
16.	2.	Education and Youth	Higher Education Policy	The objectives of the Policy are: <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
17.	3.	Education and Youth	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.	4.	Education and Youth	National School Nutrition Policy	To provide good nutrition for physical, social and cognitive development of students, and to standardise the School Feeding Programme.	3

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
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19.	5.	Education and Youth	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 abroad and at home.	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
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

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
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
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27.		Labour and Social Security			
28.		Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
29.	1.	Local Government and Community Development	Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Policy and Strategy, 2020-2040	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
33.	1.	Office of the Prime Minister	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
34.	2.	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

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
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
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35.	3.	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
36.		Office of the Cabinet			
37.	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
38.	2.	Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport	Road Safety Policy	The Policy seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the basis for achievement of the vision of a safe traffic environment; • 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. • create a framework for the undertaking of corrective programme interventions and; • facilitate steps to access funding. 	2
39.	1.	Tourism	Community Tourism Policy and Strategy	The Policy will seek 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
40.	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
41.	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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
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
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