

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Preamble

The Policy Development Programme is a tool which is used to monitor the progress of national policies being developed by Ministries. The Programme is updated biannually, at six-month intervals. The current update of the Policy Development Programme contains sixty-seven (67) policies listed by portfolio Ministry.

No.	Ministry	Name of Policy Being Developed	Purpose
1.	Agriculture & Fisheries	A Medium Term Policy Framework For The Jamaican Cattle Sector	This policy aims to stimulate redevelopment of the dairy farming sector through: -Alignment of the value-chain to ensure greater equity to all industry stakeholders inclusive of the consumer; -Increasing the international competitiveness of local beef and milk production; -Attracting youth and women to ensure continuity.
2.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Food Safety Policy	The policy aims to implement programmes that promote high standards of food hygiene and maintain systems of surveillance and control to ensure compliance with those standards.
3.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Policy Framework and Strategic Plan for Sustainable Fisheries Development in Jamaica	The policy aims to improve the institutional capacity and present management practices in the fisheries industry; to mitigate further deterioration of the resource base of capture fisheries and achieve sustainability in use of the said resource base.
4.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Plant Health Policy	The policy aims to establish a coordinated, sustainable and international compliant plant health system that enhances Jamaica's plant health status, thus fostering consumer, plant and environmental health and food security.
5.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Animal Health Policy	The policy aims to develop a coordinated, sustainable and internationally compliant and Animal Health and Welfare system. This policy covers the health and welfare of animals of aquatic and terrestrial natures that are used for food, work, sports, companionship, research, teaching and entertainment (equine).
6.	Agriculture &	Banana Policy	This policy will provide the platform for the restructuring and re-

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	Fisheries		orientation of Jamaica's banana industry in light of the decline of the export banana sector.
7.	Agriculture & Fisheries	National Organic Policy	This policy will cover organic food and farming systems. It will address accreditation of certification bodies, development of national organic standards and legislation that will govern the production and trade of organic food. It will also address Government's role in marketing, research and development and the provision of extension services and removal of fiscal disincentives to the organic agricultural sector. Capacity building among farmers and extension officers will also be addressed by this policy.
8.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Food and Nutrition Security Policy	<p>The food and nutrition security policy will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the food and nutritional goals that are to be met so that the country's agriculture and food systems can deliver adequate and nutritionally appropriate quantities of food, especially to low-income and vulnerable groups. 2. Make prescriptions for a structured food import replacement program and a re-orientation of food imports and the food distribution system, to increase the availability of good quality-nutritious foods in Jamaica.
9.	Agriculture & Fisheries	Agricultural Land Utilisation Policy	<p>The goals of the policy are to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure environmentally sustainable use of agricultural land resources; 2. Create and maintain a diversified, dynamic and progressive utilization of agricultural land; 3. Conserve, protect and manage forest lands that will lead to sustainable economic and social benefit; 4. Enable and facilitate developmental/welfare activities through infrastructure and support services; and

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			5. Maintain National Food Security
10.	Agriculture & Fisheries	National Seed Policy	The policy aims to create a framework for the development of a local seed industry.
11.	Education	Compulsory Education Policy	The policy is designed to support the mandatory engagement of all children between the ages of 3 to 18 years in a meaningful learning process and in a structured and regulated setting. It addresses regular attendance at learning institutions for all children as well as exposure to both academic and vocational programme at the secondary level
12.	Education	National Curriculum Policy	The policy will create a regulatory framework that will provide clear and specific guidelines that will result in the development and implementation of curricula of the highest quality.
13.	Education	Special Education	This policy will guide the implementation of the special education mandate of ensuring adequate and appropriate provisions that will ensure access and equity, in the planning and delivery of special education services.
14.	Education	National Policy for HIV/AIDS Management in Schools	The policy will guide the management of HIV/AIDS within educational institutions in order to promote effective prevention and care within the context of the education system
15.	Education	National Policy on Independent Schools	This policy will provide a broad-based framework to guide operations and governance of the independent (Private) educational institutions in Jamaica, outlining registration procedures, accreditation and supervision.
16.	Education	Safe Schools Policy	To provide schools with policy guidelines directed at securing children at school and addressing issues of security in schools.
17.	Education	National Parenting Policy	To support the development of an enabling environment for our nation's children

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18.	Education	National Lifelong Learning Policy	To foster a climate that allows for continuous engagement by the population with knowledge and skills acquisition, leading to enhanced personal and national productivity and employability as well as active citizenship, strong families, healthy population and personal fulfilment.
19.	Energy and Mining	National Energy Conservation and Efficiency Policy (An addendum to the National Policy 2009-2030)	This policy is an Addendum to the National Energy Policy. It is specifically intended to highlight Government's position on measures to optimize energy efficiency and energy conservation
20.	Energy and Mining	Renewable Energy Policy	This Policy is also key component of the National Energy Policy 2009-2030. The policy will promote the security of energy through the diversification of fuels as well as development of renewable
21.	Energy and Mining	Bio-Fuels Policy	Policy also intertwined in the National Energy Policy 2009-2030. This Policy is intended to establish and promote a viable bio-energy industry in Jamaica, where bio-ethanol and bio-diesel are supported in production and consumption.
22.	Energy and Mining	National Carbon Emissions Trading Policy	The National Energy Policy 2009-2030 provides support for this policy. The Carbon Emissions Trading Policy is designed to promote sustainable development. It resulted from directives under the Kyoto Protocol for Clean Development Mechanism
23.	Energy and Mining	Waste to Energy Policy	
24.	Energy and Mining	Electricity Power Sector Policy and Strategy	This policy is being developed in line with the National Energy Policy to target the electricity sector. The policy will seek to address incentives for the use of renewable sources of energy with a move towards net metering as one specific component.
25.	Energy and Mining	National Minerals Policy	The Policy will focus on the development of the minerals industry.
26.	Finance & the Public Service	This Ministry is not developing any policies that will go the route of Green/White Paper at this time.	
27.	Foreign Affairs &	This Ministry is not developing any policies that will go the route of Green/White	

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	Foreign Trade	Paper at this time.	
28.	Health	This Ministry is not developing any policies that will go the route of Green/White Paper at this time.	
29.	Industry, Investment & Commerce	Small Business Development	This policy seeks to articulate in a precise and clear way the Government of Jamaica vision for the Sector and the means for achievement of the vision. The policy governing small business development is a subset of the National Industrial Policy 1996. Presently, the objective is to consolidate all the policies relating to the small business sector.
30.	Industry, Investment & Commerce	Motor Vehicle Import Policy (MVIP)	The MVIP was last revised in 2004 by way of Ministry Paper No. 73. There have been developments in the sector which require a review of the Policy with respect to other vehicles and/or parts that may need to be placed on licensing and the certification process for dealers, among other matters.
31.	Industry, Investment & Commerce	Film Industry Policy Framework	This policy framework seeks to articulate an enabling environment for the film industry as enunciated in the National Industry Policy.
32.	Justice	Restorative Justice	Restorative Justice is a response to crime that focuses on restoring the losses suffered by victims, holding offenders accountable for the harm they have caused, and building peace within communities.
33.	Justice	Child Diversion Policy	To provide alternative options to youth offenders to steer them away from formal prosecution and eventual incarceration thereby facilitating positive behaviour modification and rehabilitation.
34.	Labour & Social Security	National HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy	To provide guidelines and legislation to promote the health of the population through healthy lifestyles, protect the rights of people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS and mitigate the social-economic impact of the epidemic.
35.	Labour & Social Security	National Employment Policy	To promote full and productive employment for all groups (including the disabled) and employment free from discrimination base on sex, religion, race, colour or political extraction.

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36.	Labour & Social Security	National Hazardous Installation Policy	The primary intent of this policy is the prevention of major accidents involving hazardous installations (locations where substances of a hazardous nature are processed, stored, disposed of or handled in such quantities) and limiting the consequences of such accidents. It will set out the types of sites deemed hazardous, systems and procedures that should be adhered to and the protocol for visiting and inspecting these locations to ensure that they are adhering to the national laws and guidelines.
37.	National Security	Jamaica's Gang Reduction Strategy	To develop a comprehensive, coordinated, sustained and collaborative approach to reducing criminal gangs in Jamaica. It is built on attacking the gang problem from 3 components: Prevention/Intervention, Suppression and Rehabilitation/Re-Integration to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop the growth of gangs - Reduce the number of gangs - Render gangs ineffectual
38.	National Security	Vetting Policy	To develop a policy for screening personnel to determine the suitability of persons; it is aimed at ensuring a person's character and circumstances are such that he/she can be trusted to carry out the position employed and safely manage sensitive information.
39.	National Security	Small Arms Policy	To develop a policy in relation to the adoption of the provisions of two (2) conventions into our local legislation guided by the OAS model regulations and consideration given to increasing the penalties for all firearms related offences.
40.	National Security	National Crime Prevention Community Safety Strategy	To promote crime prevention and community safety within the broad framework of National Security policies.

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		(Safe Community Policy)	
41.	National Security	Youth Offender Strategy/Policy	Defining roles and responsibilities of Ministries, Department and Agency (MDA) in the care of juvenile offenders
42.	National Security	Border Security and Control	To develop inspection criteria and policy framework to identify, regulate and monitor non-official ports of entry.
43.	Office of the Prime Minister	Beach Policy	To provide guidelines for the use of the foreshore, beach and floor of the sea. Addresses issues of public access, coastal erosion, cays, fishing beaches.
44.	Office of the Prime Minister	National Policy and Strategy on Environmental Management Systems	To establish the framework within which Environmental Management Systems will be adopted across all sectors of society.
45.	Office of the Prime Minister	Policy on Environmental Stewardship of Government Operations	For the public service to lead conservation and efficiency measures by example.
46.	Office of the Prime Minister	Towards a Watershed Policy for Jamaica	To provide guidelines for watershed management and funding.
47.	Office of the Prime Minister	Biosafety Policy	To provide the Institutional framework for Biosafety in Jamaica.
48.	Office of the Prime Minister	National Hazardous Substances and Hazardous Wastes Management Policy and Strategy	To reflect, inter alia, recommendations arising out of the Hazardous Wastes Management policy framework. The Policy will address priority areas for attention, institutional arrangements and guiding principles.
49.	Office of the Prime Minister	Orchid Policy	Conservation and management of endangered orchids including those listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and flora .
50.	Office of the Prime Minister	Policy Towards Dolphin Conservation	To provide for dolphin conservation and dolphin attractions management.
51.	Office of the Prime	Coastal Resources and	To establish guidelines for the protection and conservation of

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	Minister	Wetlands Policy	coral reefs, sea grass, mangroves and coastal wetlands.
52.	Office of the Prime Minister	Mariculture Policy	To establish guidelines for mariculture.
53.	Office of the Prime Minister	Policy on Homelessness in Jamaica	To provide a framework which addresses the management of the homeless in Jamaica, and clearly define the roles and responsibilities of Agencies/stakeholders.
54.	Office of the Prime Minister	Information and Communication Technology Policy	To achieve greater social and economic development for the people of Jamaica, through increased application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in all sectors facilitated by affordable ICT services, and effective management of the national radio frequency spectrum as well as other ICT assets.
55.	Tourism	Community-based Tourism Policy	Tourism is a vehicle through which poverty can be alleviated, gender equality and the empowerment of women can be promoted and delicate natural and cultural heritage can be protected. The Policy is therefore intended to provide modes of engagement for community based tourism initiatives to fulfil these goals.
56.	Tourism	Water Sports Policy for Recreational Areas	This policy which would be an accompanying document to the National Oceans and Coastal Zone Management Policy should also engender sound environmental management and protection of the marine environment.
57.	Transport & Works	Construction Policy	To provide a consistent policy framework in order to inter alia: encourage wider participation in the industry, encourage innovation on and modernisation of the industry, promote regional cooperation, speak to safety and security issues including extortion, refine procurement rules and develop skills levels in the construction industry.
58.	Transport & Works	Right of Way Policy	To provide an enabling environment and the necessary infrastructure to ensure the orderly and efficient use of the Right of Way along Jamaica's main road network in order to facilitate

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			the promotion of information/communication technology as a tool for economic growth and for enhancing the quality of life of citizens.
59.	Water & Housing	National Housing Policy & Implementation Plan for Jamaica	To give strategic direction to Jamaica's housing sector to enable the Government to meet its vision/target of providing access to adequate and secure shelter for all Jamaican's by 2030
60.	Youth, Sports & Culture	National Gender Policy	To mainstream gender in all policies, programmes and plans.
61.	Youth, Sports & Culture	Sexual Harassment Policy	To provide protection to all citizens, especially women who, indications are, experience sexual harassment to a greater degree than men, and to ensure environments for work, study and access to services and accommodation are free from harassment.
62.	Youth, Sports & Culture	National Sports Policy (Revision)	<p>The development of a healthy, disciplined and united society through the provision of better opportunities and facilities that will encourage greater participation and the fulfilment of basic social, physical and mental needs through Sports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a framework of excellence at the highest level of competition in the true spirit of sportsmanship and fair play and with a view towards enhancing national image and goodwill. • To development and improve the knowledge and practice of sports generally. • To influence the development of strategies and programmes for the coordinated development of Sport
63.	Youth, Sports & Culture	Integrated Community Development Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The articulation of an integrated policy that speaks to the elimination of the fragmented approach to programme development, project management and implementation. • To provide the framework and direction for the development of stronger, more prosperous and more integrated communities.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable citizens to be empowered to fully participate in the achievement of sustainable growth, Community and National Development and the prosperity of Jamaica.
64.	Youth, Sports & Culture	Youth Entrepreneurship Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Entrepreneurship Policy aims to encourage a greater cross-section of young people to actively participate in entrepreneurial related sustainable enterprise development. • It will also provide a framework for the coordination, support and measurement of the various entrepreneurial efforts being pursued by entities involved in youth entrepreneurship. <p>To ensure that youth are empowered to contribute meaningfully in building and strengthening the communities in which they belong while honing their creativity and talents.</p>
65.	Youth, Sports & Culture	Cultural Policy (Revision)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To articulate a clear vision of the place of culture in national life, the importance of cultural expression and diversity as essential factors of cultural development. 2. To make provisions to ensure the full participation of communities in cultural expression and cultural development. 3. To outline strategies for building cultural infrastructure and enabling cultural institutions to manage cultural development. 3. To establish links between cultural policy and policies related to education, science and technology, industrial development, environmental protection, tourism product enhancement and entertainment. 4. To indicate Government's intentions regarding the documentation and recording of cultural trends, the collection of oral traditions, the development of cultural

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			centres and spaces for cultural and artistic expression at the level of communities, and the promotion of culture industries and entrepreneurship. 5. To identify sources for funding cultural development.
66.	Youth, Sports & Culture	Entertainment Industries Policy (<i>consideration being given to the creation of a Creative Industries Policy instead</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To create an enabling environment for the Entertainment Industry by elaborating policies to enhance, promote and sustain growth and development in the Entertainment Industry. 2) To ensure the implementation of vigorous protection of intellectual and creative property of Jamaican artistes under intellectual property laws. 3) To facilitate and promote institutional strengthening and capacity building, for sector organizations/ associations in recognition of their value in the development of the cultural and creative industries but the current absence of support structures.
67.	Cabinet Office	Data Sharing and Pricing Policy	The primary objectives of the data sharing policy is to provide a consensus-based and sustainable approach for the sharing of data between entities to support decision making and more joined-up delivery of public services. It will address the issue of pricing, in order to prevent prohibitive costs that could impede the efficient delivery of services or timely decision-making
68.	Cabinet Office	Decentralization Policy	The policy seeks to create the framework for the decentralization of public services where appropriate.
69.	Cabinet Office	National Fee Policy and Fee Structure for the Development Applications Approval Process	<p>Due to the prevailing concerns relating to the proliferation of fees being imposed by commenting agencies and the non-standardized fee structure being operated by the Local Planning Authorities (LPA)</p> <p>This is an overarching policy to guide the manner in which the</p>

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			fees are administered and to implement a standardised fee structure across the LPAs and also includes the commenting agencies which are found to qualify for the receipt of fees for their role in the Approvals Process.
70.	Cabinet Office	National Customer Service Policy	This Policy encapsulates into a single point of reference, the various guidelines, policies and programmes concerning customer service within the Public Sector. It provides a framework that enables organisations to development and implement a robust customer service programme.