

Caribbean Growth Forum Jamaica Chapter

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THEMATIC AREA 1. LOGISTICS AND CONNECTIVITY	Feb 2014	July 2014
OBJECTIVE 1.1: PREPARE NATIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LOGISTICS HUB		
1.1.1 Complete Strategic Framework Study as input to Master Plan	●	
1.1.2 Develop Terms of Reference for Logistics Hub Master Plan	●	
1.1.3 Commence preparation of Logistics Hub Master Plan	○	
1.1.4 Review first draft of Logistics Hub Master Plan	○	
1.1.5 Complete Logistics Hub Master Plan	○	
OBJECTIVE 1.2: DEVELOP POLICY, LEGISLATIVE AND TRADE FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT LOGISTICS HUB		
1.2.1 Develop additional Open Skies Agreements	●	
1.2.2 Complete market study for dry docking in Jamaica	○	
1.2.3 Create appropriate legal and business framework for special economic zones (SEZs) to support logistics hub development	●	
OBJECTIVE 1.3: DEVELOP HUMAN CAPITAL PROGRAMMES FOR LOGISTICS HUB		
1.3.1 Establish new training programmes for Logistics	●	
1.3.2 Undertake studies of training needs for Logistics-related industries	●	
1.3.3 Develop international partnerships among tertiary institutions for logistics degree programmes	●	
OBJECTIVE 1.4: IMPLEMENT PRIORITY LOGISTICS HUB PROJECTS		
1.4.1 Complete the privatization of the Kingston Container Terminal (KCT)	●	
1.4.2 Undertake deepening of Kingston Harbour	●	
1.4.3 Undertake development of the Caymanas Economic Zone – Phase 1	●	
1.4.4 Implement the Port Community System	●	
1.4.5 Complete privatization of the Norman Manley International Airport	●	
OBJECTIVE 1.5: ESTABLISH FRAMEWORK FOR VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDING AND MICRO-FINANCING FOR ICT		
1.5.1 Establish Venture Capital Eco-System including funding for ICT projects	●	
1.5.2 Implement mobile money pilot project	●	
OBJECTIVE 1.6: ADVANCE E-GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FRAMEWORK		
1.6.1 Prepare Strategic Roadmap for implementation of E-Government	●	
1.6.2 Complete establishment of eGov Jamaica Limited (transition from Fiscal Services Limited)	●	
1.6.3 Complete recruitment of GoJ Chief Information Officer (CIO)	○	
OBJECTIVE 1.7: ADVANCE BROADBAND PENETRATION AND ACCESS		
1.7.1 Implement Phase 1 of Wide Area Network (WAN) Project to provide broadband access to schools, libraries and post offices islandwide	●	
1.7.2 Expand the deployment of Community Access Points (CAPs) within publicly accessible spaces	●	
1.7.3 Establish new Internet Exchange Point (IXP) in Jamaica	○	
○ No milestones within review period	● Milestones not all met during review period	● Milestones met during review period
● Action completed within targeted timeframe		

THEMATIC AREA 2. INVESTMENT CLIMATE	Feb 2014	July 2014
OBJECTIVE 2.1: SIMPLIFY TAX PROCEDURES AND EXPAND ELECTRONIC FILING AND TAX PAYMENT SYSTEMS		
2.1.1 Complete S03 and S04 form for self-employed persons	●	
2.1.2 Establish programme to mandate e-filing for GCT, payroll and income tax by large taxpayers	●	
2.1.3 Implement upgraded PBX and customer relationship management system to support customer care centre	○	
2.1.4 Establish filing centres with internet kiosks in main revenue areas – Constant Spring and Montego Bay	○	
OBJECTIVE 2.2: STREAMLINE THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVAL PROCESS		
2.2.1 Undertake mapping and re-engineering of the outline and enquiry, monitoring and enforcement processes	●	
2.2.2 Complete approval and promulgation of new Building Act	○	
2.2.3 Harmonize application fee structure across Parish Councils and implementing agencies	○	
OBJECTIVE 2.3: EXPAND CREDIT FACILITIES FOR MSMES		
2.3.1 Carry out survey of all microfinance and small business financing institutions in Jamaica	●	
2.3.2 Rationalize government approaches to financing and capacity building for MSMEs	○	
2.3.3 Disseminate information on available credit facilities as well as comprehensive loan information to MSMEs	○	
OBJECTIVE 2.4: PASS SECURED OBLIGATIONS LEGISLATION AND ESTABLISH CENTRAL COLLATERAL REGISTRY		
2.4.1 Provide final Secured Interest in Personal Property Legislation to Parliament for passage	●	
2.4.2 Establish Central Collateral Registry based on passage of Secured Interest in Personal Property Legislation	●	
THEMATIC AREA 3. SKILLS AND PRODUCTIVITY		
OBJECTIVE 3.1: INTRODUCE COMPETENCY-BASED APPROACH TO EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS		
3.1.1 Implement pilot of competency-based curriculum for Grades 1-9	●	
3.1.2 Approve the draft TVET policy to guide the implementation of CBET in an integrated education and training system	●	
OBJECTIVE 3.2: ENSURE THAT CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENTS REFLECT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE		
3.2.1 Implement 4-year degree programme in Teachers' Colleges	●	
3.2.2 Implement Pathways to Secondary Education (as successor to Bridge Programme for ASTEP)	○	
OBJECTIVE 3.3: STRENGTHEN MECHANISMS TO ALIGN TRAINING AND EDUCATION WITH LABOUR MARKET		
3.3.1 Coordinate review of the supply and demand of the labour market for priority industries	●	
3.3.2 Undertake comprehensive reform of the labour market	○	
OBJECTIVE 3.4: IMPLEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR WORK EXPERIENCE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TRAINING FOR YOUTH		
3.4.1 Review /update the Apprenticeship Act (1954) to be more relevant to present-day requirements for workforce development	●	
3.4.2 Implement the Registered Apprenticeship Programme (RAP)	●	
OBJECTIVE 3.5: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT		
3.5.1 Develop and institute national multi-sectoral productivity campaign	●	
3.5.2 Expand the "Be Productive and Prosper" campaign in secondary and post-secondary institutions	●	
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