



Special Points Of Interest

- St. Lucia, Suriname, The Bahamas and St. Vincent and the Grenadines CGF Accountability Workshops are scheduled for Q1, 2014.
- Jamaica will hold a second Accountability Workshop in the next six months to take further stock of progress.
- A second regional CGF event will be held in 2014 which will bring together the Caribbean to share experiences and progress made in the implementation and monitoring of reforms, and alignment with national development strategies and sector plans.



Related Links

- <http://carib-growth.competecaribbean.org>
- www.competecaribbean.org
- <http://www.worldbank.org>
- <http://www.iadb.org>
- <http://www.caribank.org>
- <https://www.gov.uk>
- <http://www.international.gc.ca>

Kingston, Jamaica

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CGF Overview: Phase Two — Jamaica

During phase two, the action plans containing the reforms agreed in phase one are being implemented. This phase is fully owned by the government, with stakeholders as overseers.

The role of the CGF in this phase is to facilitate the implementation of the agreed upon reforms; and to improve accountability and transparency. As in the other countries that participated in the CGF, the dialogue among the CGF partners, governments, regional organizations and other donors can be used to identify resource gaps, operations and technical assistance that are needed to implement the reforms prioritized by the CGF process in Jamaica.

The CGF National Chapter in Jamaica is built upon the results of the extensive consultations recently carried out in the country to identify priority sectors and actions for the medium term, including completion of the new Medium Term Socio-Economic Policy Framework (MTF) 2012-2015, which sets out the priorities for the next three years under the Vision 2030 Jamaica - National Development Plan.

The CGF focuses on a quick identification of priorities of the national development strategy for implementation. Phase one also took stock of the analysis and reports produced as a result of the nation-wide consultations.

During phase two, public accountability workshops are held regularly in which the CGF takes stock and updates all stakeholders on implementation on the action plans. A traffic light system is used that facilitates transparency and accountability.

Each action gets either green, yellow or red, depending on whether the action has been completed within the targeted timeframe, is in progress meeting its timeframes, or has not met all the targets during the review period, respectively. This 'dashboard' is publicly available and will allow the public and the government to track progress and recognize areas that require more attention.

CGF Success In Jamaica

Global competitiveness is a major priority of the Government and the Private Sector in Jamaica, seeking to attract inward investments and increase participation in global value chains.

The Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF) seeks to mobilize public-private dialogue aimed at prioritizing a set of actions and initiatives that can impact private sector development, growth and job creation in the Caribbean region in the short-term. In phase one, working groups were formed that met regularly to identify priorities and action plans in the three central themes of the CGF, (i) Logistics and Connectivity; (ii) Investment Climate; and (iii) Skills and Productivity.

Phase 2 of the Caribbean Growth Forum Initiative, which is currently underway in Jamaica, is supporting the implementation of identified business reforms (the action plans) by the Government of Jamaica

The Jamaican chapter of the CGF is strategically aligned with the ongoing efforts of the Jamaica's National Competitiveness Council (NCC), comprising representatives of the Government and Private Sector to implement an agenda of progressive business reforms that will increase Jamaica's global competitiveness through an improved business environment and ease of doing business.



CGF Facts At A Glance:

- The Caribbean Growth Forum is an initiative supported by Compete Caribbean, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the World Bank (WB), and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in collaboration with the United Kingdom Agency for International Development (DFID) and the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD), aimed at addressing the political economy factors that hinder private sector development in the Caribbean in order to successfully identify policies and initiatives that contribute to growth and job creation in the region.
- A regional launch event was held in Kingston, Jamaica on June 18-19, 2012 where three central themes that anchored all future activities of the CGF for the following 18 months were identified: (i) Logistics and Connectivity; (ii) Investment Climate; and (iii) Skills and Productivity.
- Within the three areas both economy-wide and sector specific discussions took place. The CGF is organized in two phases: Phase 1 - Focused on identification and prioritization of the concrete actions through a quick mobilization of actors and resources, during which the CGF facilitated the process; and, Phase 2 – Focused on the implementation by the government, with the CGF facilitating the public accountability reporting on the progresses in the implementation of the prioritized actions.

CGF Summary

Implementation Of Priority Actions

Jamaica Chapter

AUGUST 2013 – FEBRUARY 2014

46 Milestones:	Milestones	% of total
Milestones Not Met During Review Period ●	9	19.6%
Milestones Met During Review Period ●	18	39.1%
Actions Completed Within Targeted Timeframe ●	5	10.9%
No Milestones Within Review Period ●	14	30.4%

