

JAMAICA'S INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS – A Response To Climate Change

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THE CONTEXT

- Climate Change (CC) presents Jamaica with an unprecedented and multi-dimensional development challenge.

Impact	1 M SLR	2 M SLR
Land Area Lost	Less than 1%	1%
People Displaced	0	1%
Major Tourism Resort Damage or Loss	8%	18%
Damage or Loss to Airports	20%	60%
Damage or Loss to Roads	2%	2%
Port Infrastructure – Damage or Loss	100%	100%

RECOGNIZED URGENT NEEDS

- Need for an overarching and comprehensive national institutional response to climate change.
- Need for greater coordination within & across ministries, agencies and sectors in the planning, development & implementation of CC related initiatives.
- Need for climate change considerations to be fully integrated in our national policies, plans, programmes, regulations and legislation

KEY INITIAL ACTIONS

- Creation of the new Ministry of Water, Land, Environment & Climate Change in 2012 – an initiative of The Right Honourable PM of Ja.
- Establishment of a Climate Change Advisory Committee to advise the Minister and guide and support the work of the Climate Change Div.
- Development of a long term development plan Vision 2030
- Develop a Climate Change Policy Framework and Action Plan
- Establish a Climate Change Division.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Established by Hon. Minister Robert Pickersgill in April 2012;
- Consisting of eminent persons from the private sector, civil society, academia, the public sector and the international donor community;
- Main role is to advise the Minister of WLECC on climate change issues and provide guidance and support to the Climate Change Division

VISION 2030 JAMAICA - *Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families, and do business*

- Goal 4 – Jamaica has a healthy environment
- National Outcome 14 - Climate Change Adaptation and Hazard Risk Reduction.
- National Strategies - Improve resilience to all forms of hazards, develop measures to adapt to climate change, contribute to the effort to reduce the global rate of climate change
- Establishment of Technical Working Group by PIOJ

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY FRAMEWORK & ACTION PLAN

- Clearly defined vision, goal, and objectives ; strategies - including institutional arrangements
- Guiding principles, flagship programmes & action plan
- The national climate change policy was recently approved by Cabinet and tabled in the House of Representatives, national consultations are currently being held. The objective being to get the input of a wide cross section of the Jamaican people, before resubmission to Cabinet for final approval.
- Final approval expected before March 2014.

THE CCD – ITS FUNCTIONS

1. Coordinating / support/facilitate the effective planning of CC resilience building, and mitigation initiatives of key ministries & stakeholders .
2. Establish mechanisms to enable the integration of climate change concerns in key development policies, plans, programmes and regulations.
3. Facilitate the design and implementation of national climate change adaptation/mitigation action plans, programs and projects & monitor progress;
4. Lead/coordinate public awareness, education and behaviour change initiatives;
5. Mobilization of climate finance
6. Regional and international Climate Change negotiations and cooperation .
7. Facilitate information and data management; research & development

Strategies

1

Mainstream climate change adaptation strategies in policy formulation, development planning and decision-making.

Strategies

2

Establish a Network of Climate Change focal points across government

Strategies

3

Promote the implementation of specific adaptation measures to address key vulnerabilities in Jamaica.

Strategies

4

Promote Actions to
Reduce GHG Emissions
through Fossil Fuel
Reduction & Conservation
& Switching to Renewable
& Cleaner Energy Sources

Strategies

5

Set standards for the reporting, monitoring and evaluation of integrated climate change activities

Strategies

6

Develop research agenda in collaboration with the Climate Change Advisory Committee and academic institutions

Strategies

7

Promote through all available means, Climate Change awareness, education & Behaviour Change

Organogram of Division - Medium to Long Term

1. Principal Director – Albert Daley
2. Senior Technical Officer – Mitigation – Gerald Lindo
3. Senior technical Officer – Adaptation – Orville Grey
4. Officer – Resource Mobilisation
5. Officer – Research & Development
6. Officer - Partnership

