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Re: Preparation of GOJ's Open Government Partnership 2020 National Action Plan

The Government of Jamaica affirms its commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability and public participation in government.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) remains committed to the development of an Open Government Partnership National Action Plan (OGP NAP) in 2020 in fulfilment of the requirements for continued membership in the forum.

In this regard, the Government of Jamaica hereby advises the OGP Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the definitive steps which will be undertaken to prepare and submit Jamaica's first OGP NAP by end-August 2020. The process will be led by the Minister of Finance and the Public Service, the Ministerial Focal Point reporting to the Cabinet.

Preparation of the NAP, based on the co-creation and participatory principles of the OGP, is scheduled to take place over a period of six (6) months commencing in March 2020 and concluding in August 2020. Submission of the NAP to the OGP Steering Committee is scheduled for end August 2020.

Consultations with stakeholders are scheduled to commence in May 2020, and will be preceded by the following activities:

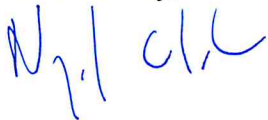
- a) Statement in Parliament by the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Public Service in March 2020;
- b) Official launch and sensitization to the OGP and NAP preparation processes led by the Minister of Finance and the Public Service in April 2020, with invitations to major civil society groups and private sector representatives; and
- c) Establishment of a Multi-stakeholder Working Group MSWG by end April 2020, comprising senior technocrats and representatives of key civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

Mobilization of the various groups for membership in the MSWG is expected to be assisted by the local OGP Civil Society Technical Working Group, from whom the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service will be seeking support. Identification and confirmation of the membership of the MSWG will be followed by a period of sensitization of members to clarify roles and responsibilities and build a common understanding of the principles and process of open government and the OGP framework.

Consultations with civil society, non-governmental organizations and the private sector will involve appropriate strategies which are expected to yield high-quality proposals for review and recommendation by MSWG for inclusion in the NAP. In addition to use of public media and workshops, a Call for Proposal will be issued to the major civil society and private sector umbrella organizations.

The GOJ intends to work closely with the OGP Support Unit to ensure completion of the NAP in keeping with OGP NAP standards and within the timeline outlined herein.

Yours sincerely,



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