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The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) remains steadfast in strengthening economic resilience, advancing fiscal discipline and driving public sector transformation. As we continue to navigate a dynamic global environment and prioritise recovery and growth, the Ministry continues to implement policies and programmes that support stability, innovation and inclusive development.

During the quarter, several key national developments underscored the Government of Jamaica's (GOJ) focus on safeguarding macroeconomic stability while positioning the country for long-term progress. These include the resumption of performance-based increments for public sector employees and reaffirming the GOJ's commitment to recognising and rewarding public service contributions.

In addition, Jamaica strengthened its resilience-building agenda through a J\$1.7 billion financing agreement with the European Union to advance the Digital Jamaica Programme, further supporting the country's digital transformation efforts. Complementing this, Jamaica secured US\$200 million in hurricane insurance coverage through the renewed World Bank catastrophe bond thereby enhancing the nation's financial preparedness against climate-related shocks and reinforcing its commitment to innovative risk management.

In this edition of the **MOFPS Insider**, we highlight the 2026/27 National Budget Secondary School Tour, which continues to educate students about the importance of the national budget. We also share highlights from the Tax Audit and Revenue Administration Post-Graduate Diploma Graduation and Awards Ceremony. We also highlight the Ministry's role in advancing social and community engagement through its Read Across Jamaica Day initiative and other staff engagement activities.

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FROM COUNTRY TO CLASSROOM: NATIONAL BUDGET SCHOOL TOUR EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO SHAPE JAMAICA'S FUTURE



Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP (centre), State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS), Sheldon Thomas (3rd right), Principal, Ferncourt High School and Melissa Maragh Palmer, (3rd left), Vice Principal, Marcus Garvey Technical High School, engage with students from both institutions while perusing the Citizens' Guide to the Budget during the launch of the MOFPS 2026/2027 National Budget Secondary School Tour held at Ferncourt High School on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Press Release Dated: Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) has officially launched the fourth staging of the National Budget Secondary School Tour, setting the tone for a series of dynamic and interactive workshops designed to sensitize students about the national budget and its impact on their lives.

The tour was launched at Ferncourt High School on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, with participation from students of Marcus Garvey Technical High School.

This initiative, which forms part of the Ministry's National Budget Public Education Campaign, will deliver twelve workshops across schools in the parishes of St. Ann and St. Mary.

Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP, State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, in his remarks, underscored the importance of youth engagement in national development.

“The national budget is not just about Government policy. It is about people, it is about you, your families and your communities. It is about how prepared you are to seize the opportunities that are being created. It is about your willingness to stay informed, to ask questions and to take an active interest in the direction of your country,” said Minister Mayne.

He also highlighted the significance of budgetary allocations that support Jamaica’s educational infrastructure.

“When schools are impacted by natural disasters, like the recent hurricane, resources must be directed quickly to repair buildings and restore safe learning environments. So, when we talk about the national budget, we are not just talking about money. We are talking about choices. We are talking about priorities. We are talking about building a stronger Jamaica,” he added.

Meanwhile, Sheldon Thomas, Principal of Ferncourt High School, noted that the initiative aligns with the Institution’s vision of preparing students for global engagement.

“At Ferncourt High School, our vision is to ensure that our stakeholders are involved in acquiring knowledge, developing skills and building character to function globally. This initiative gives our students an opportunity to engage in a process of budgeting at the national level and its process. It also gives them an opportunity to see how the money is being spent and how it impacts them directly,” noted Thomas.

Melissa Maragh Palmer, Vice Principal of Marcus Garvey Technical High, commended the Ministry for the initiative, noting its role in strengthening students’ understanding of national decision-making.

“By bringing the national budget into our schools, you help students across St. Ann understand how national decisions are made and how these choices directly affect education, healthcare, infrastructure and community growth,” said Maragh Palmer.

In the meantime, Jamiel Woolery, Head Boy of Ferncourt High shared that the sessions were both relevant and impactful.

“The national budget is for everyone; it has an impact on all citizens, whether you are young or old, and the presentations done here today are indeed beneficial to my schoolmates and me, especially those of us planning to transition to tertiary institutions,” he said.



Chealsea Savoury, Head Girl, Marcus Garvey Technical High School, echoed similar sentiments.

“The key message *‘The National Budget is Everybody’s Business’* made us realise that we should pay attention as students, it is not just for adults, it impacts our everyday lives. We need textbooks, school repairs and even technology, and I will be watching the national budget presentation next year,” revealed Savoury.

The school tour is scheduled to conclude on Friday, May 1, 2026, and will make stops at several institutions, including Oracabessa High, York Castle High, Brown’s Town High, Aabuthnott Gallimore High, St. Hilda’s Diocesan High, St. Mary High, Marymount High, Annotto Bay High, Wycliffe Martin High and Ocho Rios High.

Throughout the tour, students will participate in structured presentations and interactive sessions led by teams from the Ministry’s Corporate Communication and Public Relations Branch, the Public Expenditure Division, and the Economic Management Division.

Topics will include a breakdown of the 2026/27 National Budget, key budgeting terms, sources of government revenue, and how public funds are allocated.

The National Budget Secondary School Tour continues to serve as a vital platform for engaging Jamaica’s youth in understanding the national budget and its role in shaping the Country’s future.

The National Budget Secondary School Tour has impacted over 5760 participants across 38 schools since its first staging in 2023.

Highlights

FERNCOURT AND MARCUS GARVEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS



A student from Ferncourt High School answers a question posed by Cheryl Smith, Investor Relation and Communications Manager in the Debt Management Branch at the MOFPS during the launch of the tour at Ferncourt High School on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.



Students from Marcus Garvey Technical High School are immersed in the Citizens’ Guide to the Budget during the Ministry’s presentation on the national budget.

ORACABESSA HIGH SCHOOL



Students from Oracabessa High pause for a photo opportunity during the Ministry's third stop on the school tour on Thursday, April 16, 2026.



Desmond Hayman and Sophia Bailey Bassett, Budget Preparation and Management Analysts at the MOFPS break down parts of the budget cycle to students of Oracabessa High.

YORK CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL



A student from York Castle High participates in a Q&A segment following a presentation conducted by Terron Francis, Chief Fiscal Economist at the MOFPS during the fourth stop on the school tour on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.



Students from York Castle High perform an original jingle about the national budget much to the excitement of their peers.

BROWN'S TOWN HIGH SCHOOL



Lisa Bent Dover, Budget Preparation & Management Analyst in the Public Expenditure Division at the MOFPS explains the budget cycle to students of Brown's Town High during the fifth stop on the National Budget Secondary School Tour on Tuesday April 21, 2026.



A student from Brown's Town High completes the puzzle activity enclosed in the Citizens' Guide to the Budget booklet.

AABUTHNOTT GALLIMORE HIGH SCHOOL



A student of Aabuthnott Gallimore High studiously take notes in the budget booklet provided by the Ministry during the sixth stop on the school tour on Thursday, April 23, 2026.



Tenea Cadogan, Acting Senior Fiscal Economist at the MOFPS explains to students where the money comes from to fund the budget.

ST HILDA'S DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



Carolyn Campbell, Acting Principal Director, Budget Planning, Preparation and Management in the Public Expenditure Division at the MOFPS, engages with a student of St Hilda's Diocesan High during the seventh stop on the Ministry's school tour on Thursday, April 23, 2026.



Students of St Hilda's Diocesan High peruse the Citizens' Guide to the Budget during the presentations about the national budget.

ST MARY HIGH SCHOOL



Kerry-Ann Jackson, Senior Director, Cash Management Unit at the MOFPS shares a light moment with students of her alma mater, St Mary High, during the eighth stop on the school tour on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.



Students from St Mary High perform a song for their peers about the importance of the national budget following the Ministry's presentation to students.

MARYMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL



Students from Marymount High volunteer to do a poem during the ninth stop on the school tour on Tuesday, May 28, 2026.



Nicola Westcarth-Brown, Counsellor, Employee Welfare Management Branch at the MOPPS shares a photo with students of her alma mater, Marymount High.

ANNOTTO BAY HIGH SCHOOL



Students from Annotto Bay High read the Citizens' Guide to the Budget during the tenth stop on the School tour on Thursday, April 30, 2026.



A student from Annotto Bay High participates in an activity following a presentation by Shakiel Rochester Shorter, Director, Corporate Communication and Public Relations during the school tour.

WYCLIFFE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL



Marcia Faulknor, Social Infrastructure Unit Head in the Public Expenditure Division within the MOFPS shares with students of Wycliffe Martin High the importance of the national budget on the Ministry's eleventh stop on the school tour on Thursday, April 30, 2026.



Students of Wycliffe Martin High listen attentively during the presentations by representatives from the MOFPS.

OCHO RIOS HIGH SCHOOL



A student from Ocho Rios High participates in the Q&A segment done by Suzell Wray, Public Relations Manager at the MOFPS during the final stop on the school tour on Friday, May 30, 2026.



Students of Ocho Rios High engage with the learning resources provided by the Ministry during the national budget sensitisation session.



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FINANCE MINISTER DELIVERS REMARKS AT PIAJ ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Hon. Fayval Williams, MP, CFA, Minister of Finance and the Public Service delivered remarks at the Pension Industry Association of Jamaica (PIAJ) Annual Luncheon at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Minister Williams, in her address to attendees, emphasised the role of the PIAJ in providing practical solutions required to build a system that is both inclusive and sustainable.





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RESILIENCE AT THE FOREFRONT: FINANCE MINISTER URGES PUBLIC SECTOR LEADERS TO BE INNOVATIVE AND STRATEGIC



Hon. Fayval Williams, MP, CFA, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, emphasised the important role public sector entities play in sustaining efficiency without compromising quality of service during the Government of Jamaica Service Excellence Conference 2026 held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Press Release Dated: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Hon. Fayval Williams, MP, CFA, Minister of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS), is urging permanent secretaries and heads of entities to be innovative and strategic as they lead in building a resilient and future-proof public service. She made the call during the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) Service Excellence Conference 2026 held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Held under the theme, ***'Building Resilient Public Services'***, the high-level conference brought together permanent secretaries, heads of agencies, senior public officials, development partners and governance experts to examine strategies for strengthening continuity, responsiveness and reliability in public service delivery, particularly during periods of crisis and disruption.

While delivering the keynote address on behalf of the Prime Minister, Minister Williams charged public sector leaders to build an intentional public service that is not only efficient but adaptable and resilient.

“Today, I issue a clear charge to every leader in the public sector. Our country has come a long way, and we are now at a decisive stage in the evolution of our public sector. We are no longer simply building systems for efficiency. We are building systems that must perform under pressure, adapt in real time, and continue to serve our citizens regardless of circumstances. This requires a shift in how we lead”, emphasised Minister Williams.



Referencing the lessons emerging from Hurricane Melissa in October 2025, the Minister noted that while the event exposed vulnerabilities in sustaining operations during emergencies, it also highlighted the dedication and ingenuity of public servants across the Government system.

“We saw firefighters, first responders, healthcare workers and social workers continuing to serve, even as they managed their own personal circumstances. That level of commitment cannot be taken for granted. The Service Excellence Policy recognises that supporting employees is essential to sustaining service delivery.... Our staff must know we support them. They must also be prepared and equipped to maintain continuity and quality of service delivery”, highlighted Minister Williams.

Meanwhile, Ronald Jackson, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Recovery and Resilience at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Crisis Bureau, emphasised that this conference comes at a critical juncture as Jamaica recovers from Hurricane Melissa.

“The focus of this year’s conference is timely given Jamaica’s recovery efforts and the advent of the 2026 Hurricane Season. During these times, the public expects the government to be operating efficiently and robustly to meet their needs. To meet those expectations under stress and strain will require a public service that is resilient with strong infrastructure and systems”, noted Jackson.

The conference forms part of the Government’s broader public sector modernisation agenda and supports the implementation of the Service Excellence Policy introduced in 2022. To date, thirty-three (33) ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) are actively implementing the Service Excellence Programme.

Participants engaged in discussions on disaster preparedness, business continuity planning, digital transformation, institutional leadership, customer experience and psychosocial support systems for public sector employees. The conference also showcased examples of innovation and service improvement across Government, including expanded digital service platforms and strengthened citizen engagement initiatives.

GOJ SIGNS J\$1.7 BILLION FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE EU

FOR THE DIGITAL JAMAICA PROGRAMME



Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP, (left), State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service and Ambassador Dr. Erja Askola, (right), Head of Delegation, European Union (EU) are all smiles after signing a financial agreement for the Digital Jamaica Programme at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Looking on is Ambassador Dr. Rocky Meade, CD, JP, (centre), Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, Sancia Bennett-Templer, CD, (left), Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Dr. Wayne Henry, CD, (2nd left), Director General, Planning Institute of Jamaica and Harold Davis, (3rd left), Chief Executive Officer, Jamaica Business Development Corporation and other members of the EU delegation.

Press Release Dated: Wednesday, May 21, 2026

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) has signed a J\$1.7 billion financial agreement with the European Union (EU) for the Digital Transitioning Programme aimed at supporting Jamaica's Information Communication Technology (ICT) Policy. A handover ceremony to mark the agreement between the two partners was held at the MOFPS on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

The Digital Jamaica Programme, which was finalised on July 25, 2023, is aimed at increasing access to affordable and secure broadband connectivity by educational institutions and places of safety for children.

The programme also seeks to strengthen the digital competencies of early childhood and primary-level educators and increase technology adoption by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Speaking at the ceremony, Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP, State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, noted that the programme represents a critical investment in Jamaica's digital economy.

“The Digital Jamaica Programme represents an investment of J\$1.7 billion toward Jamaica’s digital future and aligns directly with Vision 2030 Jamaica and our national objective of building a modern, inclusive and technology-driven economy and society. Digital transformation is no longer optional. It is essential to national competitiveness, economic resilience and social inclusion,” said Minister Mayne.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Dr Erja Askola, Head of Delegation, European Union, reaffirmed the EU's commitment to advancing Jamaica's digital future and underscored the broader impact of the Programme on education and social development.

The primary GOJ beneficiaries of the Digital Jamaica Programme are the Ministry of Energy, Transport and Telecommunication, the Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information and the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce.

In the meantime, Ambassador Dr Rocky Meade, CD, JP, Permanent Secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister, highlighted the strategic significance of the Digital Jamaica Programme.

“While the Digital Transformation programme, Digital Jamaica, is one of several initiatives aimed at supporting the country's transition towards a digital society, it is significant for a couple of specific reasons. Firstly, it represents the first bilateral EU Global Gateway Flagship Programme to be signed in the Caribbean and is strategically designed to address Jamaica's digitalisation challenges relating to access and capacity in the ICT, Education and Business sectors. Secondly, the Programme supplements several initiatives aimed at transforming the country and the public sector with its key focus on connectivity, people and the digital economy,” said Ambassador Meade.



The programme is being implemented over 48 months using a budget support modality consisting of three fixed and three variable tranches. To date, J\$613.5 million has already been disbursed in support of the initiative.

“I strongly believe that digital transformation is one of the greatest equalisers of the 21st century. Over a thousand schools and dozens of children’s homes will gain stronger and secure connectivity. We are not simply expanding networks; we are expanding future opportunities”, said Ambassador Askola.

The EU has been a longstanding development partner to Jamaica for over five decades, supporting key sectors such as governance, climate resilience, infrastructure and private sector development.

The handover marks a significant step forward in Jamaica's digital journey, positioning the country to better harness innovation, drive productivity and compete in a rapidly evolving global economy.



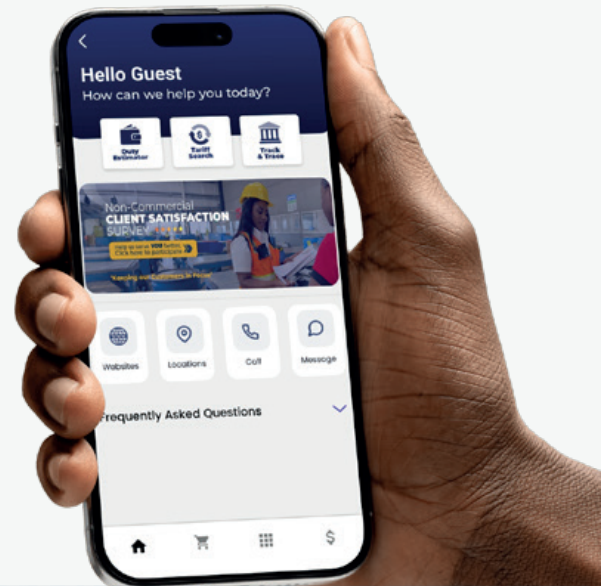
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JAMAICA SECURES US\$200 MILLION IN HURRICANE INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH NEW WORLD BANK CATASTROPHE BOND



*Press Release Dated:
Wednesday, May 27, 2026*

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, the World Bank, through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), rated Aaa/AAA, issued a catastrophe (cat) bond providing the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) with US\$200 million in insurance coverage against hurricanes.

The new bond replaces the previous catastrophe bond, which provided US\$150 million in coverage and was fully paid out in 2025 following the impact of Hurricane Melissa on the island in October 2025.

The 2026 cat bond attracted strong international investor interest, securing participation from twenty-five (25) global investors, up from fifteen (15) investors in the 2024 issuance.

Issued under the IBRD's "capital at risk" notes program, catastrophe bonds enable developing countries to transfer disaster-related risks to international capital markets. Under the arrangement, the World Bank issues the bond and enters into a risk transfer agreement

with the Government of Jamaica. Insurance payouts to Jamaica are triggered if a named storm meets specific criteria for location and severity outlined in the bond terms.

The catastrophe bond forms part of the Government's multi-layered disaster risk financing strategy, designed to strengthen the country's financial resilience and support a rapid response following major natural disasters, while reducing the fiscal burden on the Government.

Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Hon. Fayval Williams, welcomed the successful placement of the catastrophe bond and acknowledged the support of key international partners.

"Jamaica is incredibly grateful to the World Bank for its market guidance and placement of the catastrophe bond across a wide cross-section of global investors. Additionally, Jamaica says 'Thank you' to the Monetary Authority of Singapore, who will be supporting the transaction financially," said Minister Williams.

The cat bond is scheduled to mature on May 23, 2030.

A summary of the bond terms can be found [here](#).

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STATE MINISTER URGES TARA GRADUATES TO *Pursue Excellence*



Tax Administration Jamaica in collaboration with the Management Institute for National Development hosted the Post-Graduate Diploma Graduation and Awards Ceremony for the Tax Audit & Revenue Administration (TARA) Programme, Cohort 34 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP, State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony, where he encouraged the graduates to pursue excellence and uphold the highest ethical standards.





LISTING OF DWELLINGS FAQs

STATIN is currently conducting its islandwide Listing of Dwellings exercise. This involves counting and recording basic information on all residential dwellings in selected areas.

What is the Listing of Dwellings exercise?

The Listing of Dwellings is a data collection activity conducted by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) to update its master household sample frame. It involves systematically identifying and recording information on all buildings, both residential and commercial, within selected Enumeration Districts (EDs).

Why is this exercise important?

It ensures that STATIN has accurate and up-to-date information for selecting samples for future household surveys and censuses. This helps maintain survey coverage, minimize omissions and duplications, and support evidence-based decision-making for Jamaica.

What information is recorded?

Interviewers record details about dwellings, including whether they are occupied or unoccupied, and identify commercial structures.

How often is the Listing of Dwellings done?

It is carried out periodically after a national census or when significant demographic or spatial changes occur, such as new housing developments, migration, births, and deaths.

Where will the listing be done?

Data collection for the listing will be carried out in phases. Data collection will begin in selected communities within the parishes least affected by Hurricane Mellisa, starting with Kingston and St. Andrew. As the survey continues, data collection will expand to the other parishes.

How can I identify STATIN interviewers?

Interviewers will carry official STATIN ID badges.





JAMAICA STOCK EXCHANGE

LAUNCHES ITS MICRO MARKET

The Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) officially launched its Micro Market introducing a new platform designed to expand access to equity capital for micro and small enterprises in Jamaica at the Terra Nova All Suite Hotel on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. The initiative forms part of the broader MSME ecosystem and is expected to deepen investment opportunities while supporting entrepreneurship, innovation and economic growth.

Hon. Fayval Williams, MP, CFA delivered the keynote address the launch, underscoring the importance of deepening financial inclusion and creating new pathways for business growth.



STATE MINISTER DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP, State Minister within the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service delivered the keynote address on behalf of the Hon. Fayval Williams, MP, CFA, Minister of Finance and the Public Service at the Organisation Development Conference hosted by the Caribbean Centre for Organisation Development Excellence Ltd. in collaboration with the Caribbean Organisation Development Network at Summit Kingston on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Minister Mayne, in his address to attendees, emphasised the importance of resilience, recovery and renewal as guiding principles for national development, alongside the need to balance technological advancement with human-centred transformation.



JAMAICA EARNS WORLD BANK HUMAN CAPITAL CHAMPION AWARD FOR STRONG DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES



Press Release Dated: Monday, June 29, 2026.

Jamaica has earned international recognition for its investment in people, receiving the World Bank Group's Human Capital Champion Award for achieving strong human capital outcomes relative to its income level.

The award recognises countries that are making significant strides in developing the health, education and productive capacity of their citizens. Jamaica joins a select group of high-performing countries whose investments in people are translating into stronger development outcomes.

Jamaica achieved a Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) score of 200 out of a possible 325, outperforming the average for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The country's employment outcomes exceeded the regional average, while health outcomes remained on par with the region, reflecting sustained national efforts to improve the well-being and economic participation of its people.

Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Hon. Fayval Williams, said the award reflects the success of Jamaica's long-term investments in its people and reinforces the Government's commitment to developing a skilled, healthy and productive population as a driver of sustainable economic growth and national development.

"Jamaica welcomes the World Bank Group's Human Capital Champion Award. This recognition reflects the country's strong performance and positive progress on the Human Capital Index Plus and stands as a testament to Jamaica's sustained investments in health, education and employment. It underscores our commitment to developing the skills, well-being and productive capacity of our people, which remain central to achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth," Minister Williams said.



The Human Capital Index Plus measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their lifetime, from birth through age 65. Expanding on the original Human Capital Index, the HCI+ incorporates tertiary education and work experience, providing a more comprehensive assessment of how countries prepare their citizens to lead healthy, productive and economically rewarding lives.

Caribbean, noted, “Jamaica’s recognition as a Human Capital Champion underscores its commitment to unlocking opportunities for its citizens. Progress in employment, particularly through expanded on-the-job learning and increased tertiary education completion, signals a strong foundation for future growth.”



The accompanying HCI+ report highlights the importance of strengthening early childhood development, expanding access to quality education, improving labour market outcomes and integrating public services to support families and communities.

Dr Wayne Henry, Director General at the Planning Institute of Jamaica, echoed that this recognition reflects a national commitment to investing in people as the country’s most valuable resource.

The award places Jamaica among a select group of countries recognised for maximising human capital outcomes relative to national income, alongside Kenya, the Kyrgyz Republic and Vietnam.



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Trevor Anderson



Meet Trevor Anderson,

Principal Director of the Fiscal Policy Management Branch in the Economic Management Division at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service. Mr. Anderson has been employed to the public service for over forty-three (43) years.

Here are some things about him:

1. If you could change something about Jamaica what would it be? Why?

I would change the structure of the Jamaican economy, moving it towards higher value-added economic activity. This would not only raise national incomes, it would also lead to more taxes being collected into the consolidated fund, enabling the GOJ to better fund health and education for example, achieving higher levels of economic development.

2. What is your favourite way to spend a day off?

Working on a DIY project or watching a good movie.

3. If money were no object, what would you do?

I would want to give back, through philanthropy.

4. What is your favourite thing about your job?

I absolutely love being a fiscal economist, being able to assess various proposals that have implications for the National Budget and the economy.

5. Top 3 lessons you would teach your younger self:

- Time is the master of us all, utilise it well, yesterday is gone forever.
- Always give thanks, it could be worse.
- Remember to give yourself a treat, you are worth it.

MINISTRY MATTERS

MOFPS EASTER *Reflection*

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service celebrated in praise and worship, prayer and testimony during Easter Reflection under the theme “Embracing New Beginnings through Christ,” at the Ministry’s Kingston-based location on Thursday, April 2, 2026.



Branch Spotlight

MOFPS PUBLIC INVESTMENT APPRAISAL BRANCH (PIAB)

THE TEAM IS LED BY
Mrs. Anieta Lewis
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC INVESTMENT
APPRAISAL BRANCH



MEET THE PIAB TEAM

1. What is the staff complement of the Public Investment Appraisal Branch?

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2. What are the Branch's core responsibilities and function?

The PIAB serves as the single point of entry for all projects seeking inclusion in Jamaica's Public Sector Investment Programme. Its core responsibilities include conducting pre-investment appraisals of public investment projects, providing technical support and advisory services to the Public Investment Management Committee and guiding project proponents through the Public Investment Management System (PIMS).

3. How is the PIAB Driven by Service Excellence?

The PIAB is driven by service excellence through its commitment to providing timely, objective and technically sound support to ministries, departments, and agencies throughout the project appraisal and decision-making process. The Branch facilitates sound public investment by offering technical guidance, project development support, stakeholder training and regulatory oversight within the PIMS framework.



READ ACROSS JAMAICA DAY

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service participated in Read Across Jamaica Day on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Staff from the Ministry visited the Allman Town Primary School and read to children across grades 1-6.



LET'S READ!



MOFPS SHOWCASES SUPPORT SERVICES

AT JADCO HEALTH FAIR

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service's Employee Welfare Management Branch showcased the Public Sector Employee Assistance Programme at the Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission's Health Fair held under the theme "Healthy Living: Wellness in Motion," on Friday, May 29, 2026. Representatives from the Ministry engaged patrons on the importance of mental health and emotional well-being.



PUBLIC AUCTION

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service's Asset Management and Disposal Services Branch hosted its quarterly Public Auction Sale at 1 Shalimar Avenue on Friday, June 12, 2026.



Farmers' Market

The MOFPS Farmers' Market happens every last Friday of each month.



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