



JAMAICA OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM (MSF) MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Zoom meeting hosted by the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS)

Attendees:

MSF GOJ Members

- Mr. Richard Lumsden (GOJ Alternate Co-Chair) - Director, Economic Reform Monitoring Unit, MOFPS
- Ms. Monique Gibbs - Senior Director, Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Modernization, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC)
- Mrs. Cheryl Bonnick Forrest - Senior Director, Strategic Planning, Policy, Research and Performance Management, Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs (MLCA)
- Mr. Easton Williams - Senior Director, Social Policy, Planning and Research, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)
- Mr. Gary Campbell - Director of Technology, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
- Mr. Damian Cox - Senior Director, Access to Information Unit, Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)
- Ms. Yanique Williams - Senior Director (Acting), Youth and Adolescence Division, MESYI

MSF Civil Society Members

- Mr. Matthew McNaughton - Principal, SlashRoots Foundation
- Ms. Theresa Rodriguez Moodie - Executive Director, Jamaican Environment Trust
- Ms. Danielle Archer - Principal Director, National Integrity Action
- Ms. Ingrid Parchment - Executive Director, Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation
- Ms. Renè Roper - Chief Legal Advisor and Lead Consultant, BeyondLegal
- Mr. Michael Mullings - Founder and CEO, Chatflow Ltd

MOFPS Technical Support

- Mr. Omar Henry - PMIS Application Administrator, Strategic Public Sector Transformation Project (SPSTP)
- Ms. Shakiel Rochester Shorter - Director, Corporate Communication and Public Relations (Actg.), Corporate Communication and Public Relations Branch

Apologies for Absence

- Mrs. Lorris Jarrett (GOJ Co-Chair) - Deputy Financial Secretary, Public Expenditure Division, MOFPS

Absent

- Ms. Shanielle Allen - Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network



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Documents Sent Beforehand:

1. Agenda for OGP MSF Meeting – July 29, 2025 (Draft)
2. Second OGP National Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2026
3. List of Members of New OGP MSF
4. OGP Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) Framework Document and Terms of Reference (TOR) (Final) (November 17, 2021)

Documents/Information Delivered At The Meeting:

1. Summary Presentation on OGP Process in Jamaica and Jamaica’s Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026

AGENDA

Discussion (Main Points Made By Participants):

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Mr. Richard Lumsden officially called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. He thanked and welcomed all the members present and technical support personnel to the meeting. In his opening remarks Mr. Lumsden noted that this was the first meeting of the new OGP MSF with membership based on Cabinet decision in June 2025. He also offered an apology on behalf of the government for the delays in convening the first meeting of the new MSF.
2. **Opening Remarks (Civil Society Representative)** – Mr. Matthew McNaughton also offered opening remarks on behalf of the civil society members of the MSF.
3. **Apologies** – Apologies for absence were extended on behalf of Mrs. Lorris Jarrett and for late attendance on behalf of Ms. Danielle Archer.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The agenda for the meeting was adopted by the MSF members present by way of a motion moved by Mr. Gary Campbell and seconded by Ms. Danielle Archer.
5. **Confirmation of the Minutes** – No minutes of previous meetings of the MSF were presented as this was the first meeting of the new OGP MSF with membership based on Cabinet decision in June 2025.

6. Review/updates on Action Items from previous meeting:

Previous Actions	Updates
No review/updates on action items from previous meetings of the MSF were taken.	



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Discussion:

7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – No matters arising from minutes of previous meetings of the MSF were taken.
8. **Introduction of Members of New OGP MSF** – The government and civil society members of the MSF present at the meeting each introduced themselves and provided a brief background on their organizational affiliation. Technical support representatives from the MOFPS were also introduced.
9. **Presentation on Second OGP National Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2026** – Mr. Lumsden then made a PowerPoint presentation on the Second OGP National Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2026 which provided a summary review of the background to the OGP process in Jamaica, the preparation of the Second OGP NAP and the role and composition of the MSF. He advised that the delays in the OGP process for the Second OGP NAP were in part related to the time involved in the Cabinet approvals for the Second OGP NAP and for the new MSF membership. He also particularly noted that the Cabinet decision on the new MSF membership in June 2025 had approved the government members and had noted the civil society members, who therefore had been accepted as nominated by civil society without requiring explicit approval by the government. The presentation also highlighted a number of key issues for consideration by the new MSF going forward, including:
 - Review and amendment of relevant sections of the MSF Framework Document and TOR
 - Onboarding and capacity development for members of new MSF
 - Monitoring of current status of implementation of Second OGP NAP and preparation of first Progress Report
 - Review of options for extension of Second OGP NAP to adjust for delays in establishment and operation of new MSF
 - Development of MSF communication programme
10. The presentation was followed by a question and answer and general discussion period. Mr. McNaughton noted a couple of additional areas for consideration by the new MSF going forward, including alignment of the activities in the Second OGP NAP with the work plans and budgets of implementing ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs), development of a calendar schedule of activities for the MSF, and potential support by international development partners (IDPs) for the Second OGP NAP. Mr. Easton Williams expressed agreement with the point made about budget support for the Second OGP NAP.
11. **Any Other Business** – No other matters were discussed.
12. In concluding, Mr. Lumsden thanked the MSF members and the MOFPS support team for their attendance and participation in the first meeting of the new MSF. He thanked the civil society stakeholders and members for their continued commitment to the OGP process despite the delays, and assured the meeting that the government likewise remains committed to the OGP process in Jamaica going forward. The next MSF meeting was proposed to take place on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

Conclusion: The Zoom meeting concluded at approximately 3:50 pm.



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Actions To Be Taken:	Responsible Person(s)	Timelines
Share copy of Summary Presentation on OGP Process in Jamaica and Jamaica’s Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026 with MSF members.	MOFPS	August 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Notes: During the MSF meeting a number of specific questions or concerns were raised and discussed, as summarized below:

Questions/Concerns	Discussions/Responses
Mr. Easton Williams enquired about the current status of the commitment in the Second OGP NAP relating to the National Anti-Corruption Strategy.	Mr. Lumsden responded that the Integrity Commission had been making progress in the development of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy including procurement of a consultant and commencement of stakeholder consultations. He noted that the Integrity Commission could be invited to give an update on progress at a meeting of the MSF as had been done in the past.
Mrs. Cheryl Bonnick Forrest asked for clarification on the role of the OGP stakeholder consultation groups in the monitoring of implementation of the Second OGP NAP.	Mr. Lumsden clarified that the MSF is responsible for developing and applying the monitoring framework for the Second OGP NAP, and updates on the status of implementation of the commitments in the Second OGP NAP will be requested on a regular basis directly from the relevant implementing MDAs. The MSF will also prepare the periodic Progress Reports and share the updates on progress with Cabinet and with the OGP stakeholder consultation groups in meetings to be held on a scheduled basis.