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# OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) PRESENTATION

## Progress Report on Jamaica's Second OGP National Action Plan 2024-2026

June 2024 - June 2025

Access to Information (ATI)

December 10, 2025

Ministry of Finance and the  
Public Service

# JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS - BACKGROUND

- In December 2016, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) submitted to the OGP a Letter of Intent (LOI) signed by Prime Minister Andrew Holness committing to joining the OGP
- Two (2) Cabinet Decisions in June 2018 and February 2020 approved the preparation of Jamaica's National Action Plan (NAP) and establishment of a Multistakeholder Forum (MSF) in keeping with the OGP's Participation and Co-creation Standards
- Jamaica's first OGP National Action Plan (NAP) was completed and submitted in December 2021, and revised OGP NAP submitted in June 2022
- Jamaica's first OGP NAP included seven (7) commitments, in the areas of Anti-Corruption, Open Data, Access to Information, Justice and Human Rights, Environment, Climate Change and Youth

# **JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS – PROGRESS REPORTS FOR FIRST OGP NAP 2022-2023**

- First Progress Report on Status of Implementation of OGP NAP Commitments updated by implementing entities for the period January-December 2022 and presented to stakeholders in April 2023
- Second Progress Report on Status of Implementation of OGP NAP Commitments updated by implementing entities for the period January 2022-August 2023 and presented to stakeholders in December 2023
- The Second Progress Report on the OGP NAP 2022-2023 indicated that a majority of activities were delayed under the first action planning cycle based on the progress reporting, with a common theme of constraints in human resources and funding impacting their timely implementation

# JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

## 2024-2026

- Cabinet approved the development of a second OGP National Action Plan for Jamaica, by way of a cabinet decision taken in November 2023
- The submission to Cabinet recommended that the second OGP NAP for Jamaica should be largely based on the commitments and milestone activities which remain uncompleted following the conclusion of Jamaica's first OGP NAP in August 2023, and this is the approach which was taken for the development and completion of Jamaica's second NAP
- Jamaica's second OGP NAP 2024-2026 therefore continues to include seven (7) commitments, in the areas of Anti-Corruption, Open Data, Access to Information, Justice and Human Rights, Environment, Climate Change and Youth

# JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

## Revised Timelines: June 2024 - June 2026

- The Second OGP NAP was intended to be submitted by end-February 2024, to cover an implementation period from January 2024-December 2025. However, Jamaica was not able to submit its Second OGP NAP to the OGP by the end of February 2024 as planned. This was primarily due to the scheduling of local government elections on Monday, February 26, 2024, and the subsequent cancellation of the Cabinet meeting which would normally have been held on that date, and for which the Cabinet approval of the Second OGP NAP had been targeted.
- As a consequence, and in line with the advice provided from the OGP, Jamaica would aim to submit its Second OGP NAP in advance of end-August 2024, which will cover an action plan cycle from June 2024-June 2026.
- The Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 was completed in July 2024, following further meetings with stakeholder consultation groups, and submitted to Cabinet in July 2024. The Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 was resubmitted to Cabinet in September 2024 with additional information including letters of support from all implementing entities.
- The second Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan (NAP) 2024-2026 for Jamaica was approved by Cabinet by way of a cabinet decision taken in October 2024 and was formally submitted to the OGP in December 2024.

# **JAMAICA – SECOND OGP NAP 2024-2026**

## **New Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF)**

- Cabinet approved the Submission on the MSF Membership for the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 for Jamaica, by way of decision in June 2025. Under this decision, the OGP MSF for GOJ's Second OGP NAP has an increased membership of fourteen (14), comprising seven (7) government and seven (7) civil society members.
- The government membership of the new MSF includes the MOFPS, which continues to be the lead Ministry for the OGP, along with representatives from five (5) key Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), including the main ministries responsible for implementing the GOJ's commitments in the Second OGP NAP.
- The seven (7) Civil Society members were selected through a process of nomination and selection designed and conducted by civil society stakeholders. A Selection Committee was established by the civil society members of the MSF in July 2024, and nominations were invited from civil society from persons offering to serve on the MSF for the period of the second OGP NAP. The Selection Committee reviewed the applications received and selected the seven (7) recommended civil society nominees based on a number of criteria including expertise, independence, commitment and reputation.
- The new MSF will provide oversight and guidance to the process for the implementation, monitoring and reporting for Jamaica's Second OGP NAP 2024-2026.

# SECOND OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2024-2026 - SUMMARY







Commitment	Lead Implementing Ministry/Agency (1)	Number of Milestone Activities
1. Complete the National Anti-Corruption Strategy	Integrity Commission	4
2. Upgrade and Strengthen the Open Data System in Jamaica	Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)	7
3. Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica	Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)	10
4. Increase Access to Information on and Public Awareness of the Justice System and Human Rights	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MJCA)	4
5. Complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations	Ministry of Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development (MEGID) National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)	3
6. Carry out Development of Climate Change Legislation and Related Activities	Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change (MWECC)	9
7. Strengthen Youth Participation and Access to Services	Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)	5

(1) Based on Cabinet reassignments in new Government following general election in September 2025 and publication of Assignment of Subjects and Departments by Cabinet Office in November 2025

# JAMAICA AND OGP PROCESS – PROGRESS REPORT FOR SECOND OGP NAP 2024-2026

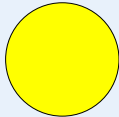
- At its second meeting held on August 19, 2025, the OGP MSF agreed to commence the preparations for the first Progress Report on implementation of the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026.
- At its third meeting held on November 27, 2025, the MSF approved the first Progress Report on implementation of the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026, based on the updates received from implementing entities, and agreed to prepare for meetings with the OGP Stakeholder Consultation Groups to present and discuss the first Progress Report on the Second OGP NAP 2024-2026 for Jamaica, covering the period June 2024-June 2025.
- The first Progress Report on the Second OGP NAP indicated that progress is underway on all seven (7) commitments during the June 2024 – June 2025 review period. However, a majority of activities were delayed under the second action planning cycle based on the progress reporting, with a common theme of constraints in human resources and funding impacting their timely implementation.

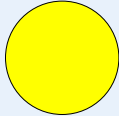
Summary of Milestone Activity Implementation Status: June 2024 – June 2025

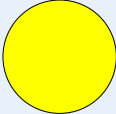
Implementation Status	Status Indicator	Number of Activities	%
Activity is complete		7	17%
Activity is on track		10	24%
Activity is delayed		25	60%
Activity is at risk		0	0%
No update on activity provided		0	0%
Activity is cancelled		0	0%
Activity has not yet started but is not delayed	[Blank]	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>100%</b>
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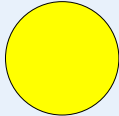
# OGP COMMITMENT FOR ATI

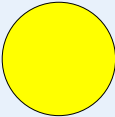
- Commitment # 3: Amend the Access to Information (ATI) Act and Strengthen the ATI System in Jamaica
- Lead Implementing Agency: Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information (MESYI)
- Ten (10) Milestone Activities with Verifiable Deliverables

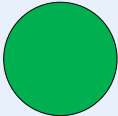
Milestone Activities	Timeframe	Summary of Status and Progress		Main Issues, Challenges and Comments
		June 2024 – June 2025	Dashboard of Progress	
Establish the Access to Information Act Advisory Committee, including confirmation of membership, approval of Terms of Reference (TOR), and endorsement of the ATI Access to Information Act Advisory Committee by the relevant Minister	June 2024 - September 2024	Delayed. Research completed and work continued on the development of a new Access to Information Stakeholder Framework for enhanced collaboration and consultation. Proposal and Draft Terms of Reference for Access to Information Act Advisory Committee to be submitted to the Minister for consideration and review in November 2025.		Human resource constraints.

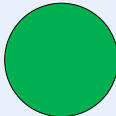
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Establish new Joint Select Committee to review the Access to Information Act and take submissions from the public	January 2025 - April 2025	Delayed. The review of comments received from the Legal Reform Department and the Attorney General's Chambers was completed during the period. Updated policy guidance has been requested.		

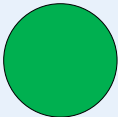
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Prepare Draft Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations based on new Joint Select Committee Report	May 2025 - October 2025	Delayed. Contingent on Joint Select Committee establishment and review of the Access to Information Act and submissions made by stakeholders.		This target timeline was directly contingent on milestone activity: Establish new Joint Select Committee to review the Access to Information Act and take submissions from the public

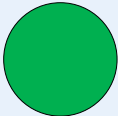
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		June 2024 – June 2025	Dashboard of Progress	
Review of Draft Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations by the Access to Information Act Advisory Committee and consultation sessions with stakeholders and the public	November 2025 - January 2026	Delayed. Contingent on Joint Select Committee establishment and review of the Access to Information Act and submissions made by stakeholders.		This target timeline was directly contingent on milestone activity: Establish new Joint Select Committee to review the Access to Information Act and take submissions from the public

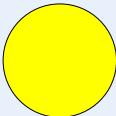
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Finalize Bill to amend the ATI Act and regulations	February 2026 - June 2026	Delayed. Contingent on Joint Select Committee establishment and review of the Access to Information Act and submissions made by stakeholders.		This target timeline was directly contingent on milestone activity: Establish new Joint Select Committee to review the Access to Information Act and take submissions from the public

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Prepare improved guidelines for public bodies and ATI officers	June 2024 - June 2026	<p>On Track.</p> <p>Review of additional Best Practice Guidelines from Access to Information oversight bodies in Commonwealth jurisdictions with similar legislative provisions completed during the period.</p> <p>Drafting of Guidelines is ongoing.</p>		

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Undertake capacity development and training for ATI officers	June 2024 - June 2026	On track. Two virtual training sessions on Improving ATI Service delivery for ATI Responsible officers held. Forty-six (46) Access to Information Responsible Officers were trained. Virtual Presentations made on the Access to Information Act at 20 and on Mainstreaming Access to Information and Participation in the Public Sector at the MLCA made. Planning and development of training material for new Best Practices training workshops for ATI Officers.		

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Conduct programme of public education on the ATI system and rights	June 2024 - June 2026	<p>On track.</p> <p>Details provided in Progress Report on Second OGP NAP June 2024-June 2025.</p>		<p>Human resource and financial constraints impact this activity. The ATI Unit has been building and leveraging partnerships with other MESYI Departments, Agencies and Divisions to enhance our Public Education and Communication work.</p>

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Strengthen reporting mechanisms for annual reports, and reporting for the SDGs and Lima Commitment	July 2024 - June 2026	On track. The ATI Unit continued to work on improving Report submissions and updating existing Quarterly and Monthly Reporting Templates, including to support improved statistical information analysis and align with GOJ Open Data Policy principles, and benefit from existing and new AI tools. The ATI Unit completed and submitted to the UNESCO SDG 16.10.2 Team the Annual UNESCO 2025 Survey on Public Access to Information (SDG Indicator 16.10.2) for Jamaica.		

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Develop proposal for the application of technology for online platform for making and tracking ATI requests	June 2024 - March 2025	Delayed. Concept Note for submission to PIMSEC to be completed by Q4 of FY2025/2026. Upgrades and improvements to the ATI Unit website are ongoing and continued as the first phase of improvements ahead of the development of an online platform based on the recommendations of the Canada/CARICOM Expert Deployment Mechanism (CCEDM) Consultant. Enhanced Information Architecture Plan for upgraded website completed. Other upgrade activities include user experience and architecture, prototyping, functional implementation and visual design and theming. New website projected to go live in Quarter 4 (January-March) of FY2025/2026.		Human resource constraints.

*THANK YOU!*

*Q & A / Discussion*

