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2022 Report of OAS Activities in Jamaica

Beautifully Black

by Brianna Salmon
2022 OAS Poetry Competition Winner

Beautifully Black
The stokes of my brush paint you black,
And I'm sorry my dear,
I shouldn't have done that,
For what life will you lead now,
With your tinted skin,
You'll simply bleed out,
You simply won't live,

Perhaps if I had painted you white,
It would be better,
I think you're beautiful my love,
But no one else seems to get it,
After all they treat you so harshly,
And it pains me,
So let me know,
If I should take you back and paint you the colour of snow,

It would be easier,
Don't you think so? ...
No? ...

Well then you can stay that way,
I won't take your gorgeous black skin away,
I'll let you love yourself,
Because you are magnificent,
And you should never try to change,

Sweetest,
My brush painted you black,
By no mistake,
You look beautiful like that,
And thus, you'll stay this way.



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2022 OAS Art Competition Winner

Office of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States in Jamaica (GS/OAS – Jamaica)

“The Organization of American States is the hemispheric political forum inclusive of all the countries of the Americas, committed to the strengthening of democracy, the promotion and protection of human rights, the advancement of integral development and the fostering of multidimensional security, all equal and interdependent, with justice and social inclusion, for the benefit of the peoples of the Americas.” (AG/RES. 2814 (XLIV-O/14))

The OAS Offices in member states were created to serve as centers to promote and coordinate the activities of the OAS General Secretariat in member states. The Offices and their staff are therefore an integral part of the OAS General Secretariat. They allow the Organization to effectively execute its projects and programs, obtain reliable and timely information on the political and economic developments of the member states and ensure direct, on the ground engagement with member states and their citizens. The main role of the OAS Office in Jamaica is thus to bring the work of the OAS, including the opportunities offered, closer to the people of Jamaica.

Jamaica has been a member of the OAS since 1969. The Office of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States in Jamaica was established on March 12, 1971. Since its inception in 1971, the Office of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) in Jamaica has supported the OAS General Secretariat in achieving its mission, mandates and to strengthen its four pillars- democracy, human rights, integral development, and multidimensional security.

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica has an active role in maintaining an institutional presence for the OAS in Jamaica,

promoting the activities of the organs of the General Secretariat, collaborating with the Government, private sector, and civil society organizations in Jamaica, as well as specialized organizations and other entities, to implement OAS policies, programs and activities based on Jamaica’s development needs and the OAS Strategic Plan for Partnerships for Integral Development. In particular, the Office collaborates with other Inter-American institutions, international and regional partners to increase development partnerships and forge synergies on thematic areas in accordance with the four main pillars of the OAS.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to think out of the box and address both new challenges that were brought on by this pandemic and existing challenges that have been exacerbated. The new reality of increased virtual events has created more opportunities to enhance the visibility of the work of the OAS and for more collaboration with partners and within the GS/OAS.

The GS/OAS Office in Jamaica will continue to support the mutually beneficial partnership between the OAS and the Government of Jamaica and to serve as the liaison between the Secretary General, the various OAS Secretariats and Departments and the Government of Jamaica to ensure the successful implementation of OAS activities with Jamaica.





Jeanelle van GlaanenWeygel, OAS Representative in Jamaica

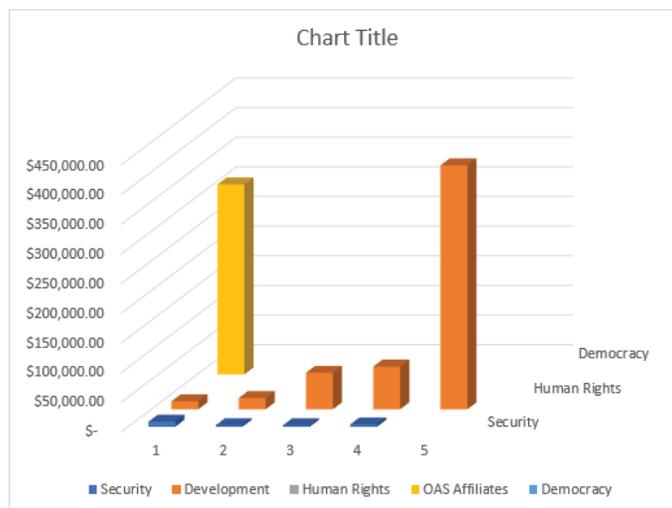
Information on the work of the OAS in Jamaica is now available via the main page of the OAS through the following link: [OAS - Organization of American States: Democracy for peace, security, and development](#)

The OAS projects website provides a summary of the main programs, activities, and initiatives that the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) is developing, implementing, and supporting with Member States, as the GS/OAS promotes and strengthens democracy, human rights, multidimensional security, and integral development. The GS/OAS successfully executes its work through its various Secretariats and Offices at Headquarters and in Member States.

The OAS Office in Jamaica provides support and ensures the proper implementation of the mission, mandates, and pillars of the OAS. The presence of the Office in Jamaica promotes the Organization and its relevance as the main hemispheric political body, while advocating for its vision and collaborating in the supervision of OAS projects, thus contributing to the country's national development.

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The estimated number of projects and other OAS activities executed in (or with) Jamaica in 2022 is 50 at an estimated cost of US\$927,075. This amount includes the cost covered by the OAS for per diem and/or travel tickets for the participation of 13 Jamaican nationals in OAS events outside of Jamaica, in 2022.



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The following are some of the main OAS activities implemented in (or with) Jamaica in 2022 by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and its partners in the key areas of work of the OAS.

Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica

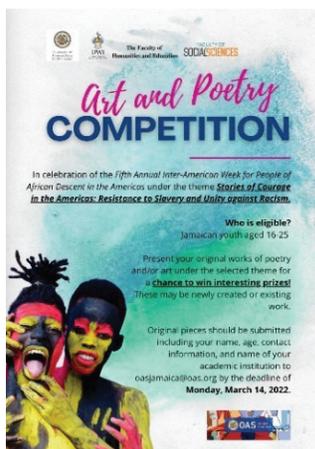
February 2022

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica organized a **virtual meeting between the OAS** Representatives in Jamaica, the Bahamas and St. Lucia and the UN Coordinator and several Heads of UN agencies in Jamaica (with responsibility for the Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos) and in Washington, D.C. to explore possible collaboration between the Offices of the OAS and the UN in the Caribbean. A follow up meeting with other regional UN Coordinators and OAS officials at Headquarters was proposed to explore the areas of cooperation that were identified.

March 2022

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica in collaboration with the Faculties of Social Science (FSS) and Humanities of the

University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus organized the **2022 OAS Art and Poetry Competition** in celebration of the 2022 Inter American Week for People of African Descent. Twenty-two artists and poets submitted their original works of art and poetry. The virtual event for the finalists to present their works of art and poetry and for judges to select the winners of the competition was held on March 23, 2022. A panel of judges from the UWI and the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts selected the top three candidates in both categories of art and poetry. The event included a presentation by Mr. Vivian Crawford, Executive Director of the Institute of Jamaica, titled “Stories of Courage in the Americas: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism.” The live virtual event was watched by 139 viewers. JN Bank and Digicel offered money prizes and tablets to the three winners in each respective category of art and poetry. The handover ceremony of prizes was held at the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica on March 25. On April 5, the Jamaica Information Service (JIS) published an article about the event and the winners: [Office of GS/OAS Announces Winners of Art And Poetry Competition – Jamaica Information Service \(jis.gov.jm\)](https://jis.gov.jm)



IV Extraordinary Meeting of the Inter American Network of High-Level Authorities on Policies for Afrodescendant Populations.

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica collaborated with the OAS Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) to explore the possibility of hosting a joint event on the issue of reparation (after the topic was discussed during the first Chat with the OAS in April 2021). In March 2022, DSI organized a panel discussion on the topic of “reparation in the Americas”,

which was held during the RIAFRO meeting, and was moderated by the OAS Representative in Jamaica. The panelists included Pastor Murillo, Member of the UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent, Dr. Ron Daniels, Convener, National African American Reparations Commission, Emmanuela Douyon, Executive Director, Policit  and (Professor Sir Hillary Beckles, Chairman, CARICOM Reparations Commission, who was ultimately not able to participate).



August 2022

“A Chat with the OAS” in observance of the Fifth Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples.

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica provided support with the organization of this Chat and invited Dr. Amina Blackwood Meeks, Orator & Lecturer of Caribbean Culture, and Identity in Jamaica, to make a presentation during the Chat. The focus of the Chat was, ‘The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge in the Americas’, which was also the theme of the Inter American Week. 75 viewers watched the live discussion.

September 2022

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica organized “A Chat with the OAS” in commemoration of Jamaica’s 60th year of independence.

Dr. Wayne Henry, Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) in dialogue with OAS Assistant Secretary General Nestor Mendez, discussed Jamaica’s journey as an independent nation, Jamaica’s vision 2030, which aims to empower Jamaicans, to create a stable society, a prosperous economy, and a healthy environment, as well as the feasibility of reaching the main goals of Vision 2030 in the post-COVID-19 pandemic era. 67 viewers watched the live event.





October 2022

Virtual Roundtable on Older Persons in the margins of the OAS General Assembly

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica invited Professor Denise Eldemire-Shearer, Executive Director for the UWI's Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre to highlight the situation of older persons in Jamaica at the roundtable organized by the OAS Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) on the margins of the OAS General Assembly in 2022.

provided through the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica and guidelines to be followed during project implementation.

December 2022

Discussion with OAS affiliates (PADF and Trust for the Americas) to strengthen collaboration on projects in Jamaica.

As part of collaborative efforts to get maximum benefit out of the work of the OAS and its affiliates in Jamaica, the Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica organized a meeting with the PADF and the local consultants who work (and have worked) with the OAS and the Trust for the Americas on youth development and violence prevention projects in Jamaica.

November 2022

PIOJ Annual Projects Evaluation Meeting

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica participated in the Annual Projects Evaluation Meeting with the Planning Institute of Jamaica to evaluate OAS projects being implemented in Jamaica. The Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC), the implementing agency of the OAS Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) funded project in Jamaica, provided an update on the project implementation. The OAS Representative in Jamaica discussed the administrative and logistical support



SECURITY

Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (ES-CICAD)

Supply Reduction

Project Profile

- Project name: Counterdrug Police Intelligence Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, Supply Reduction Unit (SMS/CICAD/SRU)
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Rafael Parada, Chief, Supply Reduction Unit, ES-CICAD, RParada@oas.org / Jermaine Folkes, Head Divisional Analysis and Intelligence Unit, Jamaica Constabulary Force, Narcotics Division, Jermaine.folkes@jcf.gov.jm
- Location of project implementation: Virtual
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable):

The Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Jamaica Defense Force participate in the activities conducted within CICAD's Caribbean Counterdrug Intelligence Training School (CCITS).

- Project objectives: Within CICAD's Counterdrug Police Intelligence Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Program, CCITS aims to increase the capacities of analysts and investigators from OAS Caribbean member states to investigate and dismantle drug criminal organizations.
- Project description: Program to increase

the capacity of analysts and investigators from member states in specialized techniques related to the development and analysis of counterdrug intelligence, enhancing their ability to effectively investigate and dismantle organized criminal groups involved in drug trafficking.

- Project duration (Start date/End date): Ongoing.
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): US\$ 8,500 for Jamaica's participation.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: n/a

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Started/on target; Three virtual counterdrug police intelligence courses delivered during 2022 for Caribbean member states within the framework of CCITS.
- Main challenges: n/a

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: Funding/staffing is secured for 2023 activities.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: n/a
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: n/a

Project Profile

- Project name: Counterdrug Maritime Cooperation and Maritime/Port Narcotrafficking Control
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): SMS/CICAD/SRU
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts):Rafael Parada, Chief, Supply Reduction Unit, ES-CICAD, RParada@oas.org / Jermaine Folkes, Head Divisional Analysis and Intelligence Unit, Jamaica Constabulary Force, Narcotics Division, Jermaine.folkes@jcf.gov.jm
- Location of project implementation: Fort-de-France, Martinique; Virtual
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable):
- Jamaica participated in the International Seminar on Countering Cocaine Trafficking by Sea in the Caribbean, which was co-organized by CICAD, the National Directorate of Intelligence and Customs Investigations of France (DNRED, by its French language acronym) and the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (MAOC). Additionally, Jamaica participated in CICAD's Virtual Meeting on Riverine Drug Trafficking Control, which took place in June 2022.
- Project objectives: To strengthen operational capacity of maritime authorities, law enforcement, and customs agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains, as well as to enhance inter-agency, regional and international cooperation in maritime counterdrug multilateral operations.
- Project description: Program to support law enforcement, port authorities, customs, and other agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains.
- Project duration (Start date/End date): Ongoing.

- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica):US\$ 2,500 for Jamaica's participation.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: n/a

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Started/on target.
- Main challenges: n/a

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: Funding/staffing is secured for 2023 activities.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: n/a
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: n/a

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and Beyond

Title: National Training Seminar on the Detection and Identification of Synthetic Drugs, including New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and their Precursor Chemicals, Kingston, Jamaica

- Duration: One week
- Objective: To strengthen the capacity of officers from counterdrug law enforcement and other agencies with competence in the subject matter to detect and investigate synthetic drugs, NPS, and to effectively control precursor chemicals.
- Expected Outcome: Strengthened capacity to detect and investigate synthetic drugs and NPS production and trafficking, and to effectively control precursor chemicals used in their illicit manufacture.



- Budget: US\$20,000
- Title: Regional Training Course on the Control of Illicit Drug Trafficking for Female Officers, in CCITS Headquarters in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- Duration: One week.
- Objective: Increase the capacity of female drug and chemical control officers of participating OAS Caribbean member states in the investigation of illicit drug trafficking. This course provides participants with the opportunity to be equipped with the latest investigative techniques and procedures specific to controlling illicit drug trafficking.
- Expected Outcome: Increased knowledge and skills of female drug and chemical control officers on the techniques and tools for the identification, analysis, and control of illicit drug trafficking.
- Total budget: US\$ 5,000 for Jamaica's participation.

Title: [Regional Course on Drug Investigations, in Bridgetown, Barbados](#)

- Duration: One week
- Objective: Enhance the capacity of drug control investigators on specialized techniques related to the development and analysis of strategic, operational, and prospective intelligence to investigate drug trafficking networks operating in the Americas.
- Expected Outcome: Increased knowledge and skills of drug control officers to detect and investigate illicit drug trafficking.
- Project budget: US\$ 5,000 for Jamaica's participation

Title: [Meeting of CICAD's Working Group on Aerial Drug Trafficking Control, Bridgetown, Barbados](#)

- Duration: Three days

- Objective: To strengthen operational capacity of competent authorities to investigate, detect, and interdict aerial drug trafficking, as well as to enhance inter-agency cooperation at the national and regional level.
- Expected Outcome: Strengthened operational capacity of competent authorities to investigate, detect, and interdict aerial drug trafficking, and enhanced inter-agency cooperation at the national and regional level.
- Project budget: US\$3,000 for Jamaica's participation.

Title: [Meeting of CICAD's Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products, Quito, Ecuador](#)

- Duration: Three days
- Objective: To facilitate information exchange and best practices to counter the proliferation of synthetic drugs, including through public/private postal and parcel services and to increase access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion to illicit purposes.
- Expected Outcome: Strengthen the capacities of Jamaica's drug control agencies to counter the illicit use of precursor chemicals in the production and manufacture of natural and synthetic drugs, including NPS.
- Project budget: US\$3,000 for Jamaica's participation.

Title: [Meeting of CICAD's Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking, San Salvador, El Salvador](#)

- Duration: Three days
- Objective: To strengthen operational capacity of maritime authorities, law enforcement, and customs agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug



trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains, as well as to enhance inter-agency, regional and international cooperation in maritime counterdrug multilateral operations.

- Expected Outcome: Strengthen the capacities of Jamaica's law enforcement, port authorities, customs, and other agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains.
- Project budget: US\$ 3,000 for Jamaica's participation
- Main challenges: Jamaica did not participate in the last in-person meeting of CICAD's Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking, which took place in Lima, Peru in September 2022. It is important to have Jamaica participate at the next meeting of the Group, which will take place in September 2023 and will be chaired by El Salvador.

– Michele Lemmon, Director of Policy, Ministry of National Security, point of contact for the National Coordinating Entity (NCE) designated for the eighth round.

– Superintendent Jervis Moore and Detective Sergeant Jermaine Folkes from the Narcotics Division of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), as principal and alternate representative, respectively, to the Governmental Expert Group (GEG).

- Location of project implementation: Virtual with the participation of OAS member states
- Project objectives: Measure progress in implementing the OAS Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2021-2025
- Project description: The MEM, mandated by the 1998 Summit of the Americas, is a peer review process that measures the progress of actions taken by OAS member states to address the drug problem and related crimes. The MEM evaluates member states' implementation of the Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2021-2025, which is aligned with the UNGASS 2016 goals and objectives and the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development goals. The only multilateral evaluation of its kind in the world, the MEM highlights strengths and weaknesses in its national reports and encourages national dialogue among policymakers. Additionally, the ES-CICAD publishes thematic annual hemispheric briefs based on the findings of the MEM national evaluation reports.
- Project duration (Start date/End date): 8th round spans from 2021-2024
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): US\$910,995 (total project budget for 2022 at ES-CICAD. No allocation to member states.)
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: N/A

Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM)

Project Profile

- Project name: Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) – 8th round – Area of Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences – 2022
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) / Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GOJ contacts):
 - Luis Adrian Noble, Chief of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit at CICAD/OAS.
 - Rohan Richards, Chief Technical Director, Ministry of National Security.



Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/ on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Ongoing. Throughout 2022 Jamaica participated in the MEM eighth evaluation process through two MEM sub-bodies. First, the MEM National Coordinating Entity (NCE) for Jamaica through its Ministry of National Security provided updated information for the MEM's eighth round Jamaica report on the drug supply reduction area of 'Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences.' All national thematic reports underwent a thorough evaluation by the MEM Governmental Expert Group (GEG) from early 2022 through October 2022. Senior Superintendent Jervis Moore, and Detective Sergeant Jermaine Folks, GEG experts for Jamaica, participated in the GEG's virtual plenary drafting meetings, during which experts do not participate in the evaluation of their own country. The GEG concluded 32 final draft national evaluation thematic reports which were approved at the 72nd CICAD regular session in November and published in December.
- Main challenges: Ensure participation of NCEs and GEG experts throughout the evaluation year.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: Partially funded by the OAS Regular Fund and Indirect Cost Recovery (ICR), and continuing to seek specific funding from member states.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: None.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: Given that the national evaluation reports signal both strengths and challenges, these reports

highlight areas requiring training or other assistance in drug control.

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- Title: MEM 8th evaluation round - Areas of Institutional Strengthening; Research, Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation; and International Cooperation – 2023.
- Duration: One year.
- Objective: Measure progress in implementing the OAS Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2021-2025 in the evaluated areas.
- Expected Outcome: National evaluation thematic reports 2023.
- Project budget: US\$ 910,995 (total project budget for 2023 at the CICAD Executive Secretariat. No allocation to member states.)

Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)

Project Profile

- Project name: Early Warning Systems in Response to Opioids and New Psychoactive Substances
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): SMS/CICAD/Inter-American Observatory on Drugs
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts)
 - Marya Hynes, Chief, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD
 - Pernell Clarke, Specialist, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD
 - Michael Tucker, National Council of Drug Abuse, Ministry of Health
- Location of project implementation: The project consists mainly of training and sensitization and most were virtual events.



- Concrete benefits for Jamaica: Capacity building for local authorities on how to develop and implement early warning systems (EWS) on drugs and drug information networks (DINs) will be the main benefit for Jamaica. EWS are useful tools that allow countries to detect, identify, and respond to the threats posed by emerging substances including new psychoactive substances (NPS). This is particularly important for Jamaica given the recent apparent increase in the availability and use of a substance referred to as ‘molly.’ The use of the substance appears to be increasingly prevalent among youth, and an early warning system is the perfect tool for dealing with these types of emerging substances.
- Provide technical support to member states’ EWS and DINs.

- Project description: The project aims to build capacity through training events and workshops, collecting and disseminating information on emerging drug threats through the Early Warning system in the Americas (known by its Spanish-language acronym, SATA) webpage, and providing technical support directly to member states as they develop or improve their EWS and DINs.
- Project duration: March 2020 to December 2023.
- Total Budget allocation: No specific allocation for Jamaica.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: The project does not contemplate direct disbursements to Jamaica, but a participant from Jamaica was sponsored by this project to attend an in-person training event in Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago, in December 2022. The total cost of Jamaica’s participation was US\$2,526.

Project objectives

- Share and disseminate information and early warning alerts on NPS, opioids, and other emerging drug threats.
- Produce reports that describe the situation in member states, including how they are affecting men, women, and children in different ways.
- Build capacity among law enforcement, laboratory, public health, drug treatment, and drug observatory personnel on how to develop and implement a local EWS, as well as drug information networks (DINs).
- Develop manuals and standardized protocols to guide member states.
- Develop standards, criteria, and instruments for EWS and update existing instruments for DINs.
- Create a forum for on-going operational and policy level discussions and sensitization on NPS, opioids, and other emerging drug threats.
- Collaborate with other international agencies and partners working on emerging drug issues.



Demand Reduction

Project Profile

- Project Name: Online Training of the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) Practitioners Series: School-based prevention, family-based prevention, and Monitoring and Evaluation
- Secretariat / Department: SMS/CICAD/ Demand Reduction Unit
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Isabella Araújo, Program Officer
- Local (GoJ) contact: Michael Tucker, NCDA
- Location of project implementation: Online
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica: Six professionals trained in the UPC School-based prevention, Family-based prevention, and Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Objective: Build the capacity of representatives, government agencies, civil society, and local governments working in schools, with families, or conducting monitoring and evaluating of drug use prevention programs in the Caribbean region.
- Project Description: The Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) provides training programs for those wishing to develop their professional knowledge, skills, and competence in addressing substance use prevention and delivering treatment services to individuals and their families. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there has been an increasing need to offer online training to continue strengthening the capacity of the drug use prevention workforce in CICAD member states. In that regard, CICAD converted the UPC Practitioner Series Core, Family, School, Monitoring and Evaluation Courses into an online training format.

Project duration: December 2020–December 2023.

- Total Budget (for regional projects - disbursements in Jamaica): No disbursements in Jamaica

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): In progress.
- Main challenges: N/A

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: N/A
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: N/A
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: N/A

Project Profile

- Project name: Caribbean drug prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation focused institutions. Results of an Institutional and Human Resource Training Needs Assessment of the OAS English-, French-, and Dutch-Speaking Caribbean Member States
- Secretariat / Department: SMS/CICAD/ Demand Reduction Unit
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Isabella Araújo, Program Officer
- Local (GoJ) contact: Michael Tucker, NCDA
- Location of project implementation: N/A
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable):
- Project objectives: To provide a better understanding of the actual and perceived training and support needs of the drug treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation



sector in the Caribbean region. These publications focus on the current view of the situation from the perspective of professionals in the industry as captured by the needs assessment.

- Project description: In 2011, ES/CICAD conducted a regional mapping exercise to identify key drug demand reduction stakeholder agencies working in drug use prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation in the OAS English-speaking Caribbean member states and performed a regional Institutional and Human Resource Training Needs Assessment to identify specific priority needs across the Region. In 2020, this same exercise was conducted in 14 OAS English-, Dutch-, and French-speaking Caribbean member states. This report shares the results of this updated Institutional and Human Resource Training Needs Assessment.
- Project duration (Start date/End date): 2020-2022
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): US\$50,000. No allocation for Jamaica.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: N/A

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Completed.
- Main challenges: N/A

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: N/A
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: N/A
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: N/A

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- Title: 2nd Caribbean Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention (location Bahamas)
- Duration: 5 months
- Objective: The Youth Forum is a collaborative initiative between the Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Program and the OAS/CICAD. The focus of this Youth Forum is to promote youth leadership in drug demand reduction by supporting youth-led prevention initiatives. The Forum provides this sector of the population with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to develop action plans for prevention initiatives and encourages participants to collaborate with governments, civil society, and among themselves for their project development and implementation.
- Expected Outcome: Train three youth leaders from Jamaica.
- Project budget: US\$200,000 (regional budget)

Project Profile

- Title: International Quality Assurance Program
- Duration: 2 years
- Objective: To contribute to improving the quality of treatment of people with substance use disorders.
- Expected Outcome: Member states have the knowledge and tools needed to initiate and strengthen their Quality Assurance initiatives.
- Project budget: US\$100,000 (regional budget).



Institutional Strengthening

Project Profile

- Project: Universal Curriculum (Training) on Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) and Case Care Management (CCM)
- Objective: ATI Curriculum training: This initiative supports member states in designing alternatives to incarceration programs and provides technical assistance (training) for the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of alternatives to incarceration for drug-related offenses.
- CCM Curriculum training: This project supports, through training, multidisciplinary and inter-institutional coordination between the justice system and health and social services for persons with substance use disorders in contact with the criminal justice system, to facilitate treatment and social integration.
- Duration: 2018–2023
- Total Budget (for regional projects – disbursements in Jamaica): No disbursements in Jamaica

Project Status

- Status: Ongoing
- Outcomes / Achievements: Jamaica is the only country in the Caribbean that received both trainings (ATI and CCM) between 2018 and 2020. In 2021 and 2022, through the COVID pandemic, ES-CICAD continued to communicate with the judiciary and the international partners and stands ready to provide virtual technical assistance for the ATI and CCM programs, in accordance with Jamaica’s interest and priorities. In May 2022, ES-CICAD invited Jamaica to present at the ISSUP (International Society of Substance Use Prevention Professionals) International Conference, held in Abu Dhabi and organized by ISSUP. Judge Jacqueline Wilcott presented the highlights of the ATI system in Jamaica in Sub-plenary 5, it was titled “Alternative

to Incarceration System: Treatment Interventions for Persons with Substance Use Disorders Who are in Contact with the Criminal Justice System” on Friday May 13, 2022. In July 2022 a delegation from ES-CICAD visited Jamaica and discussed technical assistance needs and interest for both ATI and CCM for future activities and projects.

- Benefits for Jamaica: Professionals trained from various institutions (including judicial officers, as well as Parish Judges, the Children’s Drug Court, Department of Correctional Services, Ministry of Health, the Jamaica Constabulary Force, (JCF), the National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA), and potential expansion to other ATI programs, including the CCM model.
- Risks/Challenges: In 2021 and 2022 there were delays in program implementation due to the unexpected circumstances related to the COVID pandemic. Nevertheless, ES-CICAD continued to communicate with the judiciary and the international partners to explore Jamaica’s interest and priorities on ATI and CCM in upcoming years.
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Antonio Lomba, Chief, Institutional Strengthening Unit, ES-CICAD

Local (GoJ) contact: Carol Lawrence-Beswick C.D., Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica carol.lawrence-beswick@supremecourt.gov.jm and Michael Tucker from the NCDA mtucker@ncda.org.jm. (NB: Judge Beswick has retired as of January 1, 2023; a substitute point of contact has not yet been provided.)

Project Profile

- Project: Establishment and Strengthening of National Drug Policies, Strategies, and Plans of Action in the Americas with specific attention in the Caribbean



- Objective: Provide technical assistance to support and strengthen the development and implementation of national drug policies, strategies, and plans of action, including monitoring and evaluation tools, in line with the OAS Hemispheric Drug Strategy 2020 and its corresponding Plan of Action on Drugs 2021–2025.
- Duration: 2021–2023
- Total Budget (for regional projects – disbursements in Jamaica): No disbursements in Jamaica (other than a CPR contract for US\$4,000 to support the revision of the national drug strategy and plan of action.)

Project Status

- Status: Ongoing
- Outcomes / Achievements: Since 2021, ES-CICAD invited Jamaica to participate in different activities to support member states in the development and implementation of national drug policies, in alignment with the new CICAD/OAS Hemispheric Strategy on Drugs (2020) and its Plan of Action (2021–2025). These activities consisted of trainings, technical and policy discussions, direct technical assistance for the drafting of Jamaica’s national drug policy, strategies, and action plan, as well as the creation of a monitoring and evaluation framework. As part of this process, ES-CICAD held a virtual meeting in November 2021, to discuss a work plan for 2022. This was followed by a three-day virtual training on drafting a National Drug Policy for English-speaking member states at which Jamaica participated. Following this event, a dedicated workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation was hosted in Kingston, Jamaica, for representatives from English-speaking Caribbean countries. The opening ceremony was addressed by several officials and the feature address was delivered by the Minister of National Security who is also the Deputy Prime Minister. On the margins

of the meeting, a discussion was held with representatives from different stakeholders, both government and non-government, to discuss the development of the national drug policy.

- Subsequently, Jamaican stakeholders met and formed a technical working group to plan the development of the national policy. Following the first meeting, the working group agreed to approach ES-CICAD for the engagement of a consultant to assist with the drafting of the Policy. This was completed in November 2022 and work continues on this project.
- Benefits for Jamaica: This initiative will support Jamaica with the development of its national drug policy and plan of action.
- Risks/Challenges: The improvement of the COVID-19 situation allowed the project to undertake in-person meetings including the Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop convened in Jamaica in June 2022.
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Antonio Lomba, Chief, Institutional Strengthening Unit, ES-CICAD Local (GoJ) contact: Mr. Rohan Richards, Chief Technical Director, rohan.richards@mns.gov.jm and Mr. Michael Tucker, Director of the National Drug Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA) mtucker@ncda.org.jm.

Project Profile

- Project: Gender in the Criminal Justice System Exploring Evidence-Based Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Related Offenses (funded by Global Affairs Canada/Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program)
- Objective: This initiative seeks to identify procedural and extra-procedural alternatives to incarceration mechanisms offered to people in contact with the criminal justice system for minor drug-related offenses, in addition to analyzing whether these mechanisms are gender-



biased. ES-CICAD's Inter-American Observatory on Drugs is a partner for this program.

- Duration: 2018-2022 (expected to be extended by April 2023)
- Total Budget (for regional projects - disbursements in Jamaica): No disbursements in Jamaica

Project Status

- Status: Ongoing (editing report)
- Outcomes / Achievements: In 2022, ES-CICAD concluded a series of diagnostic studies in Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica, which sought to better understand how sensitive the criminal justice system is to gender when offering alternatives to incarceration for low-level, drug-related offenses. The studies generated gender-disaggregated baseline data to assist drug authorities in improving their ability to track and report sentencing outcomes. This type of data is expected to contribute to the development of effective drug policies and programs that are gender-sensitive and address the drug problem without contributing to gender inequality. They will also inform and support the design of appropriate interventions or adjustments to current alternatives to incarceration for these populations.
- Benefits for Jamaica: A draft final report of the diagnostic study was submitted to Jamaica in April 2022, following conclusion of the data collection in October 2021. Feedback is being incorporated by ES-CICAD in the final version of the report, which will then be disseminated to Jamaican stakeholders. In addition, as part of the project, eighteen representatives from Jamaica participated in the "Training Series on Gender in the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Related Offenses," held from May 26 to August 4, 2021. This training series was offered to professionals in the criminal

justice, health and social integration systems of the countries that are participating in the project. Its objective was to foster a deeper understanding of the gender dimensions of drug-related offenses amongst participants, and to strengthen their skills in the design and implementation of alternatives to incarceration policies and/or programs from a gender perspective. A second phase of this project is currently being explored, which would start in 2023.

- Risks/Challenges: The emergency due to COVID-19 delayed the start of the diagnostic study due to the closure of the courts, which led to an extension of the project. However, ES-CICAD was able to successfully conclude the project in 2022.
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Antonio Lomba, Chief, Institutional Strengthening Unit, ES-CICAD. Local (GoJ) contact: Carol Lawrence-Beswick C.D., Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica carol.lawrence-beswick@supremecourt.gov.jm and Michael Tucker, Director of the NCDA mtucker@ncda.org.jm (NB: Judge Beswick has retired as of January 1, 2023; a substitute point of contact has not yet been provided.)



- Project (Activity) Name or Title: **Establishing Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms for Impact Evaluation of Drug Treatment Court Model (funded by Global Affairs Canada/Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program)**
- Objective: This initiative supports the strengthening of Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms (M&E) of drug treatment court (DTC) programs across participating member states and seeks to raise awareness among authorities and other interested parties about the application of evidence-based DTC practices, with a gender and human rights perspective.
- Duration: 2020-2023
- Total Budget (for regional projects - disbursements in Jamaica): No disbursements in Jamaica.

Project Status

- Status: Ongoing
- Outcomes / Achievements: From February to May 2021, an analysis of existing resources and gaps for the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the Jamaica Drug Treatment Court (DTC) program was completed; the report was validated by the Jamaican designated points of contact in October 2021. Eleven judicial and government officials involved in the operation, monitoring and evaluation of the DTC program in Jamaica successfully completed the online course “Good Practices for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Drug Treatment Courts” (May 4-June 1, 2021). All the participants who responded to the pre- and post-training survey reported an improvement in their knowledge and/or in specific abilities for DTC M&E. A draft action plan to strengthen DTC monitoring and evaluation mechanisms was developed by Jamaica. On September 23, 2021, the ES-CICAD project team held a meeting with the points of contact in the Judiciary

and NCDA to discuss and define technical assistance activities for the remainder of the project.

- In 2022, the team continued to engage the Jamaican DTC team on two major activities. As part of their area of interest was participation in the DTC Cost Study that is a component of this project. The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC) was the identified organization to undertake this process in Jamaica and six other OAS member states. In August, a mission to Jamaica was conducted by the PUC research team, accompanied by an ES-CICAD consultant, to interview a number of stakeholders who contribute to the operations of the DTC in Jamaica and collect data to assess the costs associated with the operations of these courts. The data collected is now being analyzed and a draft report will be submitted to Jamaica for review in early 2023. Additionally, a session was convened with a DTC M&E expert from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and representatives from the Judiciary, the National Council on Drug Abuse, and other stakeholders of the DTC, to develop a logic model and indicators to support the monitoring and evaluation process of the DTC in Jamaica. A draft document will be shared with the Jamaican DTC stakeholders early in 2023. A follow-up training will be held in February 2023 to further consolidate the skills and knowledge acquired by the DTC team in monitoring and evaluation.
- Benefits for Jamaica: Strengthening of DTC M&E mechanisms and evidence-based DTC practices, and access to cost data to inform decision-making regarding the DTCs.
- Risks/Challenges: Some of the project activities have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the project moved forward and is due to close in 2023.
- OAS Contact: Antonio Lomba, Chief, Institutional Strengthening Unit, ES-CICAD
- Local (GoJ) contact: Michael Tucker,



Director of the NCDA mtucker@ncda.org. jm and Carol Lawrence-Beswick C.D., Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica carol.lawrence-beswick@supremecourt.gov.jm. (NB: Judge Beswick has retired as of January 1, 2023; a substitute point of contact has not yet been provided.)

Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

Project Title: **Countering Internal and External Threats to Civil Aviation**

Project Objective: help strengthen the capacity of OAS Member States to identify and prevent key threats to the civil aviation ecosystem.

Benefits for Jamaica: Jamaica is participating in this project and is active in the Inter-American National Focal Points (NFP's) Network on Aviation Security and participated in the First Virtual Meeting that took place on October 18th, 2022.

CICTE will ask Jamaica to consider hosting a 3-day workshop on "Aviation Security - Sub-Regional Insider Threats Workshop for the Caribbean" during 2023, which will seek to bring together aviation and security authorities to increase regional awareness regarding threats posed by insiders; share best practices on how to mitigate insider threats and continue to promote a culture of security.

Project donor: the project is financed by the Government of the United States

Project dates: October 1, 2021-March 31st, 2024. The project launched through a

virtual meeting on March 25th, 2022.

Total Project budget: \$999,997.

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- CICTE is planning at least two additional virtual NFP network meetings which Jamaica will be invited to in February 2023 and August 2023. Both have respective budgets of \$250 to handle interpretation for the events. The meetings take place for approximately 2-3 hrs.
- CICTE will ask Jamaica to consider hosting a 5-day workshop on "Aviation Security - Sub-Regional Insider Threats Workshop for the Caribbean" during 2023, which will seek to bring together aviation and security authorities to increase regional awareness regarding threats posed by insiders; share best practices on how to mitigate insider threats and continue to promote a culture of security. The approved budget for this subregional training is: \$51, 256. It is expected to take place from June 19-23rd, 2023 in collaboration with Jamaica Civil Aviation.

Project Title: **Protecting Crowded Spaces and other vulnerable targets.**

- Jamaica is participating in this project financed by the Government of Canada.
- Jamaica will be invited to nominate two officials to the Inter-American Tourism Security and Resilience Network
- CICTE has invited Jamaica to participate in the Network for major events security and is awaiting a response.
- CICTE invited Jamaica to participate in the "Regional workshop on tourism security (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - November 15-17, 2022)".
- Jamaica will be invited to participate in



a hemispheric workshop on security of crowded spaces and other vulnerable targets (Second semester 2023/ Date and venue to be determined).

Project Title: **Strengthening cargo and container security in the Americas – Phase 2**

- This project is financed by the Government of Canada.
- CICTE will carry out a technical assessment and engagement mission in Jamaica during 2023 and meet with national authorities to define needs for customs and border security operations, with particular focus on the security and inspection of cargo and conveyance in marine ports of entry.
- Jamaica will be invited to nominate custom officers to participate in a Container Examination Course scheduled for 2023 in coordination with Trinidad and Tobago's Customs and Excise Division. Jamaica could also consider hosting a similar type of training in the future.

Project Title: **Inter-American Network against Terrorism:** CICTE has invited Jamaica to participate in this Network to exchange information around terrorist threats in the region and is awaiting a response.

Cybersecurity

- CICTE supported Jamaica's efforts to update its National Cybersecurity Strategy during 2022.
- Supporting the Cyber Awareness month and as part of our continued support to JA-CIRT to raise national awareness of cyber risks and share safe online practices, CICTE participated in the webinar entitled: "Internet Governance in a Data Protected World," in November 2021 and collaborated with JA-CIRT in 2022 by coordinating with AWS as an expert speaker during their webinar series.
- "Threat Defense Challenge", which was organized by OAS / CICTE in 2020, with the support of JaCIRT, the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology, and Trend Micro. The initiative promoted the development of cybersecurity skills in the Information and Communications Technologies industry (ICT).
- Taking into account CICTE's previous support to the Government of Jamaica in the development of the National Cybersecurity Strategy (NCS) which was published in 2015. Most recently, in 2021 OAS CICTE provided technical support, in collaboration with the National Cybersecurity Task Force, with the review of the National Cybersecurity Strategy including facilitating virtual multistakeholder engagements to identify the country's evolving cybersecurity needs and priorities. This effort resulted in the redraft of the NCS with expected approval by end of 2022/ 2023.
- The Jamaica Cyber Incident Response Team (JaCIRT) has been an active member of CICTE's hemispheric network of public Cyber Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) in OAS Member States, also known as CSIRTAmericas, since 2016 and continues to participate in activities including the recent Heads of CSIRTs meeting held in October.
- 13 officials have participated in 8 cyber diplomacy courses over the last 2 years.



Department of Public Security (DPS)

Program of Assistance for Control of Arms and Munition (PACAM)

Project Profile

- Project name: Program of Assistance for Control of Arms and Munition (PACAM)
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Department of Public Security/ Secretariat of Multidimensional Security
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts):
 - OAS: Pier Angelli De Luca, Specialist of DPS/OAS, Project Manager of PACAM (pdeluca@oas.org)
 - GoJ: CTD Rohan Richards, Ministry of National Security of Jamaica
- Location of project implementation: Latin America and the Caribbean
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable): Improvement of national capacities to prevent and control firearms illicit trafficking
- Project objectives: PACAM is a comprehensive strategy of DPS/OAS to reduce armed violence through:
 - Improvement of national capacities and firearms control systems on (i) marking, recordkeeping, and tracing of firearms; (ii) physical security and management of the stockpiles of firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other related materials, including the destruction of firearms; and (iii) regional coordination and information exchange to optimize firearms control.
- Strengthening community resilience to armed violence and reducing unauthorized access to firearms.
- Project description: This is a comprehensive initiative that offers support to OAS

Member States in complementary aspects of firearms control to contrite with the reduction of armed violence in the hemisphere. Jamaica has expressed interest in some components of the project, including legislative assistance, and training in Physical Security and Stockpile Management. Further support is available to Jamaica if the authorities are interested, including in the destruction, and marking of firearms.

- Project duration (Start date/End date): July 2022 to May 2025
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): The European Union has granted more than EUR4 million to fund PACAM. The allocation for Jamaica will depend on the support required for Jamaica, to be determined by national authorities.
- Disbursement in Jamaica in 2022: During the current Phase, there were no specific activities funded in Jamaica.

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/ on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): The implementation of Phase II started on July 2022. During Phase I, assistance was offered to Jamaica with the following results:
 - Technical support was provided to the Ministry of National Security (MNS) to update the firearms normative framework: DPS/OAS has carried out three rounds of legislative review, including suggestions for improvements to the new Firearms Act. The new Firearms Act was approved by Jamaica during the second semester of 2022.
 - Participation of two representatives of MNS in the technical committee to review the Regional Communication Mechanism on Licit Transfers of Firearms and Ammunition (MCTA). Their inputs have been fundamental to ensure the MCTA is aligned with the priorities of the country



and can be deployed in Jamaica once the electronic system is developed.

- Participation of a representative of Jamaica on the Virtual Coordination Network for information exchange on illicit firearms trafficking.
- Training of police officers from the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) in the one-week virtual course of Basic Notions of Explosives and Good Practices, in partnership with the National Police of Spain.
- Training of officers from JCF, and Jamaica Defense Force (JDF) in the one-week virtual training on Physical Security and Stockpile Management.
- Main challenges: During Phase I, the impact of the pandemic (with the restrictions), the turnover of personnel, at the national level, and budgetary constraints were the main challenges to sustaining the progress achieved by the project.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: The assistance provided by PACAM to Jamaica is aligned with the goals and priorities established in the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap. As such, the sustainability of the interventions will be promoted through complementarity to the other efforts of the roadmap (the DPS/OAS is part of the core group of implementing partners).
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: This is a regional effort and the implementation of activities in Jamaica depends on the interest of national authorities.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: Caribbean Firearms Roadmap.

Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC)

Project title: Raising Awareness of the Problem of Illicit Mercury Trafficking in Small-Scale Artisanal Mining

OAS Secretariat of Multidimensional Security / Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC)

Name of OAS contact(s): Gaston Schulmeister, GSchulmeister@oas.org; John Grajales, jgrajales@oas.org

Project objectives: The Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) of the Department of State of the United States, requested the DTOC to develop a project to raise awareness of the problem of illicit mercury trafficking in small-scale artisanal mining, and to create spaces for discussion on the status of the implementation of the Minamata convention in the Americas.

Project description: In development of this project, the DTOC organized the Hemispheric Dialogue on the Problem of the Illicit Importation of Mercury for Gold Mining in the Americas, in which delegates from 27 OAS member and observer countries participated, and in which the main problems causing mercury traffic and experiences of the countries of the region for its control were presented. One (1) Jamaican government official participated in this event.

As a second activity, the DTOC held the “Regional Workshop on Irregular Trade and Storage of Mercury for Illegal Mining: Current Risks and Trends” in Lima, Peru in October 2022. This workshop was



attended by experts from Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama and Peru; in which a document with conclusions and recommendations was prepared to improve mercury trade control mechanisms in the region.

Activities for 2023:

The DTOC will carry out in 2023 a “Regional Workshop on Irregular Trade and Storage of Mercury for Illegal Mining: Current Risks and Trends” for the Caribbean, in which Jamaica will be one of the beneficiary countries. The DTOC will contact the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the OAS to obtain the nomination of one representative of the authority responsible for the implementation of Minamata convention and one prosecutor in charge of investigating cases of illegal mining.

Total overall budget allocation of the project: \$340,000.00

Project title: Establishment of an Asset Recovery Network for the Caribbean (Phase 2)

OAS Secretariat of Multidimensional Security / Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC)

Name of OAS contact(s): Gaston Schulmeister, GSchulmeister@oas.org; Karoline Moraes, KMoraes@oas.org

Project objectives: This initiative derives from the creation of the Asset Recovery Interagency Network for the Caribbean (ARIN-Carib) in 2017. ARIN-CARIB has seen a series of successes, such as the collaboration between more than 60 law enforcement and judicial experts, and the establishment of more efficient information-sharing systems. However, money laundering is continuing

to adapt to the most innovative technologies. Therefore, the workshop will address the constant adaptation of transnational crime to technologies such as cryptocurrency, as well as current issues of interest for ARIN-CARIB jurisdictions, including the management of assets of illicit origin.

Project description: The DTOC, in collaboration with the Regional Security System (RSS) and with the financial support of the United States Department of State, is implementing a virtual workshop on asset recovery, in which all Caribbean members of both organizations are beneficiaries.

This virtual event was preliminary organized for October 2022, and Jamaica confirmed participation of 4 representants, but the activity was finally postponed to 2023.

Activities for 2023:

In this context, the DTOC will carry out a Workshop on asset recovery for ARIN-CARIB jurisdictions in 2023 and will contact the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the OAS to confirm the final nomination of 6 participants with the following profiles: 2 prosecutors from the Attorney General’s Office; 2 financial intelligence analysts from the Financial Intelligence Unit; and 2 officers from the agency responsible for the administration of seized and forfeited assets.

Total budget allocation of the activity: \$4,434.25



DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

OAS 2022 Scholarships to Jamaica nationals*

Country	Name of Multilateral Program (Type of Scholarship)	Disciplines	Approx. value of Scholarships (US\$)	Duration of Program	No. of Male Beneficiaries	No. of Female Beneficiaries	Total No. of students still enrolled in scholarship programs as of January 2023
Online (Spain)	Partnership Program for Education and Training	60 Master's (Engineering, Business, Sustainable Development and the Environment, Cybersecurity, Project Management, Education)	USD 369,360	2-3 years	27	33	60
United States		1 Bachelor's (Business)	\$30,584.00	2- 4 years	0	1	1
Costa Rica		13 Certificates (Sustainable Development and the Environment, Tourism, Agribusiness, Digital Marketing)	USD 5,580	1 month – 1 year	1	12	0
Israel)							
Online (Spain)	Professional Development Scholarship Program	6 Certificates (Grid Connected and Stand-alone photovoltaic systems, Solar Powered Water Systems)	USD 1,980	4 – 8 months	5	1	0
Onsite (United States)	Leo Rowe Fund	1 PhD (Social Sciences)	USD 4,000	5 years	1	0	1

*The total number of scholarships, short-term courses and training opportunities provided to Jamaicans during this period including disciplines, amount awarded and the number of awardees by gender.



OAS Rowe Fund - Interest Free Student Loans

OAS – ROWE FUND	ACTIVITY	Disciplines	VALUE (US\$)	Duration of Programme	No. of Male Beneficiaries	No. of Female Beneficiaries
Interest-free loans for studies in the United States offered by the Rowe Fund program of the OAS.	FINANCIAL AID GRANTED IN 2022	Most except medical school, English as a second language	\$10,000	Last two years of undergraduate or graduate studies	1 MALE PhD in Social Sciences, University of South Carolina	1 FEMALE BA in math and statistics, Albany University
Applications are received and evaluated year-round	FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTERED IN 2022		\$241,380 granted. End-Of-Year balance \$142,787	Repayment is due three months upon completion of studies in the United States, paid in 50 monthly instalments.	8	13

PROJECT: OAS/ITEN-ProFuturo online courses



Project Profile

- Project name: OAS/ITEN-ProFuturo online courses on Innovation and Mathematics for Caribbean Teachers
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): SEDI/DHDEE
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts):
 - OAS: Luis Benitez, Lbenitez@oas.org
 - JTC MOE: Joseph Thomas, joseph.thomas@moey.gov.jm
- Location of project implementation: CARICOM
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if

applicable): 491 Jamaican primary school teachers were enrolled in online courses on Innovation and Mathematics, 105 teachers initiated at least one course, and 83 successfully completed at least one course.

- Project objectives: Contribute to the professional development of teachers in the Caribbean on Innovation in the classroom and teaching of mathematics.
- Project description: These are self-paced, short online courses that require a time commitment ranging from 10 to 20 hours each. Upon enrolment, teachers gain free access to the ProFuturo learning platform where they can access their courses, which include reading materials, as well as instructional videos. Two of these courses,

Innovation Basic and Jump Math, provide optional synchronous sessions, where teachers have access to a dedicated specialized tutor and engage in peer-to-peer collaboration. Upon successfully completing all requirements for each individual course, participants receive a digital certificate of achievement from ProFuturo.

- Project duration (Start date/End date): August-December 2022
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica). Approximately \$12,000 USD
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: Not applicable

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/ on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Started and on target. 491 primary school teachers were enrolled in online courses on Innovation and Mathematics, 105 teachers initiated at least one course, and 83 successfully completed at least one course.
- Main challenges: Increasing completion rate. From the 491 teachers enrolled, only 83 (21%) completed successfully, at least one online course.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: On November 23rd, 2022, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC), an agency of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information of Jamaica, signed a cooperation agreement to establish a regulatory framework with respect to the execution of the OAS/ITEN and ProFuturo

professional development courses for teachers to improve STEM education in Jamaica. With this agreement, the OAS commits to create a specific call for teachers in Jamaica in 2023 and the JCT to grant academic recognition to teachers who have successfully completed any of the courses provided by this project.

- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: Not yet identified.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: Not yet identified.

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- Title: OAS/ITEN-ProFuturo-JCT online courses on Innovation and Mathematics for Jamaican Teachers
- Duration: February-December 2023
- Objective: Contribute to the professional development of teachers in Jamaica on Innovation in the classroom and teaching of mathematics.
- Expected Outcome: At least 400 primary school teachers trained to improve STEM education in Jamaica.
- Project budget: Approximately \$12,000 USD

PROJECT: **Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL)**

Project Profile

- Project name: **Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL)** – www.rialnet.org
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): SEDI/DHDEE
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts)



- OAS: María Claudia Camacho, mcamacho@oas.org
- MLSS: Colette Roberts Ridsen, Permanent Secretary, cridsen@mlss.gov.jm
- **Location of project implementation:** All OAS Member States
- **Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable):** As a member of the RIAL, the Ministry of Labour, and Social Security (MLSS) of Jamaica has been able to obtain valuable technical assistance, share and obtain knowledge and expertise, and strengthen institutional programs through the participation in 22 Hemispheric Workshops, 3 Virtual Dialogues, and 9 Bilateral Cooperation missions, among others. Additionally, by being part of the RIAL, Jamaica has access to Portfolios and information repositories produced by the Technical Secretariat to learn as well as to share its own programs in all priority areas of labor administration, including labor inspection, occupational health and safety, eradication of child labor, and youth employment, among many others.
- **Project objectives:** The main objective of the RIAL is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of labor administration in the Americas.
- **The specific objectives are:** identify, organize and disseminate the experience and knowledge of the Ministries of Labor of the Hemisphere; collect and systematize information regarding programs and projects in priority topics for labor administration; foster critical transferring of the various experiences and lessons learned through workshops and cooperation activities among countries; facilitate communication between Ministries of Labor, international organizations, financial agencies, workers and employers representatives and civil society; improve the ability of the Ministries of labor to identify their institutional needs and formulate proposals to receive technical and financial assistance; strengthen coordination and collaboration among international organizations and cooperation agencies.
- **Project description:** The RIAL is a mechanism for cooperation among the Ministries of Labor of the Americas that seeks to build their human and institutional capacities. It was established by the Ministries themselves following the XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministries of Labor (IACML) of the OAS in Mexico in 2005. Since then, it has made important contributions to labor administrations in the Americas, including the design of policies and programs, the improvement of internal procedures and the development of regulatory frameworks. The RIAL operates as a system of seven complementary and mutually reinforcing tools: Portfolio of Programs, Hemispheric Workshops and Dialogues, Technical Studies, Bilateral Cooperations, Newsletter, Webpage and Virtual Forums.
- **Project duration (Start date/End date):** 2006-on-going.
- **Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica):** RIAL has provided around \$50,000 in funding to Jamaica to participate in different hemispheric activities, specifically in 2022 RIAL supported travel expenses of the following 4 officers of the MLSS to attend regional workshops: Audrey Deer-Williams, Chief Technical Director; Lyndon Ford, Director of Employment; Gillian Corrodus, Divisional Director of Industrial Relations and Allied Services; and Daynia Maragh, Director of Planning Research and Monitoring Unit.
 - Disbursement in Jamaica to date: N/A

Project Status

- **Status of implementation:** Started and on target



- Snapshot of 2022: In 2022, representatives of the MLSS of Jamaica participated in 2 RIAL Hemispheric Workshops, attended by representatives of over 25 countries of the Americas: 1) Workshop on “Social Dialogue for a sustainable, just and equitable recovery” held in Bogota, Colombia on July 12 and 13, 2022, and Workshop on “Social Dialogue for a rights-based transition from informal to formal employment”, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 20 and 21, 2022. MLSS representatives also participated in 2 Virtual Dialogues on Gender among Ministries of Labor, focused on the creation of a network of Gender focal points and strengthening a gender-responsive labor inspection. Furthermore, MLSS sent valuable information to launch and update Jamaica’s section of the Open Portfolio on Telework Legislation and Regulations and is updating its information in the RIAL’s Portfolio of Programs. Both tools are available online: www.rialnet.org.
- History of participation: As of 2022, representatives of Jamaica to the RIAL have participated in 22 out of 26 RIAL Workshops and 3 Virtual Dialogues. The MLSS has provided cooperation on 7 instances to 7 different countries on topics ranging from youth employment, labor market information systems, and Temporary Workers Programs, among other topics. It has received technical assistance from the United States Department of Labor on compliance with labor laws for the inclusion of vulnerable populations, and from the Ministry of Labor of Colombia on labor market information systems. Finally, MLSS currently offers 2 programs (on information and research, and child labor) in the RIAL Portfolio of Programs.
- Main challenges: Maintain the Portfolio of Programs updated with the latest information on policies and programs from Ministries of Labor, and ensuring continued funding to the RIAL, which comes mainly from voluntary contributions of the Ministries of Labor.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support: The RIAL is a cooperation mechanism created and developed within the OAS Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, as such, it is an institutionalized project.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion: None identified yet.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica: None identified yet.

The Development Cooperation Fund (DCF)

Program Cycle 2021-2024

The Management Board of the Inter American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) approved the “Inclusive Resilience for an Effective Recovery, with a Focus on Science and Technology” as an Area of Action for the programming cycle of the OAS/DCF 2021-2024 ([AICD/JD/DE-126/20](#)) with four Program Themes:

1. Retooling MSMEs through innovation and technology.
2. Innovative Reskilling for Tourism sector recovery and regional economies.
3. Scientific and technological innovation for building resilience.
4. Science for decision making in disaster risk planning.



The area of action and corresponding themes were approved by CIDI at its regular meeting, held on December 8, 2020 CIDI/doc.304/20 rev.1.

A seed fund totaling US\$1.8 million for the 2021-2024 programming cycle was approved for the DCF Program cycle 2021-2024. Eighteen countries are eligible to participate in the DCF/OAS Programming cycle 2021-2024 Cycle to develop a program on one of the four program themes.

Concrete benefits to Jamaica: A US\$100,000 DCF grant, under Program I: Retooling MSMEs through innovation and technology, was awarded to Jamaica for a MSME's development project, which aims to support one hundred MSMEs in Jamaica in adopting technological and non-technological tools to improve their competitiveness, market reach, boost their productivity and enhance their resilience. The project is being implemented by the Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC).

Department of Sustainable Development (DSD)

Secretariat / Department: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development / Department for Sustainable Development and Development of Economic Development

Project (Activity) Name or Title: **Building the Resilience of Small Tourism Enterprises in the Caribbean to Disasters Activity: High Level Policy Forum**

Objective: To present and validate the findings and recommendations stemming from the multi-stakeholder policy forum for building the resilience

of the STE's to disasters; to present the crisis communication strategy and validate it for consideration of all tourism stakeholders as a model post-disaster open for business strategy; to place special attention of providing STE's with tools for business impact assessment and business continuity planning in consideration of the whole tourism ecosystem and supply chain; to forge collaboration among all stakeholders; to highlight community emergency response teams (CERT) as part of these plans and strategies for organizing, training and institutionalizing teams within the various sub-sectors including transportation, tourism services, recreation and entertainment, accommodation as well as within the local communities where livelihood depends on tourism

Duration: July 20-21, 2022

Total Budget (for regional projects - disbursements in Jamaica): \$61,545

Status: Successfully completed

Outcomes / Achievements: The High-Level Policy Forum was successfully organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism of Jamaica and the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association, and held in Montego Bay, Jamaica. All thirteen participating project countries participated in the High-level Forum for the validation of the findings and recommendations from the holistic assessment survey of over 600 Small Tourism Enterprises, validation of the challenges to post disaster business continuity of Small Tourism Enterprises, and validation of the procedures for crisis communications and business continuity planning. The high participation rate included both in-person delegates



(70) and remote participants (159). The project's findings and recommendations were distributed to beneficiary countries through official channels on November 18, 2022.

Benefits for Jamaica: Jamaica is already the leader in the region, and globally on the issue of resilience, and hosting this event provides an opportunity to share the project's results among not just the project countries but the broader OAS membership.

OAS Contact: Pablo Gonzalez, Charlene Solozano, Richard Campbell

Local (GoJ) contact: Tyesha Turner

Secretariat / Department: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development / Department for Sustainable Development (DSD)

Project title: **National Basic Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training in the St James Community**

Project Objective: help communities to prepare and respond to disasters by providing them with an organizational structure, lifesaving and preparedness skills and knowledge to minimize human life, economic and livelihood losses. CERTs also help communities to minimize damage to homes and losses of personal assets to help restore basic services and communications, and to be ready to go back to work in a more efficient and timely manner.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: the CERT in Jamaica continue to forge collaboration among all stakeholders including transportation, tourism services, recreation and entertainment,

accommodation as well as within the local communities where livelihood depends on tourism and empowers the communities where the training was held into formal disaster preparedness and response teams.

Outcome and achievements: 18 females and 11 males were trained. All participants became CERT certified after the training was concluded.

Duration: September 12-17, 2022

Budget: USD\$19,000

OAS Contact: Charlene Solozano, OAS DSD csolozano@oas.org

GoJ Contact: Tamoy Sinclair, Parish Coordinator, Disaster Preparedness, ST. JAMES MUNICIPAL CORPORATION tamoy Sinclair@gmail.com

SEDI/DSD partnered with the IDB, UNEP, GIZ, and the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention to execute the GEF project "The Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management," with the Wider Caribbean Region (Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago). SEDI/DSD is responsible for the overall coordination of the project while Barbados leads the development of a National Communications Strategy (and associated implementation plan) for Integrated Water and Wastewater Management, an environmental evaluation for a Wastewater Revolving Fund, and the development of a co-financing/revolving fund mechanism to support uptake of wastewater treatment and reuse programs.



SEDI/DSD published the guide “**Good practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation in Latin America and the Caribbean: concept, methodology and experiences to strengthen the human dimensions of Nationally Determined Contributions,**” a Technical Cooperation project between the OAS and IADB led by **Jamaica**, Costa Rica, and Uruguay.

Department of Economic Development (DED)

Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)

- Authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) were elected at the regular meeting of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) held on August 30, 2022. The Honorable Daryl Vaz, Minister of Science, Energy, and Technology of Jamaica was elected as Chair; and Dr. Benjamin Abelardo Marticorena Castillo, President of the National Council for Science, Technology and Technological Innovation (CONCYTEC) of Peru, and Dr. Flavio Salazar Onfray, Minister of Science, Technology, Knowledge, and Innovation of Chile, as Vice Chairs.
- The COMCYT Work Plan 2022–2024 was agreed by the COMCYT Authorities and the Troika during the Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the CIDI Ministerial Process of Science and Technology held on November 2, 2022. The Work Plan establishes a roadmap to implement the mandates in the **Declaration of Jamaica**: “Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies to Drive our Communities Forward,” adopted during the Sixth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology, held virtually on December 7–8, 2021. The main areas for action include addressing youth skills gap and readiness for industry

4.0; promoting the inclusion of women, rural and indigenous communities, and other populations in vulnerable situations in STI; technology foresight as input for public policy decisions; and effective public–private–academia collaboration to enhance quality of life and MSMEs through STI.

- The OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies in collaboration with Meta launched three modules of a course on Augmented Reality (AR) to provide training and certification for 10,000 youth from the Americas. The three-level course and certification are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese and feature instruction on AR basics, fundamentals and pro levels with content developed with use cases and experiences of local creators from Latin America and the Caribbean. The purpose of the OAS Youth Academy is to prepare youth of the Americas for jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities of the digital and innovation economy as provided in the **Ministerial Declaration of Jamaica**. More than 20,000 participants from all 34 OAS Member States registered in the OAS Youth Academy in 2022. Additional course offerings are set to become available in 2023 and 2024 in collaboration with other partners including Structuralia.
- **Jamaica participated in a High-Level Conference on raising the awareness and understanding of how Science and Data can shape policies for building resilience and disaster risk management in the Caribbean**, organized by the OAS. Jamaica was one of the nine Caribbean countries (The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago) that participated in the in-person event hosted by the government of Dominica.



Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP-OAS)

Project Profile

- Project name: **Improved Disaster Risk Management for Ports in the Caribbean** (regional)
 - OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP-OAS)
 - Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): Mona Swoboda, CIP-OAS Program Manager, mswoboda@oas.org; Kirk Johnson, Vice President Security Services, Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ), kjohnson@portjam.com
 - Location of project implementation: Caribbean Basin and online
 - Project objectives: To strengthen institutional disaster risk management capabilities in Port and Maritime Authorities in the Caribbean and reduce the impact of natural and anthropogenic disasters on port operations.
 - Project description: Implemented in four phases (capabilities assessment; plan development; training workshops; drills and exercises), one of the key outputs of this initiative is the Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Caribbean Ports. The Plan, led by the CIP Secretariat and prepared by a team of experts from Hudson Trident in consultation with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC), OAS Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) Risk Management Division, and United States Coast Guard (USCG), lays a comprehensive foundation for an EOP that may be adapted based on a Caribbean port's individual characteristics and/or disaster risk management requirements. The Plan is readily available for OAS Member States [here](#). In addition, to date, the project has held three (3) regional online workshops, as well as produced self-guided training materials for improved disaster risk management in ports, available [here](#).
 - Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable): Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Caribbean Ports developed and disseminated to the Port Authority of Jamaica for efficient emergency operations in ports; self-guided training materials for improved disaster risk management developed and disseminated to the Port Authority of Jamaica for capacity building (train-the-trainer); three (3) regional online workshops with ten (10) participants from the Port Authority of Jamaica.
 - Project duration (Start date/End date): October 2021 – December 2023.
 - Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): Total budget is USD \$305,000.00 (USD \$216,000.00, through financial contributions from the Government of Italy and the United States; USD \$89,000 CIP-OAS in-kind). To date, estimated indirect budget allocation for Jamaica is USD \$13,500
 - Disbursement in Jamaica to date: N/A
- Finally, CIP-OAS awarded four Maritime Awards of the Americas and three honorary mentions to public and private institutions from Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, and Peru for their distinguished practices in Competitive Digitalization, Cybersecurity in Ports and/or Terminals, Green Port Operations and Sustainable Management, Empowerment and Equality, and Outstanding Women in the Port Sector.

Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE)

NAME OF PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY CARIBBEAN COUNTRY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DURATION
Webinar in commemoration of the International Day for People of African Descent	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname The Bahamas Trinidad and Tobago	PAHO, the OAS and RIAFRO (Inter-American Network of High Authorities on Policies for Afro-descendant Populations) organized this session to address racial discrimination, not only from the point of view of metrics and measurement, but in combination with a rights-based approach that recognizes the different Afro-descendant perspectives.	August 31, 2022
Webinar in celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month: People of Caribbean descent in the Americas: An Evolving Legacy	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname The Bahamas Trinidad and Tobago	To highlight the contributions of people of Caribbean descent in the areas of politics, economy, culture, arts, and sports and offer an opportunity for dialogue about the diversity and richness of the Caribbean culture as a driver for social inclusion and equity.	June 30, 2022
Reparations For People of African Descent in the Americas: A Necessary and Pending Debate? (Webinar)	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname The Bahamas Trinidad and Tobago	Webinar broadcasted via Facebook to discuss the topic of reparations in various counties of the Americas.	March 24, 2022
IV Extraordinary Meeting of the Inter-American Network of High Authorities on Policies for Afro descendant Populations (RIAFRO)	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname The Bahamas Trinidad and Tobago	Closed meeting of RIAFRO Authorities with representatives of Afro-descendant organizations and civil society, and academia to discuss and exchange of experiences and best practices on reparations for Afro-descendant population among OAS Member States.	March 22, 2022



NAME OF PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY CARIBBEAN COUNTRY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DURATION
V Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development (V REMDES)	Barbados Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Lucia Trinidad and Tobago	The Fifth Ministerial Meeting on Social Development was an ideal forum for exchanging information, experiences, and best practices, and for identifying priority actions to strengthen government social development policies and programs. The meeting was attended by an unprecedented number of Caribbean ministers and a thematic presentation by the Director of Social Protection of CARICOM. The Ministers approved a Declaration and its consequent Plan of Action to be implemented in the period 2022-2025.	November 17-18, 2022, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Two-day virtual workshop - “Multidimensional Poverty Indices, Good Practices and Lessons Learned from the Americas and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Poverty”	Belize Jamaica Trinidad and Tobago	The workshop had simultaneous interpretation in the 4 official languages of the OAS, which allowed sharing experiences in multidimensional poverty measurements from a diverse group that included experiences from Latin America, North America, and the Caribbean. Experts on the subject also participated and provided information on the context of the region and recent advances in multidimensional poverty measurements. It was led by CIDES Working Group 1, within the framework of the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019	April 26 and 27, 2022
“Compendium of Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty in the Americas”. https://www.oas.org/en/sare/publications/CompendiumExperiences_LessonsLearned.PDF	Grenada Jamaica Suriname	The compendium systematizes information on the different methodologies used by the countries of the region to measure multidimensional poverty with an emphasis on the lessons learned and innovations implemented to adapt these methodologies to the context of the pandemic generated by COVID-19. It incorporates the experience of 14 countries in the region, with contributions from the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). It was led by CIDES Working Group 1.	Preparation: March-October 2022. Launch during the V REMDES, November 2022



NAME OF PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY CARIBBEAN COUNTRY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DURATION
Virtual Workshop - “Policies and Innovations in Social Protection to Mitigate the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic”.	Dominica Jamaica Trinidad and Tobago	The workshop participants were able to learn about some of the region’s experiences with innovations in social protection systems during the COVID-19 pandemic, the challenges, and opportunities of cash transfers, and also considered solutions for the fiscal and financial sustainability of social protection systems. It was led by CIDES Working Group 2, within the framework of the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019.	May 26, 2022
Hemispheric Report - “Confronting Food Insecurity in the Americas: Good Practices and Lessons Learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic” https://www.oas.org/en/sare/publications/CONFRONTING_FOOD_INSECURITY_AMERICAS.PDF	Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis	This report -published in Spanish and English- compiles the experience of 16 countries in the region and has contributions from the World Food Program; it was presented to all Member States as a tool for reviewing national strategies and strengthening processes to ensure food and nutritional sovereignty and security.	Published in June 2022



HUMAN RIGHTS

INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - IACHR

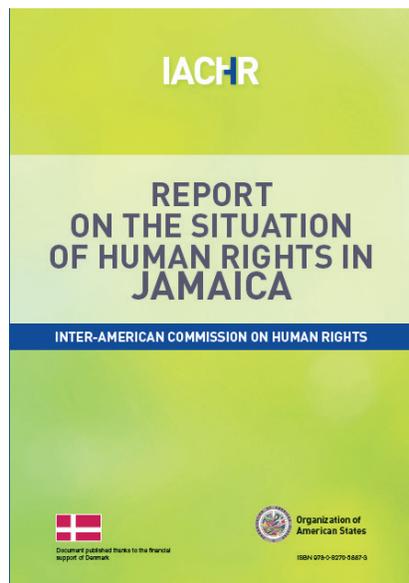
2022 Activities in which Jamaica has participated:

- The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the OAS participated in the dialogue meetings between the IACHR and CARICOM Representatives during the IACHR's Period of Sessions and in the annual seminar for CARICOM Representatives.
- Access of Jamaican Nationals to the IACHR's Major Open Online Course (MOOC) on human rights, which was recently uploaded for Caribbean countries.
- Ongoing interactions with Civil Society Organizations in Jamaica as part of the Commission's monitoring activities.
- Other activities would involve petitions and cases and/or precautionary measures, including communications on a recent precautionary measure.

- In 2022, Jamaica did not request any specific technical cooperation or capacity building activities in the area of human rights.
- The IACHR's microsite in English that was designed especially for CARICOM countries, is now accessible to Member States, including Jamaica OAS :: [IACHR :: Caribbean](#)

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- The IACHR country rapporteur would like to undertake a promotional visit to Jamaica. This will be consulted with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the OAS.
- Jamaica's representative will be invited to participate in the training activity with Caribbean Ombudsperson Association (CAROA) in 2023
- Jamaica's representatives will be included in the dialogue meetings with Caribbean Representatives during the IACHR's Period of Sessions in 2023 and in the Annual Training Seminar for Caribbean Representatives later in the year.



DEMOCRACY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTORAL COOPERATION AND OBSERVATION (DECO)

Project (Activity) Name or Title: OAS Specialized Workshop on Democracy and Elections

Project description: The specialized workshop was created by OAS DECO for presentation at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) and includes the following modules:

- Module 1: Democracy, elections, and the theoretical framework of electoral observation
- Module 2: OAS methodologies in electoral observation

- Module 3: New trends and challenges in elections

Objective: promote the effective exchange of knowledge, experiences and electoral management practices in the region.

Status: In 2022, the Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica organized several meetings with and between OAS DECO and UWI FSS to develop a customized Specialized Workshop on Democracy and Elections. It was agreed that the Workshop will be held in February 2023.

OAS Contact: OAS Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, Washington DC – deco@oas.org

Local (UWI) contact: Dr. Lisa Vasciannie, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, Mona Campus.



OAS AFFILIATES

TRUST FOR THE AMERICAS

Project Profile

Project name: Unleashing the Potential of Jamaican Youth through Empowerment and Training (JET)



OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Trust for the Americas

Name and Contact information of Project Manager (Trust for the Americas contacts):

- Rodrigo Iriani: ririani@oas.org
- Naketa West: nwest@trust-oea.org

Location of project implementation: Kingston and St. Andrew

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The direct project beneficiaries are 1,000 youths, ages 17-34 years old, who are unemployed or underemployed, trained in digital and soft skills, of which 85% are low-income youths. The indirect beneficiaries of the project can be estimated as 1,550 family members that

may benefit from access to new or additional income opportunities. The project will target at least a 50% female participation rate.

Project objectives: The objective of the project is to enhance the digital and soft skills of low-income unemployed and under-employed youths and to connect them with employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Project description: The project seeks to catalyze the growth of the digital economy by focusing on re-skilling and up-skilling youths from vulnerable communities and enhancing their digital, entrepreneurial, and life skills. The model will identify the knowledge, skills and years of experience being required by businesses for digital jobs in Jamaica. The data will be analyzed and categorized based on skills required (i.e., technical, life, customer service, administrative, financial, or leadership). Once the gaps are identified, the training offer will be tailored to match it with the highest demanded digital skills per sector. The project will focus on sectors in Jamaica where the challenges and opportunities for innovation are greatest: tourism, manufacturing, and food processing, to name a few. The project will offer training in four broad categories (i) digital skills based on the needs of the SMEs; (ii) soft skills training; (iii) freelancing; and (iv) entrepreneurship.

Project duration (Start date/End date): 3 years (2021-2024)

Total Budget allocation: USD \$1,700,000

Disbursement in 2022: \$320,000 (approximately)

Project Status

Project Activity/ Output	Status(Completed/ Ongoing /Not Yet Started)	Issues/ Comments	Next Steps	Timeline for Completion
AI Platform development	Completed	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue monitoring the platform and any changes that may occur. - Continue to circulate the report and videos to raise awareness and aid in recruitment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Digital skills trends report: https://www.thetrustfortheamericas.org/media/projects/attachments/en/JET_Report_2022.pdf ▪ Digital skills trends video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtMdxrQqTZY&t=13s 	Completed 2021 May
Partnership development and management	Ongoing	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 4 steering committee meetings held with consistent attendance and contributions. - Partnerships to be developed with UCC and Internet Income Jamaica 	-
Recruitment, Training and Placement	Ongoing	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment is ongoing and is being facilitated by an online registration system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth: https://nuevo.sit.trustfortheamericas.org/en/DIA-participant ▪ SMEs/Organizations/Partners: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ875NN 	Recruitment for first cohort January 2023 Training for first cohort May 2023 Placement for first cohort August 2023
Establishment of Monitoring and Evaluation	Ongoing	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The M&E framework has been developed through the support of a local consultant. 	January 2023
Curriculum development	Ongoing	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on the information from the AI tool, the curriculum is being designed to meet the needs of the market and train youth. The final course track is being developed for December 2022 by CARIRI. 	December 2022
JET Official Launch	Completed	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The JET official launch was held on November 8, 2022. Funding and implementing partners, along with the other invited key stakeholders from the public and private sector attended. - See JET launch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ermYDfUDUu8&t=11s - Official JET project video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQnIPVqzV7I 	Completed November 8, 2022

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support – Partner with the Ministry of Education and Youth through their Youth Innovation centres.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica – PROJECT STAR managed by PSOJ, HEART TRUST NSTA.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion.



Risk	Probability of impact (High, Low, Medium)	Likelihood of occurrence (Likely, Possible, Unlikely)	Mitigation strategy
Breaches during placement	High	Likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascertain police records for all participants. Orientation process to highlight the expectations, benefits of the programme/opportunity, disciplinary and separation procedures as well as legal outcome. In programme monitoring to provide support/direction
Unable to ascertain quality recruits	Moderate to High	Likely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and build relationship with youth serving entities to identify and refer youth. Develop or partner to utilise tools to assess skills level. Provide additional training where necessary to support improvement of quality
Unavailability of stakeholders/partners	Moderate to High	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make clear role in the process and benefits to their organisation and country To make the process easy and smooth for them and minimise difficulties. To be solution oriented and supportive where challenges may arise.
Unable to ascertain quality placements (placement in digital skills areas)	Moderate	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and build partnership with PSOJ and JCC and provide tools to ascertain feedback on digital skills in their members organisations.
Attrition	High	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deeper data gathering process to understand the youth and their individuals needs/required support. Provision of support services to increase their engagement in the programme and reduce dropout. Provision of mentorship to provide guidance, support, and motivation to continue in the programme. Provision of stipend during placement and training to offset financial challenges associated with the programme. Provision for hybrid where persons unable to meet in person if challenged by time and or funds. Provision of lab space and resource if challenged by device or internet Access.
Insufficient baseline information to collect impact from Tracer study	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop M&E plan and system and implement accordingly.





Young Americas Business Trust

Project Profile (1)

Jamaica



- Project name: Young Americas Forum
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Young Americas Business Trust
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts):
- Edgar Maestre S. (edgar.maestre@yabt.net) / Cecilia Vilchis (cecilia.vilchis@yabt.net)
- Location of project implementation: OAS Member States
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable)
- VI Young Americas Forum at IX Summit of the Americas
 - 6 Nominations (4 male / 2 Female | Age:18-34): VI Young Americas Forum at

IX Summit of the Americas

- 3 participants (1 Onsite Delegate / 2 Virtual Delegate: Age: 18-34)

Project description

- The Young Americas Forum is a space to facilitate youth participation, as social actors, in the Summits of the Americas, the OAS General Assemblies, and other high-level Ministerial Meetings in the continent. The Forum was created and managed by YABT since the Summit of Mar del Plata in 2005.
- The youth consultation process of the Young Americas Forum is framed and connected to the following themes:
 - (1) Climate Change
 - (2) Collaborating with Youth
 - (3) Combating Corruption
 - (4) Connectivity and Digital Transformation
 - (5) COVID-19
 - (6) Inclusion and Equality
- Project duration (Start date/End date) Permanent program since 2005.
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): Hemispheric Program: US\$250,000.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date.: N/A.

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on



target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Active Status.

- Main challenges
- Internet Connectivity of target audience.
- More participation from youth-led development support organizations.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support.

Coordination with local authorities, universities, and grassroots organizations
Youth Delegate Alumni giving back with new generations.

- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica
- TIC Americas/Eco-Challenge 2023, YABT BOOTCamp, Policy Lab Sessions, Business Labs in LAC Region, International Courses in Israel, among other international opportunities available to young Jamaicans

Projects in the Pipeline for 2023 and beyond

- Title: Young Americas Forum, TIC Americas/Eco-Challenge, BOOTCamp, Business Labs in LAC Region, International Courses in Israel, NexLinks Program.
- Duration: 2023-2025
- Objective: Empower, train, and provide tools and support networks for youth entrepreneurship and leadership in Jamaica, in coordination with OAS Jamaica, government agencies y stakeholders.
- Expected Outcome: US\$15,000 / 20,000 in-kind contributions.
- Project budget: N/A.

Project Profile (2)

Jamaica



- Project name: Eco-Challenge / Talent and Innovation of the Americas Program
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): Young Americas Business Trust
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts):
- Edgar Maestre S. (edgar.maestre@yabt.net) / Eduardo Elias (eduardo.elias@yabt.net)
- Location of project implementation: OAS Member States
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries' age and gender, if applicable)
- 2022 and 2023 Edition:
- 2 registered team/projects.
- 1 Winner Team at InnovAction Challenge/ TIC Americas 2021 (Cornersave: www.cornersave.com)
- Project description
- The Eco-Challenge is a special category of TIC Americas that promotes sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean through the identification, acceleration and exposure of innovative entrepreneurial proposals able to positively impact the planet and people. To achieve its objective, the program seeks

young innovators and entrepreneurs from the Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and its Associate Member States, who through their innovative and sustainable solutions contribute to a change that improves our human capital, value chains and business models.

- Project duration (Start date/End date) Permanent program since 2007.
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): Hemispheric Program: US\$250,000.
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date.: N/A.

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): Active Status.

Main challenges

- Internet Connectivity of target audience.
- Coordination of activities with stakeholders of the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional

support.

- Opportunity to design and execute a national innovation competition from the hemispheric model of TIC Americas
- Access to the hemispheric TIC Americas network of experts and partners, bringing content, expertise, methodologies, and other resources to Jamaican Ecosystem.
- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica.
- Young Americas Forum, YABT BOOTCamp, Policy Lab Sessions, Business Labs in LAC Region, International Courses in Israel, among other international opportunities available to young Jamaicans

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- Title: Young Americas Forum, TIC Americas/Eco-Challenge, BOOTCamp, Business Labs in LAC Region, International Courses in Israel, NexLinks Program.
- Duration: 2023-2025
- Objective: Empower, train, and provide tools and support networks for youth entrepreneurship and leadership in Jamaica, in coordination with OAS Jamaica, government agencies and stakeholders.
- Expected Outcome: US\$15,000 / 20,000 in-kind contributions.



Pan American Development Fund (PADF)

Project Profile

- Project name: **“Strengthening Jamaica’s Criminal Justice Capacity” (PROJAM II)**
- OAS Secretariat / Department (implementing the project): **PADF is implementing.**
- Name and Contact information of Project Manager (both OAS and GoJ contacts): **Faisal Hassan (FHassan@padf.org)** in HQ and Althea McBean, Justice **Advisor, in Jamaica (AMcBean@padf.org).**
- Location of project implementation: **Parish Courts across Jamaica**
- Concrete benefits for Jamaica (Results Area, incl. beneficiaries’ age and gender, if applicable): **Assisting the Jamaican judiciary in the delivery of its Strategic Plan, in particular the reduction and prevention of case backlogs and effective case management.**
- Project objectives: Objective 1: **Implement new court processes and improve existing processes to reduce the processing,** Objective 2: **Strengthen gang-related investigative skills of police officers and police prosecutors,** Objective 3: **Develop tools for law enforcement and prosecutors to improve the integrity of case files entering the court system.**
- Project description: The goal of the “Strengthening Jamaica’s Criminal Justice Capacity” program is to provide strategic advice, mentorship, and practical support

by interfacing directly with primary stakeholders within the Jamaican judiciary as well as maintaining broader strategic relationships within the security and justice sectors.

- The project’s primary objective is to implement new court processes and improve existing processes to reduce the processing time for criminal cases, including complex transnational organized crime cases.
- Project duration (Start date/End date): **January 2021 – January 2023 (no-cost extension to October 2023 pending as of this writing).**
- Total Budget allocation (in case of regional projects, please specify allocation for component in Jamaica): **US \$ 880,912**
- Disbursement in Jamaica to date: **US \$ 480,000**

Project Status

- Status of implementation (Started/ on target/not on target; Outputs and activities achieved): **On Target. Outputs achieved: Obtained approval and mandate by Chief Justice to implement new case management island wide, 118.66% case clearance met, eighty-six (86) officials trained on differentiated case management (DCM), 80% of the training participants report an increase in knowledge in DCM, Four (4) tools**



developed and implemented which are: The ‘Court Leaders Implementation Guide,’ DCM Guide, and Listing Protocols and Rules of the Parish Court.

- Main challenges: **Completing training for officials on ‘Point to Prove’ booklet. More specifically the police.**

Project Sustainability

- Plans for institutionalization of project, including funding, staffing and institutional support.
- The project will support the digital processes for e-filing in the court of appeal, and there will be the finalization of Rules of Court to incorporate new processes. The tools designed during the project will continue to serve as resources for justice sector stakeholders for future use.
- Foreseeable risks and gaps to address for successful project completion.

No risks or gaps at this time.

- Existing complementary projects and opportunities in Jamaica
- **PADF is entering 2nd year of another INL-funded project in Jamaica focusing on cybercrimes.**

- Title: **“Combatting Cyber-Enabled Crimes in Jamaica” (CyberJAM)**
- Duration: **October 2021 – October 2023**
- Objective: **To provide strategic advice, mentorship, and cyber technical support to assist investigations at the Jamaica Constabulary Force’s (JCF) Communications Forensics and Cybercrimes Division (CFCD) and the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA).**
- Expected Outcome: **Decreasing the amount of time, it takes for MOCA and CFCD to investigate and prepare cyber and cyber-enabled crimes for prosecution.**
- Project budget: **\$993,631**

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