




2017 ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN JAMAICA



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Executive summary

The 2017 report of OAS activities in Jamaica provides a detailed overview of the activities of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) executed in Jamaica in 2017. The GS/OAS programs and projects in Jamaica are developed and implemented in accordance with specific mandates given by OAS member states, as well as Jamaica's specific needs and requests.

The report is divided by work area or OAS Secretariat responsible for the implementation of the various OAS activities implemented in Jamaica in 2017. The total number of OAS activities in Jamaica in 2017 is 16.

These activities include information sessions, programs, projects, conferences and educational and training opportunities under the OAS' main pillars, namely: integral development, human rights, multidimensional security, as well as legal cooperation and the Summit of the Americas. For the last three consecutive years the OAS has spent most on activities and projects in the areas of development and security.

Due to the inconsistency in information received for this annual report, the summarized data in the following table reflects only rough estimates and not exact numbers.

OAS pillar	Amount spent in 2017	% of total spent
Development	177,830.00	13%
Security	1,196,639.00	86%
Human Rights	14,337.00	1%
Legal Cooperation and Summit	8,975.00	1%
Total	\$ 1,397,781.00	100%

GS/OAS spent approximately **US\$1.4 million** on programs in Jamaica during 2017.

For Every US\$1 contributed by Jamaica to the OAS Regular Fund, approximately US\$23 was spent on projects in Jamaica by the GS/OAS and its Partners in 2017

Office of the GS/OAS in 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-0/14))

Jamaica has been a member of the OAS since 1969, collaborating with other Member States to achieve the lofty goals set by OAS member states for this Organization. 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 in Jamaica has worked assiduously to support the OAS General Secretariat in achieving its mission, mandates and to strengthen its four pillars- democracy, human rights, integral development, and multidimensional security.

Nowadays, the OAS Office in Jamaica has an active role in maintaining an institutional presence for the OAS in Jamaica, as well as promoting specific activities of the various organs of the General Secretariat. 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 Office of the OAS General Secretariat in Jamaica actively collaborates 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. To get maximum benefit out of our work in Jamaica, the GS/OAS, through its Office in Jamaica, seeks to extend the technical expertise and training opportunities provided through its various activities in Jamaica to as many of its projects in Jamaica as possible.

The Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica provides office space to the local consultants of "A New Path" Project that is currently being implemented in Jamaica by the OAS Department of Public Security with the Trust for the Americas and funded by USAID. As part of the support provided to Jamaica through policy dialogue, capacity strengthening and technical cooperation activities, the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica processed approximately US\$ 65,000 in payments to cover the cost of Jamaican nationals, who participated in various OAS conferences and training activities outside of Jamaica in 2017 (annex 1).

The following are the OAS activities implemented in Jamaica in 2017 by the Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica, as well as the technical areas of the GS/OAS with the support of the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica:

Work area: Office of the General Secretariat of the OAS in Jamaica

1. Activity: Pan American Day celebration – April 6, 2017

Description:

In celebration of Pan American Day on April 14 and to promote the work of the OAS, the Office of the GS/OAS in Jamaica, in partnership with the University of the West Indies / Department of Government, the Ministry of Finance and Public Service, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, IICA, IDB and the Embassies/High Commissions of: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and the United States of America in Jamaica organized an exhibit to promote the Inter American System, the work of the OAS, the countries and cultures of OAS member states, as well as programs that benefit youth, support integration and a better understanding of our countries and cultures.

The 2017 Pan American Day celebration in Jamaica also included a dialogue with the Hon. Parnell Charles Jr., Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security (MNS) on MNS' partnership with the OAS to support the reduction of juvenile recidivism, crime and violence.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica:

Participants, particularly university students, were able to discuss the important issue of reducing crime and violence and juvenile recidivism in Jamaica with the Hon. Parnell Charles Jr., Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security. Participants also got an opportunity to interact with ambassadors and representatives of the countries and organizations within the Inter American system represented in Jamaica and to learn more about the countries and cultures of OAS member states, programs that would be beneficial to youth and support integration in the hemisphere.

Current status: completed

Duration: April 6, 2017

Budget: approximately US\$1500 as well as in kind support

Donors/sponsors: the UWI and Grace Kennedy Foods

Contact: Jeanelle van GleenWeygel, OAS Representative in Jamaica

Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)



Project: The Peckham Bamboo Pre-Processing Project

Work Area: Capacity Building in the area of agro-processing

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Description: The Peckham Bamboo Pre-Processing Project seeks to promote the creation of opportunities for productive employment, particularly among vulnerable groups; thus contributing to the growth of Jamaica's productive sector through the development of the viable bamboo bi-product industry by:

- Utilizing technology to increase the supply of pre-processed bamboo for the market;
- Consistently supplying a good mix of much needed raw material to the domestic, tourism, wholesale and export markets;
- Successfully applying good business and marketing strategies and principles to ensure utilization of Jamaica's highly productive under-utilized resources.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: By 2018 Peckham aims to produce and export at least one bamboo bi-product (bamboo charcoal) by:

- putting into production 40 hectares of land;
- training and providing employment for 80 young persons.

Project results:

1. Establishment of a viable bamboo production facility;;
2. Increased Employment in Peckham;
3. Refined Framework for New Bamboo Industry;
4. Idle Lands in Peckham put to productive use.

Project Outputs:

- 1st 15 Trainees all successfully passed exams administered and met the required HEART National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) for matriculation into advanced HEART programme.
- All 15 trainers have been assigned to remaining training groups as mentors
- 6 of the 15 trainees are now employed by the Peckham Development Committee (Community Group) to manage the harvesting and production of bamboo. Specifically, 2 manage the Kiln operations; and the remaining 2-4 persons prepare the bamboo for burning (cutting, packing into kiln, harvesting the coal from the kiln to storage)
- Resulting from 3 above, 1,000 lbs. of charcoal has been produced and sold to a local business entity.
- A Business Model has been developed by the Social Development Commission (SDC) a counterpart stakeholder under the project, which will support the establishment of the Peckham Bamboo Project as a formal business venture.
- The development of 5 NVQs plans and 10 job qualification plans for the Bamboo Fabrication Industry to provide education about the product of "bamboo"; to standardize work processes within the industry and to certify workers at level 2 within the industry.

- 80 youngsters were trained in the areas of Bamboo Colliership and LED Technology, the Closing Ceremony was held on September 27 at the Peckam Community Centre.
- One Bamboo Facility plant will be built in 2018
- The policy framework for a bamboo industry is being redefined.
- 40 acres of bamboo cultivated on previously idle lands in the Peckam community

Current status: On-going

Budget: US\$130, 000.00 (disbursed in 2017: US\$55,060)

Funding source: DCF

Duration: 2015–2018

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2 **Secretariat/Department: SEDI/Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE)** Work Area: Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN)

Activity: ITEN Technical Cooperation Missions – 2nd Edition (2016–2017)

Description: The ITEN Technical Cooperation Missions are field visits, financed by ITEN, which aim to support institutional strengthening of Ministries of Education of OAS member states. The missions promote knowledge exchange and capacity building for policymakers on policies related to the teaching profession and teacher professional development. Through an open call, Ministries identify good practices in OAS member states, other than their own, from which they wish to learn more, replicate and/or adapt in their country. A mission is carried out, and the participants receiving the assistance take concrete steps to apply what they learned in order to advance the teaching profession in their country. Following the cooperation, the participants must draft a report about the experience and its outcomes.

From May 29th to June 1st, 2017, ITEN facilitated a Cooperation Mission, in Toronto, Canada. This cooperation was between the Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC) and Ministry of Education, Youth and Information of Jamaica and the Ministry of Education of Ontario, Canada. Canadian specialists, based on the work developed in Ontario, provided technical expertise to develop and improve the Jamaican teacher performance appraisal system.

The purpose of the technical cooperation was to receive first-hand on-site experience on how to design and implement a comprehensive (evidence based) Appraisal System for educators (Teachers/Principals/Vice Principals/Guidance Counsellors); emphasizing teacher development, possibly resulting in improvements in the teaching and student learning process. This is hoped to be achieved through the empowering of the JTC staff in the development and implementation of an Appraisal System aligned with the structure of Jamaica's education system.

Objectives and expected results:

- The ultimate goal is to develop a world class appraisal system with emphasis on sustainable teacher development;
- For this, the team will carry out a careful analysis of established professional standards in Jamaica by a joint committee (Technical Working Group) of both entities;
- Based on this analysis, develop a framework for teacher appraisal and an Appraisal Instrument aligned to the established professional standards for educators in Jamaica;
- This collaboration also examined the scope of additional technical collaboration, which will improve teaching and learning in Jamaica.

Current status / Next steps:

- The mission took place from May 29th to June 1st, 2017, in Toronto, Canada;
- After the mission, an initial report was drafted about the first lessons learned during the mission and expectations regarding the work in the coming months;
- It is expected that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information of Jamaica will develop and implement the Appraisal System after the mission;
- Approximately 8 months after this mission, ITEN will request another report to understand the concrete outcomes and products generated from this mission. This report will be requested at the beginning of 2018.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The Jamaican participants were able to receive first-hand on-site experience on how to design and implement a comprehensive, evidence based Appraisal System for educators (Teachers/Principals/Vice Principals/Guidance Counsellors). By emphasizing teacher development, possibly resulting in improvements in the teaching and student learning process, through empowering JTC staff, the participants hope to develop and implement an Appraisal System for Jamaica within the structure of Jamaica's education system.

Duration: May 29, June 1, 2017

Budget: USD 5,140.34

Funding source/donor: OAS-ITEN, project funded by the Permanent Mission of the USA to the OAS.

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Secretariat/Department: SEDI/DHDEE

Program: Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

Work Area: OAS Scholarship and Training Programs / Access to Education – Capacity Development

Description: Academic scholarships for graduate and undergraduate studies in OAS member states, other than sponsoring country and observer states.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The OAS supported human capacity development in Jamaica through its Scholarship and Training Programs.

- 5 scholarships were awarded to Jamaicans in 2017, with an estimated value of USD \$77,630, for degree programs and certificate courses offered online in Costa Rica, and onsite in the People's Republic of China, Barbados and St. Kitts and Nevis;
- 5 scholarships were awarded to citizens of Belize, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and the United States to pursue a Master's degree at the University of Technology, Jamaica.

Duration: Ongoing

Current Status: Ongoing

Budget: \$77,630

Duration: Ongoing

Current Status: Ongoing

Budget: \$77,630

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4. Program: Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund (The Rowe Fund Program)

Work Area: OAS Rowe Fund program / Financial aid for studies in the U.S. through interest-free loans

Description: The Rowe Fund helps citizens from Latin American and Caribbean OAS Member States finance the last two years of their undergraduate or graduate studies in U.S. universities, by awarding interest-free loans of up to US\$15,000 dollars.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The OAS supported human capacity development in Jamaica through its Rowe Fund financial aid program:

- 6 interest-free loans were granted to Jamaicans in 2017 for USD\$40,000 to help cover a portion of the cost of students' education in U.S. Universities (2 loans granted for undergraduate and four for graduate studies benefiting a male and 5 female students).
- 52 accounts from citizens of Jamaica in the U.S. were managed throughout 2017; 12 of which were fully repaid during the year. The balance as of November 30th is USD\$195,113.91.

Duration: Ongoing

Current Status: Ongoing

Budget: US\$40,000 granted in 2017

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Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)



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Department: The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)

Work Area: Institutional Strengthening

Project: Evaluating Problem Solving Courts for Drug-related Offenses in the Caribbean and Central America

Description: 6 participating member states, including Jamaica, agreed to an external evaluation of their Drug Treatment Courts (DTC) under implementation to identify strengths and shortcomings, and to create a baseline for future monitoring and evaluation.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica:

- 1) September Workshop: More than 40 stakeholders of all DTCs in Jamaica received training on good practices for adult and juvenile DTCs and interacted with their peers from Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2) October Field Visit: 7 DTCs in Jamaica were evaluated by CICAD in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation (CCI).

Activities with Jamaican Participants:

- 1) Two representatives from Jamaica attended July high level meeting in Washington DC to agree on a work plan and methodology for the evaluation of DTCs in the 6 participating member states. This meeting laid the ground for the October field visit mentioned above.
- 2) Two representatives from Jamaica attended a Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of DTCs in Antigua, Guatemala. This training is expected to benefit future efforts to implement juvenile courts and community problem solving courts.

Current status: Final report of the evaluations is due in March 2018.

Duration: 2 years.

Budget: CAD\$ 833,126.93 Please note that this amount is for the overall project, not direct contributions Jamaica.

The project benefits Jamaica and 5 other OAS member states through various activities and synergies with the Alternatives to Incarceration program.

Funding source: Government of Canada

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Department: Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)

Work Area: Inter-American Observatory on Drugs

Project/activity: Rapid Situation Assessment (RSA) on Drug and Alcohol Use in Kingston, Jamaica

Description: The RSA is a follow up study to the general population household survey and it attempts to gain greater insight into the drug situation in Kingston by gathering the perspectives of stakeholders from various sectors, investigating issues such as the emergence of new drugs, and examining policy frameworks and interventions that currently exist.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The study highlighted critical issues surrounding the drug situation in Kingston and St. Andrew and among key sectors seeking to address the issue nationally. This will help to shape the development and refinement of evidence based drug policies and interventions in Jamaica.

Current status: Final report under review

Duration: 4 months

Budget: US \$10,920

Funding source: OAS/CICAD

OAS Contact: Pernell Clarke, CICAD

Local contact: Michael Tucker, National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA)



Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

Work Area: Tourism Security

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Activity:

- a. Tourism Security Plan Site Visit and Platform Introduction (March 9–10, 2017);
- b. Tourism Security Plan Draft Workshop (October 2–6, 2017)

Description: Building upon the Needs Assessment conducted in Kingston back in September 2016, the CICTE/UNICRI project team brought along an external consultant, with expertise in Security Planning and Risk Management, as well as a technician from the Department of Information and Technology Services (DOITS). The online platform was presented to the participants, as well as an initial assessment of the main issues pertaining Tourism Security in Montego Bay. On the second day, a site visit was made to Montego Bay and short meetings were held with the local Jamaica Constabulary Force and tourism providers.

Lastly, in October a week-long workshop was conducted in Montego Bay with the stakeholders to gather relevant information and come up with the structure of the plan. This was an extra activity that was not initially planned, but had to be organized due to difficulties presented with the online platform and to guarantee local participation and progress.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: the drafting of a Tourism Security Plan and promotion of Public Private Partnerships in the Tourism Security industry. Approximately 12 officials from both sectors have been involved in the process.

Current status: Structure of the plan has already been developed. Presentation of the progress will be made from February 5–6, 2018 in Montego Bay.

Next steps: The Ministry of Tourism (namely TPDco) has assumed leadership by hiring a consultant to write the plan with the information and outcomes obtained from the OAS/CICTE activities. Since a Workshop on Tourism Security (separate component of the Program) will be offered to Jamaica in the first semester of 2018, the plan is to have the workshop build upon the progress made by the government on the Plan to that date.

Duration: 2016–2018

Budget: 2.8 million CAD (for the entire project); 66,060 CAD for the Jamaica Tourism Security Plan component (US\$11,100 disbursed in 2017).

Funding source/donor: Canada (ACCBP)

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Secretariat/Department/work area: Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)/Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

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Program: Maritime Security Program/ a National Supply Chain Security Workshop

Work Area: Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)/Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

Project/activity: Maritime Security Program/ a National Supply Chain Security Workshop

Description: The workshop's aim was to strengthen OAS Member States' capabilities to secure their supply chain, maritime transportation infrastructure, and broader maritime domain, through effective risk management and the development of comprehensive supply chain security strategies. The workshop was developed in coordination with existing supply chain security initiatives in the target States (including UNSCR 1540 implementation and CBRN non-proliferation efforts) with an eye on avoiding duplication and maximizing overall impact.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The project had direct and indirect impact in securing port facilities, commercial activity conducted through maritime transport in the Americas and Caribbean, by increasing security in ports and maritime domain. This should have an immediate and positive impact in securing the interests and active businesses in and around the maritime domain / port in question.

Outcomes:

Overall, this Sub-Regional Workshop was, as described by the participants, a great opportunity for a full range of maritime/port security stakeholders on a national and regional level to meet and share different perspectives and best practices on an array of security issues that affect the Maritime Domain. One of the most appreciated aspects was the flexibility of the experts in terms of the component of the agenda. On the third day, the participants expressed interest in a cybersecurity component of the Maritime Domain. One of the things that must be highlighted first on this training is the level of expertise of the participants. All of them were carefully picked according to their day-by-day duties and because of that we had a very committed and participative audience. On many occasions some important topics related to security issues on the maritime domain, procedures, tools and challenges, were extensively discussed with the experts and facilitators and, on most occasions, they provided information on real situations that was used by the experts to present alternative solutions to these challenges.

Duration: 3 days – March 13–15, 2017

Budget: \$15,000

Funding source: Canada, ACCBP Initiative

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Project: A New Path: Promoting Productive Alternatives for Juvenile Remandees and Offenders in Jamaica

Description/objective:

"A New Path: Promoting a Healthy Environment and Productive Alternatives for Juvenile Remandees and Offenders in Jamaica" is a project implemented by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS), through its Department of Public Security (DPS), working with its affiliate, The Trust for the Americas ("The Trust"), with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project activities began in September 2014 and were scheduled to end in January 2017. A second phase of the project was approved by the donor, with the extension of the activities until September 2019. Originally, the project focused its activities on the juvenile population of South Camp and Metcalfe. For Phase II of the project, beginning February 2017, the activities of the project will be expanded to include the juvenile offenders placed at Hill Top and Rio Cobre, the two other juvenile institutions in Jamaica.

"A New Path" is a project designed to improve the quality of, and access to, reintegration services (educational, vocational, and internship/employment opportunities), technical training (marketable technical skills, life/social skills), as well as individualized psychosocial/emotional services for juvenile detainees placed in the four juvenile centers: South Camp, Metcalfe, Rio Cobre, and Hill Top. Although the program has a nationwide impact, it places emphasis both in Kingston, where three of the juvenile centers are located, as well as on regions to which the majority of juvenile remandees and charged offenders return after being released.

The project comprises two distinct tracks, each with its own objective: Track 1 prepares young detainees at South Camp Juvenile Remand and Correctional Centre, Metcalfe Street Secure Juvenile Remand Centre, Rio Cobre Juvenile Correctional Centre, and Hill Top Juvenile Correctional Centre with marketable technical skills, life skills, and individualized psychosocial attention to enable their successful reintegration into society. Track 2 assists the releasees from South Camp Juvenile Remand and Correctional Centre, Metcalfe Street Secure Juvenile Remand Centre, Rio Cobre Juvenile Correctional Centre and Hill Top Juvenile Correctional Centre to access educational, vocational, and internship/employment opportunities, while providing comprehensive case management for at least six months after release.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The project promotes healthy emotional environments within correctional facilities, and increasing economic prosperity for incarcerated youth, as key strategies to reduce recidivism, and, ultimately, crime and violence. The project focuses on improving the quality of, and access to rehabilitation and training services for juvenile remandees and charged offenders in the areas of life skills and emotional wellbeing, education and technical skills, and vocational training. The project will enhance the case management system of the Department of Correctional Services and systemize follow-up by parole officers, social workers, and local civil society organizations following the detainees' release.

Results Achieved – Up to December 2017:

- The second phase of the project was formally launched on April 7, 2017;
- Approximately 1460 youth received some kind of assistance through the project, including post-release support through social workers across the country, who provide guidance and assistance to the youth in their reintegration process;
- 789 girls and boys have successfully completed educational, recreational, and vocational courses that range from aquaponics, cosmetology, classical music, life skills to crafts and yoga;
- 61 young people were offered apprenticeships or jobs, through partnerships with the private sector;
- 195 releasees and at-risk youth participated in the two editions of the Pitch It!: Learning and Investing in Your Future (2016 and 2017): 91 received extensive training in entrepreneurship during a one-week residence program, 39 of which were awarded micro-grants to start their own business;
- More than 130 officers and staff of the Department of Correctional Services participated in a series of Training-of-Trainers;
- Case management framework, including (i) policy framework for intake, initial assessment,

and case management approach; (ii) work flow charts (intake, case management, and case management initial meeting); and (iii) standardized forms (Youth Admission Interview Tool, Reintegration Plan, Immediate Release Community Plan, Risk Needs Assessment Tool, Medical Admission Questionnaire; and Psychological Assessment) standardized forms, for juvenile facilities developed and approved by the Department of Correctional Services and the Ministry of National Security

Budget/funding source: GS/OAS received USD\$1,936,542 from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), for a period of 28 months (September 2014 to January 2017). In December 2016, the project was extended for an additional 32 months, which increases the project duration to a total of 60 months, until September 2019. The extension includes an additional US\$2,500,000 for project implementation. Amount disbursed in 2017: US\$830,574

Duration: 60 months – October 2014 to September 2019

Current status: on-going

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Local Contact: Laura Plunkett, Ministry of National Security



Secretariat/Department: The Trust for the Americas and the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security

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Program: DIA- Democratizing Innovation in the Americas Program (TRUST) and A New Path (Department of Public Security)

Activity: Urban Labs for youth Innovation Project

Description: From August 2016 to December 2017, the Trust for the Americas, with support from the Citi Foundation and USAID, implemented the “Urban Labs for Youth Innovation Project.” Designed under the framework of our DIA- Democratizing Innovation in the Americas program, the project aimed to nurture and engage young innovators and disruptive entrepreneurs through an innovation-centered curricula, collaborative spaces, and state-of-the-art technology to bring economic prosperity to urban communities. This project also complements activities from “A New Path”: Promoting a Healthy Environment and Productive Alternatives for Juvenile Remandees and Offenders in Jamaica,” a project implemented by The Trust and OAS Department of Public Security.

Through a monitoring and evaluation strategy, The Trust recorded three key lessons to improve practices:

1) Expand offerings on innovation and entrepreneurship: The Trust successfully carried out training sessions and other activities by offering a wide variety of courses. Diversifying not only curricula contents and length of courses, more youth were interested in joining and participating in the project. This led to reducing dropout rates as many DIA Lab participants face time constraints due to personal and labor commitments. This is a priority for 2018

2) Providing seed funding to promising innovative projects must come with financial literacy skills and mentorship: The DIA Lab granted 20 startup-funding opportunities to the most promising disruptive innovative projects, which were selected during a Pitch Tank competition. By giving participants resources to start their own ventures, they will become entrepreneurs and will be able to materialize their efforts, which will ultimately bring prosperity to their urban communities. However, it is important to provide them with financial literacy skills and mentorship. In this way, youth will be able to develop their projects into long lasting, sustainable initiatives. This is a priority for 2018

3) Organize a regional conference / brainstorming session to exchange best DIA practices will improve the project and connect DIA Lab participants: Exchanging ideas and best practices is an important step when evaluating the project. To improve practices, local partners and participants highlighted that a regional (or virtual) session would be useful to connect the Regional DIA Network of Local Partners and Participants. This will ultimately increase the quality of the project, align local partners' vision of the project, and connect DIA Participants from different countries to provide feedback to each other on their projects. This is a priority for 2018.

Results:

- Successfully launched the first DIA Urban Innovation Laboratory in Kingston, Jamaica;
- Carried out an Ideathon Challenge to explore creative solutions for challenges faced in urban areas;
- Provided training to 151 participants (43% female), exceeding the original goal of 100;
- Empowered 208 community members, through access (69% female), exceeding the original goal of 200;
- 60 DIA participants created disruptive innovation projects;
- In a Pitch Tank competition, a total of 20 Projects received start-up funding to launch innovative projects;
- DIA beneficiary, Odell Marsh, attended Trust Board of Directors Meeting in Washington DC and met OAS Secretary General.

Duration: August 2016– November 2017

Budget: \$100,000 from CitiBank and 50,000 from USAID.

Funding source/donor: Citibank / USAID

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Secretariat/Department: Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) / Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC)

Work Area: Money Laundering

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Activity: Regional Workshop on Special Investigative Techniques (SIT) Applied in Money Laundering Investigations

Description: The Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) supports Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the implementation of recognized international standards to combat transnational organized crime in its various manifestations, including standards seeking to combat money laundering and promote international cooperation for purposes of asset confiscation.

Discussions in the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) and the FATF-style regional bodies have extensively highlighted the importance of Special Investigative Techniques (SITs) as tools for effectively combating money laundering and organized crime. The difficulty to detect and investigate these crimes and the levels of penetration of these organizations in the economy require the implementation of policies to ensure interinstitutional coordination and permanent training.

Considering the importance of providing training in this area, DTOC designed and implemented this workshop for prosecutors and law enforcement agents exploring, through numerous experiences and cases, the characteristics of the special investigative techniques, their complexities and risks, and best practices to achieve optimum preventive and judicial results. As part of this effort, and with funding from the Government of Canada, the OAS/DTOC and the Regional Security System Asset Recovery Unit (RSS ARU) hosted, the Regional Workshop on Special Investigative Techniques (SIT) Applied in Money Laundering Investigations, in Kingston, Jamaica, from May 16–18, 2017.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: The choice for Jamaica to host the Regional Workshop on SIT was based on an assessment of Jamaican status of compliance with FATF Recommendations according to "Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures – Mutual Evaluation Report (MER)" published in January 2017, which can be accessed through the link <http://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/CFATF-Mutual-Evaluation-Jamaica-2017.pdf>

Jamaican law enforcement and prosecution institutions and agents in Jamaica benefited from the training. Jamaica had the largest number of participants invited to attend the Workshop. Participants from the following countries attended the workshop: Jamaica, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

Jamaica had the benefit of receiving some of the best international and regional experts on Special Investigative Techniques (SIT) Applied in Money Laundering Investigations, including extensive commentary and pragmatic advice on investigations in which SIT played a main role to discover the people and assets involved on illicit activities.

The training included a practical workshop in which participants analyzed money laundering and organized crime sentences related to cases with SIT related evidence in the Caribbean. Participants had the opportunity to share experiences and challenges related to the application of SIT.

Major results/achievements:

- 32 officials from targeted countries, among them prosecutors and police officers, including those from the specialized agency in financial crimes were successfully trained.
- The skills of targeted beneficiaries in applying Special Investigative Techniques in Money Laundering Investigations were increased.
- Participants are now aware of new threats; risks and vulnerabilities related to Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing and know best to use the SIT.
- The discussion around real cases helped to identify differences on the application of SIT in each country, participants were able to discuss the pros and cons of some of those procedures and realize the importance of implementing best practices in SIT application.

Current status / Next steps:

This project was concluded. However, OAS/DTOC is currently working with the donor in order to request approval for similar projects to be implemented in the Caribbean Region and include Jamaica in further activities.

Duration: 3 training days (May 16–18, 2017).

Budget: USD\$109,618.41

Funding source/donor: The Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program ("ACCBP") of Canada.

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OAS Department: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

Work Area: Training and Dissemination Section



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Project: IACHR's Caribbean consultation on its Strategic Plan (2017–2020)

Description: The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) carried out a public consultation process on its proposal of the Commission's 2017–2020 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be the main tool for the IACHR institutional management and it will set up the priority mechanisms to successfully fulfill its mission. The objective of these consultations is to create opportunities of participation for key actors in the elaboration of the IACHR Strategic Plan. The purpose is to analyze the main trends and challenges for the next four years and to include proposals on concrete actions in the Strategic Plan in accordance with the IACHR mandates and functions. The consultation for the Caribbean region was held in Kingston, Jamaica.

Concrete benefits for Jamaica: Human rights activists in Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean had the benefit of developing and contributing to the proposals for concrete actions to be taken to address the main human rights trends and challenges in the Caribbean region.

Current status: Completed

Duration: March 3, 2017

Budget: \$14,337

Funding source/donor: USA

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Secretariat for Legal Affairs



Department: Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs

Work Area: Technical Secretariat for the MESICIC

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Program: Follow-Up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC)

Description: The MESICIC is an inter-governmental body established within the framework of the OAS. It supports the States Parties in the implementation of the provisions of the Convention through a process of reciprocal evaluation, based on conditions of equality among the states. In this mechanism, recommendations are formulated with respect to those areas in which there are legal gaps or in which further progress is necessary. As part of this review, on-site visits are carried out to the countries being reviewed, in this case Jamaica. The purpose of this on-site visit is to allow experts to appreciate the situation of States in anticorruption measures" in the field." During the visits information from authorities, civil society, the private sector and other entities related to anticorruption is gathered and thereby allows for a broader perspective to make assessments in preparation of the country report. The visits are carried out by anti-corruption experts from other countries with the consent of the host country.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: Jamaica, as with all countries that participate in the MESICIC process, benefit from a comprehensive analysis of its legal and institutional framework to combat corruption, as found in the country reports. These reports contain concrete recommendations for the country to consider, in order to strengthen the national framework in place, which in the case of the current round, includes following up on the efforts undertaken to address concerns in systems of public hiring, systems of public procurement, systems to protect corruption whistleblowers, and acts of corruption. It will also examine the training provided to public servants on their responsibilities and the ethical rules that govern their conduct. It also provides an opportunity for Jamaica to ask for technical assistance on any of these matters. In addition, the Jamaica report, once adopted in March 2018, will reflect the achievements and benefits attained in meeting its commitments to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

Current status: Ongoing. The outcome of the on-site visit to Jamaica will conclude in the March 2018 meeting of the MESICIC Committee of Experts, which will adopt the Jamaica country report. The Fifth Round of Review of the MESICIC is scheduled to conclude in September 2019.

Duration: On-site visit took place September 26 – 28, 2017

Budget: \$8,075.73

Funding source: CADFATD17/02

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Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs

Department: Summit of the Americas Secretariat

Work Area: Civil Society and Social Actors



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Project/activity: Info session with civil society and social actors on the launch of the theme of the VIII Summit of the Americas: "Democratic Governance against Corruption".

Description: The purpose of the event was to inform civil society and social actors in Jamaica of the theme of the VIII Summit and to offer them an opportunity to share ideas and comments on the central theme chosen by the Government of Peru for the upcoming Summit.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: More active participation of Jamaican civil society and social actors in the Summit of the Americas Process and opportunity to address any concerns of civil society and social actors regarding participation in the VIII Summit Process.

Current status: Completed on July 20, 2017

Budget: \$200 Plus In-kind contribution from the GS/OAS in Jamaica and PAHO.

Funding source: Peru

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Department: Summit of the Americas Secretariat

Work Area: Civil Society and Social Actors

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Activity: National Consultation with Civil Society and Social Actors on the VIII Summit of the Americas

Description: The consultation was held to provide an opportunity for Civil Society and Social Actors to share ideas and formulate recommendations on the VIII Summit theme: "Democratic Governance against Corruption" and its three (3) subthemes.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: Representatives of 17 civil society organizations in Jamaica participated in the discussion and made recommendations on the 3 subthemes of the VIII Summit of the Americas. The consultation provided increased awareness and interest in participation in the VIII Summit Process.

Current status: Completed on October 23, 2017

Budget: \$700 Plus considerable In-kind contribution from the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica and the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOI).

Funding source: Peru

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Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE)

Department: Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity

Work Area: Relations with Civil Society and Social Actors

16 **Activity: National Consultation with Civil Society and Social Actors on participation in OAS activities**

Description: The consultation was held to get feedback from CSOs in Jamaica on their experience with the OAS, on improving their participation in OAS activities and registering their CSO with the OAS.

Major achievements/ Concrete benefits for Jamaica: 17 representatives of civil society organizations in Jamaica participated in the discussion and expressed their concerns about their experience with the OAS and mentioned areas of interest in working with the OAS.

Current status: Completed on November 23, 2017

Budget: \$50 and In-kind contribution from the GS/OAS Office in Jamaica and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM).

Funding source: SARE

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List of 2017 OAS activities (outside of Jamaica) in which Jamaican nationals participated

OAS activity	Duration	Jamaican participants	Total Amount disbursed (Per diem/Terminal and Airfare expenses)	Funding source	OAS contact
DEVELOPMENT (Total: US\$56,237.54)					
The Fifth Caribbean Sustainable Energy Forum (CSEF) –Policy and Regulation Technical Working Group	January 22-26, 2017	3 males; 1 female	US\$1,000.00	OAS/USA	Ms. Charlene Solozano
CIP Hemispheric Conference on Port Competitiveness and Security: Finding the Right Balance, Miami, Florida	February 22-24, 2017	1 male; 2 females	US \$1428	OAS/ CIP Special Port Program	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (Phase IV)	April 18-21, 2017	1 female	US\$2,873.16	US/OAS	Juan Cruz Monticelli, Alejandra Henao, Rosangela Arbieto, Charlene Solozano, Cletus Springer
CIP - U.S. Coast Guard Course on Port Security Management, Miami, Florida	April 25 to 28, 2017	2 males	\$3,000	USCG Sponsorship	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
XVII Ibero-American Course on Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management in Ports, Santander, Spain	May 12-June 8, 2017	1 female	\$7,000.00	Ports of the Government of Spain Sponsorship	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
Second leg of the SBDC Study Tour	May 16 – 18, 2017	1 male	US\$1,249	US/OAS	Ms. Renée Penco
II Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness, Buenos Aires, Argentina		3 males			Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
CIP - IMO- Le Havre - 9th training course on "Women in Port Management"	June 26-July 7, 2017	2 females	US\$7,000.00	International Maritime Organization (IMO), Port of Le Havre France Sponsorship	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
Establishment of Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) in CARICOM - Phase II - Study Tour to San Antonio Texas and Washington D.C	July 16-21	1 female	US\$2,411	US/OAS	Ms. Renée Penco Ms. Maryse Roberts

The ASBDC Conference	Sept. 2017	4-9, 1 female; 1 male	US\$3,290.00	US/OAS	Melanie Dominique
ASBDC Conference	Sept. 2017	4-8, 1 male	US\$1,645	US/OAS	Armando Espinoza
The Third ECPA Ministerial Meeting in Chile	Sept. 2017	7-8, 1 female	US\$3,058.00	SID	Charlene Charles Solozano
III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency, Panama City, Panama	October 2017	3-6, 2 females		USA	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
Advanced Course for Port & Logistics Professionals, Busan, South Korea	October 2017	16-28, 1 male	US\$10,000.00	Busan Port Authority (BPA) Sponsorship	Jorge Duran, Chief of the Secretariat of the CIP
The TWG and TAG of the C-SERMS and CREF	Oct. 2017	17-21, 4 males; 1 female	US\$ 5,354.05	OAS/USA	Charlene Charles Solozano
Trust for the Americas Board Meeting	Oct. 2017	21-24 th , 1 male	US\$1,630.30	Trust for the Americas	Ms. Marjorie Ucros, Finance Manager
Viaje III SIRG Meeting	Nov. 2017	1-4, 1 male	US\$790	OAS/USA	Charlene Charles Solozano
14th Meeting of Experts of the MESEC	Nov. 2017	14, 1 female	US\$1,122	Government of Panama	Villavicencio Rodriguez
First Planning Meeting for CIC Authorities and Members of TROIKA	Nov 2017	15-18, 1 female	US\$371.07	SEDI/OAS	Melanie Dominique
Regional Workshop on Gaps and Opportunities in NDCS for LAC	DEC 4, 2017	1 female	US\$2,206.76	OAS/USA	Charlene Charles Solozano
Youth Employment Forum	December 2017	5-7, 1 female	US\$809.20	SEDI/OAS	J'anne Rudder
SECURITY (Total: US\$9,166.58)					
Inaugural Meeting of the ARIN-CARIB held in Port of Spain	February 2017	6-9, 1 female; 1 male	US\$704.66	SMS	Ms. Karoline Morales
Inaugural Meeting of the ARINCARIB	June 2017	27-29, 3 males	US\$1,303.20	SMS	Ms. Karoline Morales
Maritime Security Program workshop	July 2017	17 – 21, 1 male	US\$986	SMS	John Grajales (1 202 370 4736) jgrajales@oas.org Karoline Moraes (1 202 370-4591) kmoraes@oas.org
XVIII Meeting of the CICAD Demand Reduction Expert Group held in Santiago Chile.	Aug. 2017	20-24, 1 male	US\$1,367.72	USA	Garcia Mora, Maria Virginia
3 rd -Plenary Meeting of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Intergovernmental Working Group	Sep. 2017	19-22, 1 female	US\$1,995	REGFD	Daniela Hidalgo Cordero
Regional Seminar on Drug Treatment and Drug Information	Sep. 2017	20-22, 2 females; 1 male	US\$1,878.00	USA	Tiffany Barry
Networks in the Caribbean					
First Onsite Police Officer Training	Sep. 2017	24-30, 1 male	US\$932	USA	Monica Espinoza
Overall Total US\$ 65,404.12					