Integrating migration in national development agenda:

Towards a National Policy on International Migration and Development for Jamaica

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Mainstreaming Migration into Strategic Policy Development
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International Migration and Development Policy Process in Jamaica cont'd

- Proposal presented at GFMD Marketplace in 2007 and Expressions of Interest for assistance enunciated by IDPs

- Over the 2008-2009 period, research to fill data and information gaps for policy development.

- In 2010, IOM consulted to provide assistance to coordinate policy development process.

- Cabinet approved submission for development of the policy and programme of action.

Development of National Policy and Plan of Action

- Launch of Project May 5, 2011

  1. IOM 1035 Facility – Development of National Policy and Plan of Action on International Migration and Development

  2. Global Migration Group – Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Strategies

  3. EU-LAC – Strengthening the dialogue and cooperation between EU and LAC to establish management models on migration and development policies.

USE OF HANDBOOK

- ✖ Establishment of Migration Policy Project Unit

- ✖ Establishment of National Working Group on International Migration and Development (NWGIMD)
    - + Sub-committees of the NWGIMD

- Migration Profile and Situation Analysis

- Extended Migration Profile
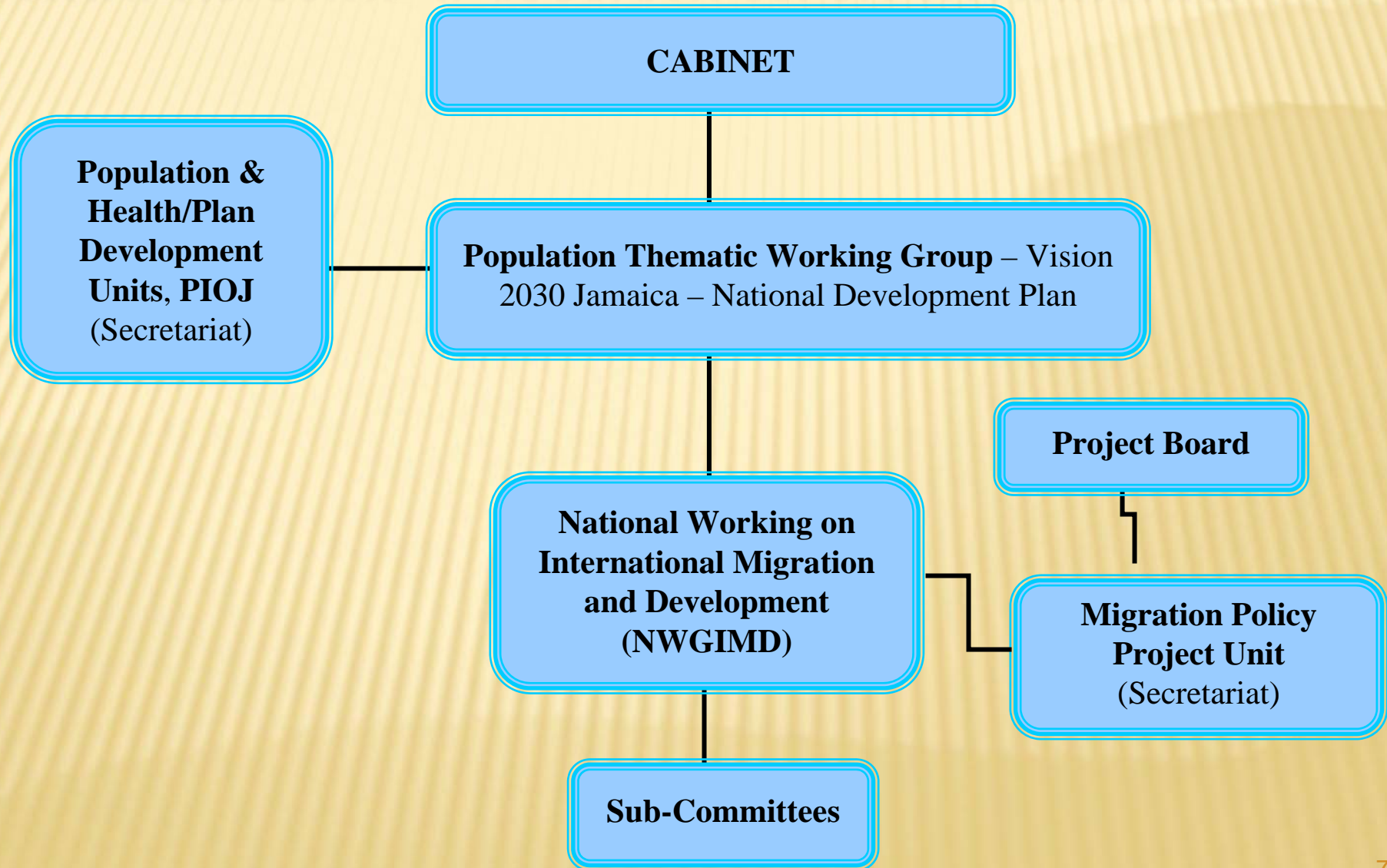
International Migration and Development Policy Process in Jamaica cont'd

Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan, 2008 - 2030

- Designed to guide Jamaica towards developed country status by 2030.

- Vision Statement – "Jamaica – the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business".

- Goal 6 Population Sector Plan– "to ensure that international migration is adequately measured, monitored and influenced to serve the development needs of Jamaica".

GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

CABINET

Population & Health/Plan Development Units, PIOJ (Secretariat)

Population Thematic Working Group – Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan

Project Board

National Working on International Migration and Development (NWGIMD)

Migration Policy Project Unit (Secretariat)

Sub-Committees

Proposed areas to be addressed in the Policy and Plan of Action

✖ Demographic and social interactions of the migrant population and implications for development including gender analysis

✖ Inter-institutional policy coherence and development

✖ Labour market and human resource issues including brain circulation and skill development

✖ Remittance, development and poverty

Proposed areas to be addressed in the Policy and Plan of Action cont'd

✖ Role of diaspora in development

✖ Short-term labour migration and circular migration and development

✖ Intra- and inter-regional migration and development

✖ Brain Drain, Brain Circulation and development

✖ Return, reintegration and reunification programmes

Proposed areas to be addressed in the Policy and Plan of Action cont'd

- Migration, children and the family, particularly as it relates to care, protection and well-being

- Border management effects and issues

- Strengthening frameworks for human rights and social protection issues

- Impact of migration on crime

Proposed areas to be addressed in the Policy and Plan of Action cont'd

- Protection and rights of migrants

- Mechanisms for legal migration

- Undocumented migrants and deportation.

- Capacity building in areas of knowledge research and measurement systems

- Migration data and research – improve evidence based policy making

PROPOSED AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE POLICY AND PLAN OF ACTION CONT'D

- Impact of migration on health, education, governance, financial security, agriculture, trade and the environment (including climate change)

- sector national, and regional policies and programmes on migration and development

- Institutional and legislative reviews

CONCLUSION

- Improve data collection and analysis of relevant data through Migration Profile
- Institutional Migration and Development structure
- Integration of all stakeholders in the process
- Development of National Policy and Plan of Action
- Solicit additional international expertise to help to guide the process as the need arises.

THANK YOU