Integrating migration in national development agenda:
Towards a National Policy on International Migration and Development for Jamaica

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GFMD Thematic Event
Mainstreaming Migration into Strategic Policy Development
October 12-13 2011. Chisinau, Moldova
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.
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.
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
VISION 2030 JAMAICA
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

“PLANNING FOR A SECURE & PROSPEROUS FUTURE”

www.vision2030.gov.jm
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)


Sub-Committees

National Working on International Migration and Development (NWGIMD)

Project Board

Migration Policy Project Unit (Secretariat)
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