

**NATIONAL JAMAICA JUSTICE REFORM SUMMIT –**

***Setting the Agenda for Action***

JAMAICA CONFERENCE CENTER – MAY 10 AND 11, 2007

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**DAY 1 - THURSDAY MAY 10, 2007**

**REGISTRATION 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

***OPENING CEREMONY* 9:00 – 10:30 AM**

- Keynote Speaker: Prime Minister The Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller

**BREAK 10:30 – 10:45**

***PLENARY SESSION I* – 10:45: AM – 12:30 PM**

***The Justice System Today***

This plenary session will provide a summary of the current status of the justice system and identify the major issues challenges for reform and assist in confirming the proposed priorities for reform.

**LUNCH - 12:30 PM -1:30 PM**

***PLENARY SESSION II* – 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

***The Justice System of Tomorrow***

The JJSR TF and the Youth Perspectives Working Group will present their visions of the future justice system in Jamaica. A general discussion will follow the presentations.

**BREAK 3:00 PM– 3:15 PM**

**PLENARY SESSION III – 3:15 PM – 5:45 PM**

***Strategies for Justice System Reform (1)***

The Task Force will present its main recommendations for reform contained in its Preliminary Report. This session will focus on:

- **The Foundation of the Justice System:** Recommendations concerning the main components of a modern justice system: the physical plant, court management and administration, training and accountability issues for justice system personnel, and legal materials.
- **Structure, Jurisdiction and Accountability:** Recommendations concerning how the components of the justice system should be structured so that they can work together in an effective and accountable manner.
- **The Public and the Justice System.** Recommendations concerning how the public interacts with the justice system focusing on the issues of access and participation.

**Question and Comments from will be invited from Summit Participants**

DAY 2 – FRIDAY MAY 11, 2007

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**PLENARY SESSION IV – 9:00 – 10:15**

***Strategies for Justice System Reform (2)***

The Task Force will present its main recommendations for reform contained in its Preliminary Report. This session will focus on:

- **Criminal Justice Reform: Transforming Practices and Legal Culture:** Recommendations for the reform of criminal justice practices, processes, procedures and legal culture with a focus on reducing delay and increasing effectiveness.
- **Civil Justice Reform: Transforming Practices and Legal Culture:** Recommendations for the reform of civil justice practices, processes, procedures and legal culture with a focus on reducing delay and increasing access and effectiveness.

**Question and Comments will be invited from Summit Participants**

**BREAK 10:15 AM -10:30 AM**

## **WORKSHOPS SESSION A - 10:30-12:00**

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to participate in 1 of 8 workshops on key justice reform recommendations. The objective of the workshops is to further refine and development specific proposals through facilitated small group discussions.

## **LUNCH BREAK 12:00 AM – 1:00 AM**

## ***PLENARY SESSION V: 1:00- 2:45***

### ***Implementing Justice System Reform***

This session will involve a panel discussion on issues related to implementing justice system reform. This will involve identification of measures that will encourage reform, potential obstacles to reform and strategies to overcome these obstacles.

## **BREAK 2:45 AM – 3:00 AM**

## **WORKSHOP SESSION B: (3:00-4:15)**

- Conference attendees will participate in 1 of 8 workshops on specific implementation strategies. The objective of the workshops is to further refine and development specific proposals through facilitated small group discussions.

## **CLOSING PLENARY - 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM**

The final plenary will provide an overview of the next steps to be taken in the reform process.