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Foreword

The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO continues to fulfill its mandate as the focal point for UNESCO related matters in Jamaica. We continue to be appreciative of the contribution and support received from our stakeholders including those who serve on the advisory committees.

Jamaica continues to be well represented on regional and international foras by our experts in the various fields of Education, Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information.

A number of regional activities were organized by the UNESCO Kingston Office. These activities were implemented in collaboration with the National Commission for UNESCO. Among these were:

- ✓ LAC Regional Consultation on Open Access to Scientific Information and Research, March 2013
- ✓ Caribbean Training in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage: Capacity Building to support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites, June 2012

We continue to be appreciative of the support of the Japanese Government through the Japan Funds-in-Trust programme and to the UNESCO Caribbean Office for their continued close collaboration.

We look forward to greater collaboration going forward.

Everton Hannam JP
Secretary General

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1. UNESCO

1.1. Introduction

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded on 16th November 1945 and is headquartered in Paris, France. The Preamble of the UNESCO Constitution establishes UNESCO as an organisation committed to the promotion of ideals of peace among the peoples of the world.

Since wars began in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.

The goals of UNESCO include:

- promoting Education for international understanding;
- promoting Sustainable Development based upon observance of human rights, mutual respect and the alleviation of poverty;
- contributing to the establishment of Cultural Identity and the promotion of culture directly;
- building co-operation and promoting exchanges among its Member States in the fields of education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.

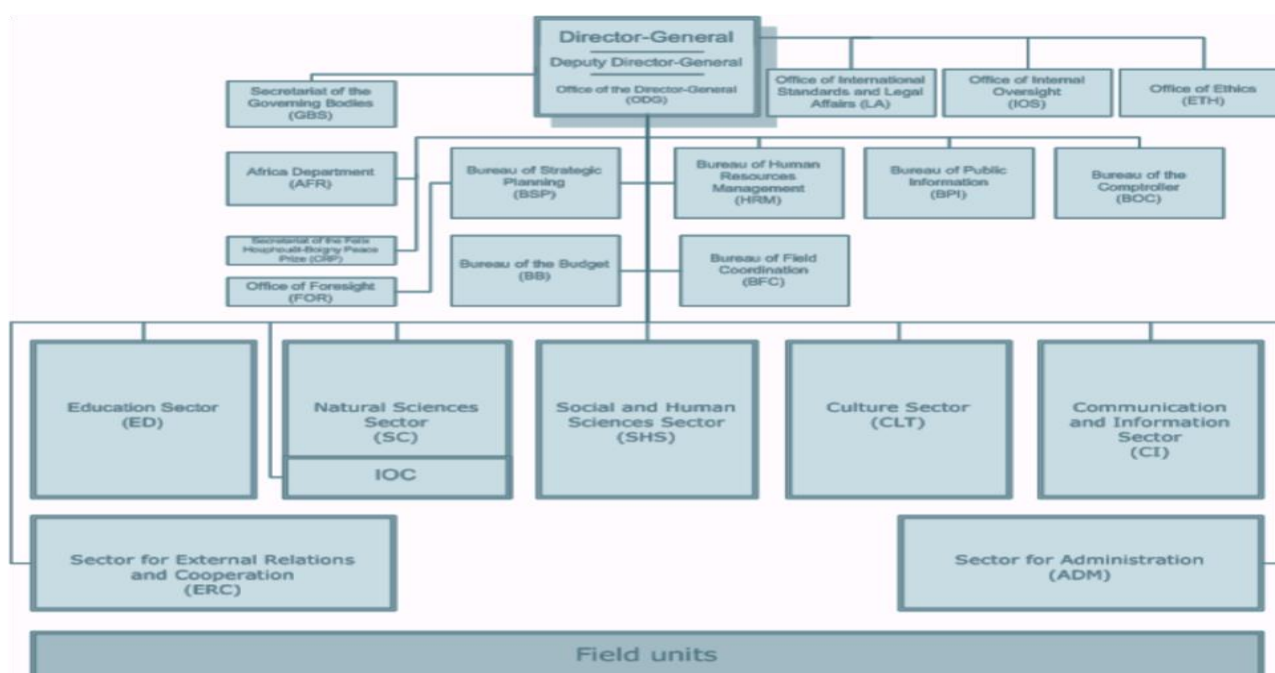
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It has 195 Member States and 9 Associate Members. Almost all Member States have established a National Commission for UNESCO. The UNESCO National Commissions are national cooperating bodies set up by the Member States for the purpose of associating their governmental and non-governmental bodies with the work of the Organization.

1.2. Structure

<http://en.unesco.org/about-us/unescos-governing-bodies>

1.2.1. Secretariat



1.3. The UNESCO Office for the Caribbean

The UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office covers 13 member states including Jamaica and three Associate member states in the Caribbean. The Director, Dr. Kwame Boafo retired as of 31 December 2012. The Officer in Charge is Robert Parua.

The office collaborates and cooperates with National Commissions within its cluster, other agencies in the UN system, CARICOM, the OECS, civil society groups, educational and research institutions as well as professional bodies operating within the areas of mandate (see Appendix 4).

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2. The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

2.1. Background

<https://en.unesco.org/countries/national-commissions>

2.2. Members of The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Name		Title
Hon. Lisa Hanna	Chairperson	Minister of Youth and Culture
Dr. Donald Rhodd, Vice-Chair	Chairperson Education Advisory Committee	
Lincoln Robinson	Chairperson, Information/Communication Advisory Committee	Information/ Communication Expert (OPM)
Cheryl Brown		Member, International Bioethics Committee (UWI)
Mark Thomas	Chairperson, Culture Advisory Committee	Manager, Corporate Communications, JAMPRO (Creative Industries)
Everlyn Craig Brown		Private Sector
Professor Ronald Young	Chairperson, Sciences Advisory Committee	Science Expert (UWI)
Dr. Dorothy Raymond		Jamaica Teachers' Association
Tracy Ann Thomas		NGO/Civil Society Representative
Diedra Coy		Planning & Research Division, PIOJ
Janice Miller		Multilateral Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
Andrene Blackwin		Director, Youth Policy & Programmes, NCYD
Keitho Nembhard	Chairperson, Youth Committee	Youth Representative, Mandeville, Manchester
	Ministry of Education Rep	
Everton Hannam JP		Secretary-General, JNC-UNESCO

This 15 member Commission was appointed for the period 18 February 2013 to 17 February 2016. Their first meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2013.

2.3. The Secretariat

The Jamaica National Commission functions through a Secretariat and six Advisory

Committees and Adhoc Committees. New Advisory Committee Members will be appointed after the Board meeting.

2.3.1. Advisory Committees

The Advisory Committees relate to the major programme areas of UNESCO to:

- advise the Commission on matters pertaining to their special areas of competence;
- advise the Commission of possible co-operation between the Commission and UNESCO;
- advise the Commission on the preparation of Jamaica's paper and resolutions to the General Conference of UNESCO;
- contribute to the creation of a climate favourable to the development of the areas of UNESCO's competence

2.3.2. The Secretariat

The Secretariat is responsible to the Commission for the effective implementation and co-ordination of the programmes and activities of UNESCO in Jamaica, and for advising on and implementing policy decisions.

The Secretariat prepares and administers the annual budget of expenditure; prepares briefs on the various areas to be covered at the General Conferences of UNESCO; monitors projects; and ensures that reports and invoices are sent to UNESCO at the completion of each project.

• Staff

The complement is:

	DATE OF EMPLOYMENT
— Secretary-General, E. Hannam	October 2004
— Programme Manager, Dr. M. Smith	May 2008
— Librarian/Documentalist, D. Hopkinson	January 2006
— Accountant K. Davidson	July 2010
— Senior Secretary, S. Jowhill	January 1996
— Office Attendant/Messenger, M. Lynch	August 2004

This staff complement has been added to from time to time through the work experience programme:

March 2012 Kimarley Henry National Youth Service (for 1 year)

- *Minister meets Staff*

Hon. Lisa Hanna, the Minister with responsibility for UNESCO met with staff of JNC-UNESCO and the UNESCO Caribbean Office to discuss pertinent UNESCO issues. This took place on 15 January 2013.



Hon Lisa Hanna viewing a publication in the Documentation Centre

• *The Documentation Centre*

The Centre continued to be developed. The cataloguing and classification of materials continued in areas as:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| — Adult Education | — Human Rights |
| — Early Childhood Education | — History |
| — Women’s education | — Arts and Architecture |
| — Primary Education | — Science |
| — Education for All | — Bioethics |
| — Technical and Vocational Education | — Biosphere Reserves |
| — Heritage and museums | |

2.4. Permanent Delegation

As of April 2012 Ambassador Vilma McNish assumed duties as Jamaica’s new Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Permanent Representative to the European Union and UNESCO. She replaced Amb. Marcia Gilbert-Roberts as the non-resident ambassador and operates from the Mission in Brussels.



Permanent Delegates represent their member states in the many activities of UNESCO and its subsidiary bodies particularly when there cannot be a representative from the member state to attend the many meetings convened by UNESCO.

Our Ambassador also coordinates, in collaboration with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica’s participation and attendance at the Executive Board and General Conference.

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2.5. Jamaica's Representatives to UNESCO

Organ/Committee	Representative		Duration
Higher Institute for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean	Maxine Henry-Wilson (2013-)		2011-2015
Executive Council of RedBioetica UNESCO	Dr. Derrick Aarons, JP, MD PhD	Member of the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica (NBCJ).	2011-2013
IOCARIBE Subcommission (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission)	Anthony McKenzie (<i>Vice Chairman re-elected</i>)	Manager Strategic Planning & Policies, NEPA	2011?
Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee	Ms. Cheryl Brown	Director, Office of Sponsored Research, University of the West Indies	2010-2013
International Bureau of Education (IBE)	Dr. Rebecca Tortello (2009-11)	Advisor, Minister of Education	2009-2013
Man and the Biosphere (MAB)	Joy Douglas (2009-11)		2009-2013
Management of Social Transformation (MOST)	Mrs. Faith Innerarity, Permanent Secretary (2009-11)	Ministry of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports	2009-2013
Memory of the World Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC)	Winsome Hudson	Director, National Library of Jamaica	2009-2013
Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education & Sport (CIGEPS)	Vilma Charlton	Lecturer in Physical Education, Institute of Education, UWI	2009-2013
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs (WFUCA)	Audrey Tulloch-Lorne	Executive Member, WFUCA for Latin America & the Caribbean/ President, Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs	2011-2015

3. Activities in UNESCO's Programme Areas

3.1. Education

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

In response to the growing concerns of student's performance, the Jamaica Teaching Council designed a UNESCO Participation Programme Project to look at how to improve the proficiency of the students in these areas. Project Director Dr. Winsome Gordon in defining the scope of the project wrote the following:

"The standards "Proposed Professional Standards for Teachers of Mathematics and English in Secondary Schools" represent the working groups' vision of what should characterize the practice of teaching for students to acquire mathematical and language proficiency, and for improvements in students' performance in the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examination.

Not only do standards guide performance but they also stimulate action, promoting efforts at and successes in achieving levels of excellence. The first section of these standards summarizes the background to the standards; the second section presents the standards themselves and performance indicators associated with them."



Dr. Winsome Gordon, CEO Jamaica Teaching Council, chairs a Planning Session at the Council's Conference Room

Junior Debate International

JNC-UNESCO along with other sponsors funded the Junior Debate International which took place on 15 June 2012 at the Police Officers' Club in Kingston. Thirty four schools entered the debate. In the finals were Lannamans Preparatory from St. Andrew and Mt. Alvernia Preparatory from the Parish of St. James who, after a keenly contested debate, was adjudged the winner.

The schools debated the moot, "Education is the key to success." to a packed audience headed by the Chief Justice of Jamaica Honourable Zaila McCalla and two bench colleagues Justice Paulette Williams and Justice Marathi together with Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO representative, Doolarie Hopkinson and Conference Chairman Dr. Jossette Smikle, UWI.

Exhibitions

The Scientific Research Council hosted the National Science & Technology Career's Expo on 3 April 2012 at the Jamaica College's auditorium. JNC-UNESCO participated with an exhibit which displayed information on Science & Technology at UNESCO as well as general information.

NYS Intern Kimarley Henry ably assisted Mrs. Doolarie Hopkinson, Librarian/Documentalist.





Students from Jamaica College and various out of town schools perusing the information at the exhibit



3.2. Natural Sciences

Themes are:

- Science and Technology
- Environment
- Oceans
- Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Man and the Biosphere (MAB)

International Conferences



- Secretary-General Everton Hannam attended the **“24th session of ICC-MAB Council Meeting”** held 9-13 July 2012 in UNESCO, Paris.

- The **“Inter-Ministerial and Experts Conference on Biosphere Reserves in the Caribbean Sub-Region: Tools for Sustainable Development and Growth”** was organized by the Government of St. Kitts & Nevis and the MAB Programme. It was held 26-27 March 2013 in St Kitts.

During the conference an action plan for the next three years was established with the aim to create a network of biosphere reserves in the Caribbean Small Islands States.

Currently St. Kitts and Nevis has the first Biosphere Reserve in English-speaking Region and Jamaica has a submission to be tabled at the 25th Session of the International Co-ordinating Council (ICC) of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme UNESCO Headquarters to be held 27 - 30 May 2013.

Haiti’s La Selle region was among 20 sites recently added to UNESCO’s World Network of Biosphere Reserves. It is Haiti’s first biosphere reserve and is now part of a list that includes 598 reserves in 117 countries.

The St. Kitts & Nevis Declaration was also agreed upon by all ministers, UNESCO representatives and experts to that effect, including empowering UNESCO to identify

and secure extra-budgetary funds to facilitate the Caribbean island states to execute the action plan.

Jamaica was represented by the Hon. Ian Hayles, Lt Oral Khan (Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Climate Change) and Secretary-General Everton Hannam.



From left to right: Hon. Ian Hayles (Member of Parliament of Jamaica), Hon. Nigel Carty of St. Kitts & Nevis, Hon. Kingston of Antigua & Barbuda, Hon. Silveria Jacobs, and Hon. Dr. Kenneth Darroux of the Commonwealth of Dominica

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3.3. Human and Social Sciences (IS-SHE/MOST)

Includes:

- Ethics of Science and Technology
- Human Rights
- Social Transformations
- Sport

Bioethics

International Conferences

The 19th (Ordinary) Session of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 10 to 14 September 2012. In conjunction with this session, the Joint Session of the IBC and the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) was also held on 13 and 14 September 2012. Both sessions brought together 151 participants from 74 countries.



Cheryl Brown, representative from Jamaica, at the 19th session of the IBC at UNESCO, Paris, September 2012

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

The NBCJ held two activities from 18-19 February 2013 at the University of the West Indies

to focus on issues relating to the protection and use of health information in Jamaica.

The first was a seminar **“Beyond the common law protection of confidences in health care”** which was addressed by four experts in issues related to the legal and ethical aspects of privacy and confidentiality of health information. The experts were: Dr. Derrick Aarons, Jamaica; Dr. Kenneth W. Goodman, USA; Carol Appathurai, Canada and Dr. Mark Taylor, UK; The overseas experts were also part of the second activity **“Health information use & protection: consultation meeting”** Along with stakeholders they sought

- To identify what information should be classified as health information
- To determine the role technology may / does play in the generation, transmission, storage and disposal of such health information in Jamaica
- To examine the legislative measures in place in selected countries; specifically, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

The outcome was to form Working Parties, with the power to co-opt, to examine ethical and legal issues as identified at this meeting, pertaining to the protection of health information in Jamaica. The working parties will be responsible for collecting and summarizing information to develop draft position papers, reporting back at the 2nd and subsequent Consultations.

An exhibition showcasing information on Bioethics was displayed on both days.



Mrs. Donna McKoy, Member, NBCJ, Dr. Derrick Aarons, Jamaica; Dr. Kenneth W. Goodman, USA; Carol Appathurai, Canada; Prof. Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies Dr. Mark Taylor, UK; Dr. Anthony Mullings, NBCJ Chairman

3.4. Culture

International Conferences

- Jasinth Simpson of JNHT attended the **“Caribbean Training Course in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage”** held 24 to 28 March 2013 in St. Mary’s, Antigua & Barbuda.

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris, the UNESCO Offices in Kingston and Havana in collaboration with the Antigua & Barbuda National Commission for UNESCO organized this training exercise designed within the framework of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust project "Capacity Building to Support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites and Enhance Sustainable Development of Local Communities in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)".

The training course, a follow-up to the June 2012 training held in Kingston, Jamaica, brought together some 20 representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago.



Participants and trainers pose for group picture

- Debra Kay Palmer (JNHT) and Dr. Maria Smith (JNC-UNESCO) **attended the workshop “Management of Caribbean cultural resources in a natural environment: Sites of Memory and participation of local communities”** held near the Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison, World Heritage site in Barbados, from 11 to 15 March 2013.

The workshop is part of a series organized by UNESCO Offices in Havana and Kingston and UNESCO's World Heritage Centre, with the support of the Netherlands Funds in Trust and delivered in coordination with the Barbados National Commission for UNESCO and The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus.

The workshop trained 20 participants from Barbados, Curaçao, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to foster the best involvement of local communities in World Heritage and implemented also an agreement reached in June 2011 on the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme (CCBP) for World Heritage between the University of the West Indies and UNESCO.

- Langley Robinson of the Jamaica Customs Department attended UNESCO's **“Sub-regional Capacity Building Workshop to enable Caribbean Member States to effectively fight illicit trafficking in Cultural Property”**. This workshop was hosted by the Saint Lucia National Commission for UNESCO from 3-5 December 2012 in Castries, St. Lucia.

Participants came from 14 UNESCO member states: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St Maarten, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam and Saint Lucia.

The presenters drawn from UNESCO and several of its international partners such as INTERPOL and World Customs Organizations sought to enlighten the participants about the trafficking problem in the region. They discussed areas as mechanisms of control and the role and legal aspects of the Customs Service, strengthening of national, legal and operational capacities to assist in this fight to protect a country's national heritage.

To celebrate Jamaica50 the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean and JNC-UNESCO organized the following two activities.

- Jamaica hosted the **“Caribbean Training in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage: Capacity Building to support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites”**, from 5-15 June 2012 in Kingston. The Japan Funds-in-Trust provided USD 338,000 to this training programme as part of a project for sustainable development of local communities in small island developing states (SIDS).

The training course brought together 20 Caribbean experts representing Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Curacao Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Maarten St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago alongside two Caribbean experts as facilitators from Cuba and Jamaica, and six guest speakers from Barbados, Curacao and Jamaica.

The training ended with the adoption of the action plan in preparation of the follow-up training scheduled for March 2013 to assess the preparation of the nomination dossiers.

At the Opening the Hon. Minister Lisa Hanna gave the feature address and thanked the Japanese government for the financial support which was seen as timely and valuable so that the people of the Caribbean can identify from whence they came and show the world their value and wealth.

Remarks were given by the Japanese Ambassador His Excellency Hiroshi Yamaguchi who spoke on the cooperation between Japan and UNESCO.

A highlight of the Opening was the launch of the poster featuring the eight English & Dutch speaking Caribbean World Heritage sites.



Hon Lisa Hanna presenting the feature address



Launching the poster (L to R) Everton Hannam, Secretary-General, J N C- UNESCO; Hon. Lisa Hanna, Minister of Youth and Culture; H. E. Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Japanese Ambassador, Kwame Bofo, UNESCO Caribbean and Ron Van Oers, UNESCO Heritage Centre

- **“UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicrafts in the English & Dutch speaking Caribbean”** followed the April 2011 Bahamas Consultative meeting which agreed upon a strategy for the implementation of the Award programme in the Caribbean

At the national level exhibits were selected in the participating country and forwarded for regional judging in Jamaica. At the regional level 9 countries participated. In Jamaica, with support from CHASE FUND, the “UNESCO Award of excellence for handicrafts in the

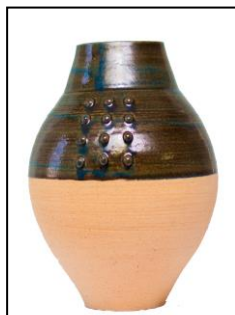


English & Dutch speaking Caribbean” commenced with national judging which saw 10 entries being entered for the regional judging.

Six (6) entries were given the Award of Excellence for Handicrafts in recognition of high standards, innovation, high quality and authenticity. They were chosen from a

field of 34 items by three (3) International Jurors. Two (2) Jamaican items were among the six awardees.

- ✓ The vase with studs was produced by Phillip Supersad and
- ✓ the free form vase was produced by Egbert Hamilton.



Other awardees included:

- ✓ the batik pareo by Chris Mast/Art Fabrik from Grenada
- ✓ the seeds jewel set by Binel Jewels/Bianca Kenswiel from Suriname
- ✓ the coconut fronds ribs place mats by Roslyn Watson from Barbados and
- ✓ the wooden chain set by JAH Works/Juliana Hughes from Guyana



Notable mention was made of the following:

- Natural seeds belt by Louise "Sexy Sue" Edwards from Antigua.
- Maya JipiJapa basket by Building People Movement Ltd /Leocardia Sho from Belize
- Tibisiri flower basket by Janette Patterson from Guyana
- Pottery vase by Nicholas Young from Guyana
- Multicoloured batik wrap by Sunshine Creations/Jennifer Gibson from Guyana
- "Serve u right pastry" server by Carol Campbell from Jamaica
- Bull horn bag by Valentine McLean of Jamaica
- Ormosia Seeds Jewel set by Lydia Ernechiels from Suriname



Opening Of UNESCO Award Of Excellence For Handicrafts. Pics from left:

- * Mr. Billy Heaven (CEO, CHASE FUND) addressing the gathering. Looking on is Dr. Kwame Boafo, Director, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office
- * SG Everton Hannam & Mr. Heaven presenting to the 2 Jamaican awardees, Egbert Hamilton and Phillip Supersad, left and right respectively.



* Artists and wellwishers including the Mexican Ambassador, members of the diplomatic corp and our intern, Kimarley Henry

“Award of Excellence for Handicrafts” ceremonies were also held in Suriname & Guyana by the respective National Commissions who honoured the awardees and those who participated in the regional judging.



Ms Anuradha Kamtasing(left) Secretary General of the Suriname National Commission for UNESCO and Mr Sidoel Stanley(right) Director of Culture with the award recipients, Suriname .



* Ms Inge Nathooa (left) Secretary General of the Guyana National Commission for UNESCO and Ms. Hemas Gurung, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office with award recipient, Guyana.

Conferences and Workshops in Jamaica

Jamaica hosted a national workshop on the implementation of the *2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage* from 10-14 December 2012.

This workshop was organized by The African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica / Jamaica Memory Bank, the Jamaican National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, and brought together government officials, non-governmental organizations and community practitioners to partake in the workshop on the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Practitioners who participated in the workshop included members of the Maroon, Rastafari

and Revival communities.

The workshop concluded with a Kingston Action Plan for ICH proposing continued work in the following areas: Awareness raising; Community participation; Inventorying; Planning and communication among stakeholders; Cultural policy; Regional and International Cooperation.

This workshop series is part of a sub-regional project being implemented in Belize, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago within the context of UNESCO's Global Strategy on capacity building on intangible cultural heritage.



Seated in front row: Bernard Jankee, Mr. Koji Tomit, Kwame Boafo, Hema Gurung, Everon Hannam, Dr Kris Rampersad along with participants of the workshop

Exhibitions

The Jamaica Defense Force hosted International Museum Day, 18 May at its UpPark Camp location. JNC-UNESCO participated with an exhibit which displayed information on Culture and in particular heritage at UNESCO. The attendees at this activity were from the basic schools to primary/prep schools level.



Some of the schools in attendance



3.5. Information

International Conferences

“LAC Regional Consultation on Open Access to Scientific Information and Research” was hosted by the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office in coordination with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and was supported by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust. It was held 5-8 March 2013 in Kingston, Jamaica.

It examined how the context of Open Access in the region can add to the productivity, visibility and accessibility of research and research outcomes. It provided an opportunity for reflecting upon case studies and examples of how Open Access has influenced teaching, research and development in the region.

Workshop participants had an opportunity to contribute towards highlighting priority areas for intervention to achieve “Openness” in the region and individual countries and develop a work plan on how to implement the same with specific timeline.

At the Opening Welcome Remarks were given by the Hon. Lisa Hanna and the Inaugural Address was given by the Hon. Julian Robinson. Also addressing the Opening were: Mr. Koji Tomita, Charge d’Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan; Professor Nigel Harris, Vice Chancellor, University of West Indies and Dr. Indrajit Banerjee Director, Knowledge Society Division, CI Sector, UNESCO. Secretary General Everton Hannam chaired the proceedings.



Hon. Lisa Hanna welcoming participants



From left to right: Dr. Indarjit Banerjee, Mr. Koji Tomita, Prof. Nigel Harris, Hon. Julian Robinson and Mr. Robert Parau



The Caribbean group at the Open Access group session

3.6. Communication

Exhibition

To increase the visibility of UNESCO an exhibition was mounted at the National Launch of the UNESCO Clubs Movement in Jamaica held at Northern Caribbean University



Exhibition featuring UNESCO programmes

Website

The Commission's website (www.jncunesco.gov.jm) has been kept updated and current.

Publications

— Along with the website and exhibitions the following publications were produced by the librarian to sensitise the public on the work of the Commission and to increase their knowledge of its work and that of UNESCO:

- ✓ Four issues of the Commission's newsletter, JAMNAT e-news
- ✓ Annual Report 2009-2010

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CARIBBEAN MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Caribbean has a vast underwater cultural heritage due to its maritime history. The majority of Latin American and Caribbean countries are without the experts and national systems necessary for safeguarding this heritage hence they run the risk of its disappearance.

Ratification of the 2001 Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage protect countries from the pillage of submerged archaeological sites and aid in the development, protection and preservation of the sites. When protected it is possible for the sites to be marketed as tourist attractions.

This meeting sought to promote ratification and create awareness of the existence of this area of heritage and to create a legal framework for its protection. Legal and archaeological experts met with Participants from 13 countries in Port Royal, 10-11 May 2011, to discuss the importance and pertinence of the 2001 Convention. Participants came from Antigua/ Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and host Jamaica. Cont'd p.4



Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture and Chairperson of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, Hon. Olivia Grange (left), along with Programme Specialist for Culture at UNESCO's Kingston office, Himachuli Gurung (second left) and the Commission's Vice Chairman and Chairman of Jamaica's Culture Advisory Committee, Hugh Nash (second right), in discussions with Programme Specialist at UNESCO's Havana, Cuba Office, Tatiana Villegas. (JIS)

REGGAE FILM FESTIVAL 2011 receives JAD \$100,000 in support from UNESCO

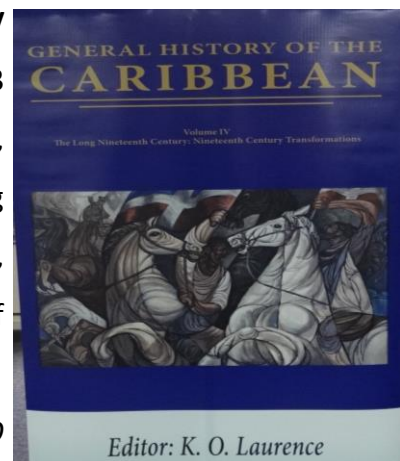
UNESCO supported this venture based on its links to the African Week celebrated at UNESCO - Panaficanism and the rapprochement of cultures - 25-28 May 2011



In picture (l to r) Dr Maria Smith, Programme Manager, JNC-UNESCO; Everton Hannan, Secretary General, JNC-UNESCO. Carl Bradshaw, Jamaica Film Academy; Hema Gurung, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Caribbean Office and Barbara Blake Hannah, Director Jamaica Film Academy - REGGAE FILM FESTIVAL 2011

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— The UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office launched **Volume IV** of the *General History of the Caribbean* on 13 November, 2012 at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. The launch was witnessed by a gathering of government officials, UN Heads of agencies, historians, professors, culture professionals and heads of departments, library representatives and students. Dr. Kwame Boafo, *Director and Representative, UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean* made a special



presentation of copies of **Volume IV** to the Minister, Prof. Carl Campbell, Dr. Kathleen Monteith, Dr. Marie-Jose N’Zengou-Toyo, Dr. Beverly Watson and Mr. David Hall for Prof. Douglas Hall as well as the members of the drafting Committee present: *Prof. Sir Roy Augier, Chairman of the Drafting Committee for the General History of the Caribbean, Prof. Woodville Marshall and Prof. Franklin Knight.*



Hon. Minister of Youth and Culture, and Chairperson of Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, **Hon. Lisa Hanna**, during her address at the Launch of General History of the Caribbean, Vol.IV

3.7. Youth

International Conferences

Romaine Butler (The Mico University) and Kemesha Kelly (a former Youth Empowerment Officer) were selected from Jamaica to attend the “**Caribbean Youth Forum on Intangible Cultural Heritage**” that was held in St Georges, Grenada, 20-24 November, 2012. They were among 25 participants from 17 different Caribbean states.

The Forum aimed to recognise the significant role of young people in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage and the need to strengthen their knowledge and capacities in this area. They learnt about the core concepts of the Convention, developed substantial understanding of its mechanisms and their role in the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage.

Youth Poverty Alleviation through Tourism and Heritage Training

Youths from in and around the environs of Sligoville received YouthPATH (Youth Poverty Alleviation through Tourism and Heritage) training as part of efforts by the Jamaica National Commission to empower youth and raise heritage awareness in Jamaica. This training is one part of a 3 component project “Engaging Young People through Training in Support of Sustainable Development” and was associated with Jamaica’s first free village, Sligoville, in Guys Hill, St. Catherine.

They were selected by the JNC-UNESCO in collaboration with the Member of Parliament for the area, Hon. Minister Natalie Neita-Headley. From 11 November to 7 December 2012, they received the training in a variety of skills that can be used in the heritage tourism industry:

- Sensitization/Orientation
- Natural and Cultural Heritage Workshop
- CPR and First Aid Training
- Team Jamaica and Tour Guide Training

At the closing ceremony at the Courtleigh Hotel in Kingston Hon. Minister Natalie Neita-Headley presented participants with certificates. Of the twenty, nineteen were successful in their tour guide assessment and were certified while all ten were successful in both the CPR and First Aid activities.



Participants in training at Sligoville





Hon. Minister Natalie Neita-Headley being greeted by Pedro Monreal from the UNESCO Caribbean Office



Hon. Minister Natalie Neita-Headley with participants et al at the Closing of the Sligoville YouthPATH Training. (21 December 2012)



Publication

“Youth engagement in national commissions for UNESCO toolkit” included a feature on Jamaica:

“The Jamaican National Commission ensures that youth voices are heard through their participation on advisory boards and on the Youth Committee. As a result of including youth perspectives, the Jamaican Commission is better prepared to respond to youths’ styles of communication, needs and interests in the Commission’s programming”.

UNESCO Clubs

International Conferences

— The 33rd Executive Board meeting of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers & Associations was held in the Italian medieval town of Lucca-Florence, Italy from March 8 - 12, 2013. The delegates produced what is now known as the Florence declaration, calling for UNESCO and the UN to adopt March 11 as "The International Day for Ethics".

It was organized by the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers & Associations with the support of the local governments of Lucca, Florence and the Tuscan Region. Delegates from all over the world, including Audrey Lorne, attended the successful conference and enjoyed the rich Italian history and culture.



Audrey Tulloch-Lorne, President Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs with other participants

— To expose its membership and make JFUCCA visible outside of Jamaica seven students took part in the 6th UNESCO Center for Peace, International Model UN Camp which was held at Hood College, Hagerstown, Maryland U.S.A., 15-28 July 2012. Also in attendance were students from the USA, Brazil, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Tunisia, Kenya, Russia, China, Siberia, Ghana, the Congo, Rwanda, Eritrea, Somalia and the Ivory Coast.

The students were each assigned a country to which they would be the ambassadors and it was their responsibility to present that country's view to the General Assembly and the Security Council. The Jamaican students were:

Milanos Lorne (Excelsior Community College) represented Ukraine,

Jemeal Brown (YWCA) represented USA,

Terrence Francis (Charlemont High) represented Rwanda,

Ruth-Ann Benguche (St. Andrew's High) represented Niger,

Tara-Gayle Allen (St Andrew's High School) represented Pakistan,

Halima Leslie (Immaculate Conception High School) represented Brazil on the Security Council and

Davyd-Paul Alberts (Ardenne High School) represented the Republic of Togo.

Using the UN protocol They learnt how to argue and to lobby for consensus on issues. They had three issues to debate: the Palestinian statehood, the Syrian crisis and the Kyoto protocol. At the end of the camp they were all given Certificates of Participation.



From left:

Halima Leslie, Milanos Lorne, Jemeal Brown, Davyd-Paul Alberts, Terrence Francis, Ruth-Ann Benguche and Tara-Gayle Allen

National Tree Planting Day

To increase the visibility of JFUCCA to a wider range of possible members the Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs This year for the first time along with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO partnered with the National Forestry Department for the National Tree Planting Day, 5 October 2012. As the theme was “Putting down roots in our communities” the official exercise was conducted at Bridgeport Primary School. Other UNESCO clubs conducted the exercise within their communities



Audrey Lorne and representative from the Ministry of Agriculture planting a tree at Bridgeport Primary



National Launch of the UNESCO Clubs Movement in Jamaica

The National Launch of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Jamaica took place on 13 April 2012. Hon. Lisa Hanna, who launched the movement at the Northern Caribbean University, spoke on the importance of the UNESCO Clubs in enhancing exposure of the nation's young people to culture, education, and science. She urged them to "use the UNESCO Club as a spring board for creating new opportunities to get excited about science, education and culture."

Mrs. Audrey Tulloch-Lorne President, Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs; Executive Member, WFUCA for Latin America & the Caribbean gave an overview of the UNESCO Clubs movement. She also read the message from George Christophides, President, World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA).

Greetings were brought by Dr. Kwame Boafo Director UNESCO Office for the Caribbean and Mr. Hiroshi Mitsuya Charge d'Affaires Embassy of Japan. Also bringing greetings were Mr. Antonio Maynard, Secretary General, St. Kitts National Commission for UNESCO; Dr. Bevely Cameron, Vice President Student Services & Records and Melissa Stoddart President, NCU UNESCO Club.

27 Schools were present at the launch as well as a number of organisations and agencies including the National Youth Service.



Hon. Lisa Hanna as she launched the Movement



Hon Lisa Hanna flanked by Kwame Boafo (left), Director UNESCO Caribbean Office and Hiroshi Mitsuya, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Japan



A group of participants at the exhibit



Hon. Lisa Hanna with participants from NYS



Hon Lisa Hanna with participants from NCU. Here she is flanked by NCU UNESCO Club President, Melissa Stoddart and Club Coordinator, Mrs. Lyn Kennedy-McKenzie,



Participants from Westwood High enjoying the moment

4. External Relations

DG Consultative Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Director General's Consultation for LAC was held 14-16 September in Montevideo, Uruguay. Dr. Maria Smith, Programme Manager, represented this office.

The meeting opened with a welcome from Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO, Uruguay. He stressed the importance of the Regional consultation to the delegates from the twenty eight (28) Member States/Associates in attendance in charting a course to deal with the challenges faced by UNESCO at this time.



Delegates from Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Courtesy Calls

— The Secretary -General paid courtesy visits to newly appointed Ministers whose portfolio impacts on the work of UNESCO. The visits were used to introduce UNESCO to the Ministers and to inform them of possible areas of collaboration. The visits were made to:

- Sen. Sandra Falconer, Minister of Information. He was accompanied by Dr Kwame Boafo and the Programme Specialist for Communication & Information from the Cluster Office.
- Hon. Robert Pickersgill, Minister with responsibility for Climate Change. He was accompanied by the Programme Manager.
- Hon. Natalie Neita-Headley, Minister with responsibility for Sports

— Alissandra Cummins, the UNESCO Executive Board Chair, was in Kingston to attend the Caribbean Training for World Heritage. While in Kingston, accompanied by Secretary-General Everton Hannam, she paid a number of courtesy calls to:

- Hon. Lisa Hanna, Minister of Youth and Culture.
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Arnold Brown. Accompanying them were the Programme Manager as well as the Director of UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean.

Together with the Secretary General she also met with:

- The Chairman and Executive Director of JNHT
- Former Minister of Culture, Ms. Olivia Grange
- Past Members of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO including former Amb. to UNESCO, Sybil Campbell. The main topics discussed were the importance of World Heritage Status and the steps to be taken to ensure to obtain this status. Ms. Cummins also informed on the situation in UNESCO, in particular the severe financial crisis affecting the Organisation.



Allissandra Cummins meet with members of the National Commission various Advisory Committees



Participation Programme

— Three projects were approved for the 2012-2013 UNESCO Participation Programme to a total of USD65,250.

Name of Project	Amount (USD)	Beneficiary
UNESCO Award of Excellence for Handicrafts	24,250.	Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO
Support the preservation and access to the National Indentureship collection	26,000.	Jamaica Archives
Increasing the visibility of UNESCO through a train the trainers programme for Jamaican Youth	15,000.	Jamaica Natcom

— Dr. Kwame Boafo and the Secretary-General met with Mr. Roberto Elias Diaz, JCI Director of the Americas to look at ongoing collaboration between UNESCO and JCI (Jamaica) on 24 August 2012. A highlight of this collaboration is the ongoing A-Graders Project supported under the UNESCO Participation Programme. Also participating in the meeting were:

- Dr. Maria Smith
- Senator Samuel Coates, JCI (St. Andrew)
- President Jurvis Burton JCI (St. Andrew)



Signing of
A graders Project,
4 July 2012

Internship Programme

JNC-UNESCO hosted a number of interns during the period:

February - Aug 2012	Alice Contini & Sarah Jasper (Germany)
September 2012 –February 2013	Ariane Wolf & Laura Gonzalez (Germany)

UNESCO Fellowship Programme

Date	Programme	Venue	Fellowship	
20 February - 20 March 2012	“Educational Methodologies— Youth at Risk: Preventing School Dropouts and Facilitating Reintegration	Aharon Ofri International Training Centre	MASHAV, Israel	Jean Marie Duhaney, Social Worker at the Child Development Agency and Anisa Silina Wilson, Youth Empowerment Officer at NYP

5. Condolences

Dr. Dahlia Winsome Repole, CD (Excelsior Community College) and recipient of the Prime Minister’s Medal of Appreciation for Service to Education was laid to rest on 8 Feb. 2013

She has served the National Commission for over ten years. During that time she served as Vice Chairman of the National Commission and Chair of the Education Advisory Committee.

She will be greatly missed.



6. Farewell

— Retired director and representative for the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean, Dr Kwame Boafo, was treated to an evening of musical excellence in recognition of his contribution to education, science, culture and communication in Jamaica and the wider region. (JIS)

The appreciation and farewell function dubbed: 'An evening of Music' was held recently at the Immaculate Conception High School in St Andrew. The event, organised by the Ministry of Education, featured various musical pieces by the school's celebrated symphony orchestra and the Immaculate Glee Club. Students from the Half-Way Tree Primary School delighted and entertained with Louise Bennett Coverley's *Colonisation in Reverse*, while the sister duo of Chantelle and Rochel Biersy thrilled with their traditional East Indian dance.

Dr Boafo was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Ministry of Education by permanent secretary Grace McLean, while a citation was read by Chief Executive Officer of the Jamaica Teaching Council, Dr Winsome Gordon.

— Pedro Monreal, Programme Specialist in Social & Human Sciences has departed the Kingston Cluster Office for Headquarters in Paris.



Appendices

Appendix 1: Auditor's Report

See attached Financial Statements.

Appendix 2: Advisory Committee Members

Members of the National Bioethics Committee.

This was the only valid Committee during this reporting period.

Meetings:

Two National Bioethics Committee Meeting were held: 26 Jun, 28 September 2012

Name	Title/ Organization Representing
Dr. Derrick Aarons MD,	President, The Bioethics Society of the English-speaking Caribbean (BSEC)
Prof. Ralph Robinson	Professor of Parasitology, Dept. of Life Sciences, UWI, Mona
Rev. Garth Minott	Anglican Tutor UTCWI & Chaplain UWI /Jamaica Council of Churches
Dr. Sheila Campbell-Forrester	Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health
Ms. Cheryl Marlene Lorane Brown	Attorney at Law/ Director, Office of Sponsored Research, University of the West Indies, Mona/IGBC Rep.
Dr. Anthony Mullings	Senior Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Child Health University of the West Indies, Mona
Dr. Tunde Bewaji	Dept of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy, University of the West Indies, Mona
Mrs. Sherene Dawkins	Member of the Bioethics Society of the English-speaking Caribbean
Dr. Claude Packer	Principal, Mico University College
Ms. Nancy Anderson	Legal Officer, Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights
Dr. Audia Barnett	Executive Director, Scientific Research Council
Mrs. Angela Patterson	Chief Executive Officer, Creative Productions and Training Centre
Dr. Herbert Thompson	President, Northern Caribbean University
Bishop Howard Gregory	Bishop of Montego Bay
Mr. Everton Hannam	Secretary-General, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

Appendix 3: Programme of Activities Supported by the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office

Culture

Project Title: Tivoli Dance Troupe participant in ICCN Festival within the framework of UNESCO's action on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

- Implementation Date: October 2012
- Results: Organized/facilitated the mission of one participant from the Tivoli Dance Troupe who attended the ICCN Festival held in Gangneung, Korea 19-20 October 2012.

Project Title: Maroon Conference under the theme " The African in Jamaica- safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Maroons for Democracy, Governance and Development. 26-27 October 2012 (Trelawny Town Maroons).

- Implementation Date: October 2012.
- Results: Media launch and the organization of the Maroon conference.

Project Title: National Workshop on Implementing the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, 10-14 December 2012 (African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank (ACIJ/JMB))

- Implementation Date: December 2012
- Results: Strengthening national capacities for implementing the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) through the organization of a 5-day training workshop on the implementation of the 2003 Convention on ICH among community group practitioners, government and non government culture sector experts and specialist as well as teachers/lectures. 16 persons participated in the training session.

Education

Project Title: Strengthening institutional capacities in TVET and Skills Training to address the challenges of preparing quality skilled graduates for the needs of the Caribbean labour market. (Ministry of Education; University of Technology; University of the West Indies (UWI))

- Implementation Date: Dec 2013
- Results:
 - (i) new national UNEVOC centre established at the University of Technology and designated as the team leader of the Caribbean Cluster of UNEVOC centres
 - (ii) joint UNESCO, UWI, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and ILO sub-regional Conference on TVET and Skills Development held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, March 2012 with over 150 registered participants who adopted the Montego Bay Declaration on TVET for the Caribbean that has fed into the deliberations at Shanghai Third International TVET Congress in May 2012. A 10 - person delegation from the Caribbean participated in the Third International TVET Congress in Shanghai, jointly

led by Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. The participation of the Jamaica delegate was supported by UNESCO Kingston Office

(iii) Representative from Jamaica and two other Caribbean countries attended the November 2012 International Conference UNEVOC Centres in Bonn that has reviewed the status of UNEVOC Centres

(iv) UNEVOC Seminar held in Jamaica with 40 participants.

Project Title: Literacy and non-formal education to strengthen institutional capacities to deliver quality adult literacy and life skills programmes

- Implementation Date: Dec 2013
- Results:
 - (i) Jamaica submitted National Report on Adult Education as follow-up of the CONFINTEA VI Belem Framework for Action and the Mexico regional action plan which was adopted at the CONFINTEA VI LAC regional follow-up conference in June 2011
 - (ii) 1 Jamaican expert supported to participate in the experts committee on the CONFINTEA follow-up of Bonn. The 2012 Follow-up of CONFINTEA VI was organized by the Jamaica Foundation for Life-Long Learning (JFLL)
 - (iii) celebrated the International Literacy day in 2012.

Project Title: Information, Communication Technology (ICT) in Education: technical support and assistance to Member States to develop Open Education Resources (OER), ICT Policies and Master Plans

- Implementation Date: Dec 2013
- Results: Support to the MOE to prepare ICTs in Education Policy and Master Plan

Project Title: Higher education policy, research, quality assurance, science, technology and innovation (Mico University College; University Council of Jamaica). To strengthen capacity to ensure more equitable access to quality higher education and research, including through innovative modes of provision

- Implementation Date:
- Results:
 - (i) International Conference on science and mathematics for the Caribbean was organized by the Mico University College in Jamaica supported by UNESCO. Experts came from North America and Europe to participate. 80 participants participated at the conference. The conference issued a declaration to strengthen science and mathematics in the Caribbean. One expert from Mico University College was sponsored by UNESCO Kingston to present the recommendations and overview of the Caribbean Mathematics and Science conference at the UNESCO, IADB, and OAS conference in Cali, Colombia in November 2012;
 - (ii) supported the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) which holds the current chair of CANQATE, to organize the Ninth Annual meeting of CANQATE. 200 participants attended the conference.

Project Title: Health promotion and HIV prevention education (Ministry of Education)

- Implementation Date: Dec 2013
- Results:
 - (i) piloting of HIV sensitive indicators for the education sector concluded in Jamaica with results and a revised set of indicators, tools and processes to be presented back to Ministry of Education (MOE) policy and technical officers and MOE stakeholders in 2013. More than 25 Jamaica MOE officers in statistics, M&E and health promotion have been trained and oriented to these various tools and process as part of the pilot exercise
 - (ii) support to the MOE for the development of a referral protocol for students in need of sexual and reproductive health services to access these in the health sector.

Communication and Information

Project Title: Metadata for Resource Discovery for Librarians and Archivists on enhancing the capacities of Caribbean librarians, archivists, and other information professionals in utilizing metadata to advance discovery in their libraries and networks.

- Implementation Date: 2012
- Results: Enhanced capacities of Caribbean librarians, archivists, and other information professionals in utilizing metadata to advance discovery in their libraries and networks through a 1 day workshop.

Project Title: To promote Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press in Jamaica

- Implementation Date: 2012
- Results: Organisation of 1 day workshop on enhancing the capacities of Caribbean journalists to provide accurate reporting.

Project Title: Roots FM Broadcasters Training through the organization of two capacity building workshops on radio production and broadcasting skills

- Implementation Date: 2012 –
- Results: Community youth trained in aspects of broadcasting and radio production