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### Climate Change Adaptation and Population Dynamics in Latin America and Caribbean: Key Issues for Policy Dynamics



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# National Adaptation Plans: Political Support for Action

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Key Issues for Policy Makers
The Woodrow Wilson Center

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### WHAT ARE NAPS?

The objectives of the national adaptation plan process are (Decision 5/CP.17):

- (a) To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience;
- (b) To facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation . . . into relevant new and existing policies, programs and activities. . . development planning processes and strategies . . .

#### What Does That Mean?

- Treat Climate Change as a risk to all economic/social activities
- Address climate risks through sector plans

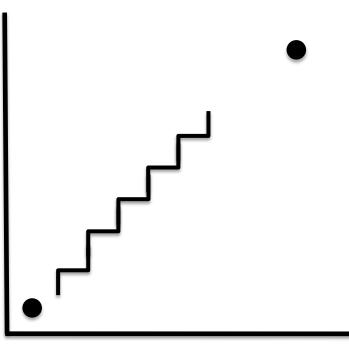


# CHALLENGES OF OWNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

- "Weak v. powerful" ministries
- How to create "ownership" of climate risk management?

### Three Degrees of Political Support:

- Expressed commitment: Verbal declarations of support for the issue of adaptation
- Institutional commitment: Policies, organizational support
- Budgetary commitment: resources dedicated to adaptation



Quality of service



#### **EXPRESSED COMMITMENT**

"When you invited me to this climate change workshop, I asked my staff why you wanted to talk to me instead of Pickersgill [min. of env.]. Now I'm going to ask why somebody wasn't talking to me about climate change twenty years ago."

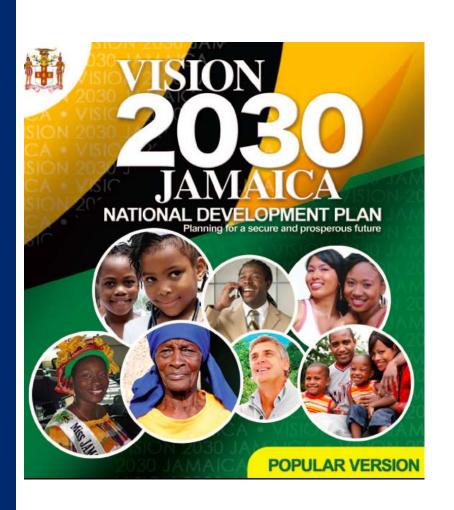
 Minister of Finance Peter Phillips after the workshop

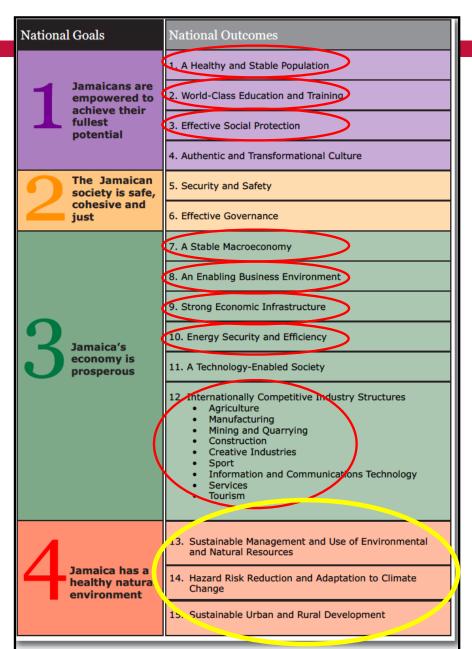


Dr. The Hon. Peter Phillips, M.P., Minister of Finance and Planning



# USAID BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT







### **USAID'S MAINSTREAMING APPROACH**

Planning for development

**Development objectives (from Vision 2030)** 

Requirements for development objectives
Inputs

**Enabling conditions** 

**Risks and Impediments** 

Climate Non-climate

**Solutions** 

Adaptation actions to reduce climate stresses
Actions to reduce non-climate stresses
Actions with co-benefits

Resilience Improved



# TOWARD A CLIMATE POLICY FOR JAMAICA: STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

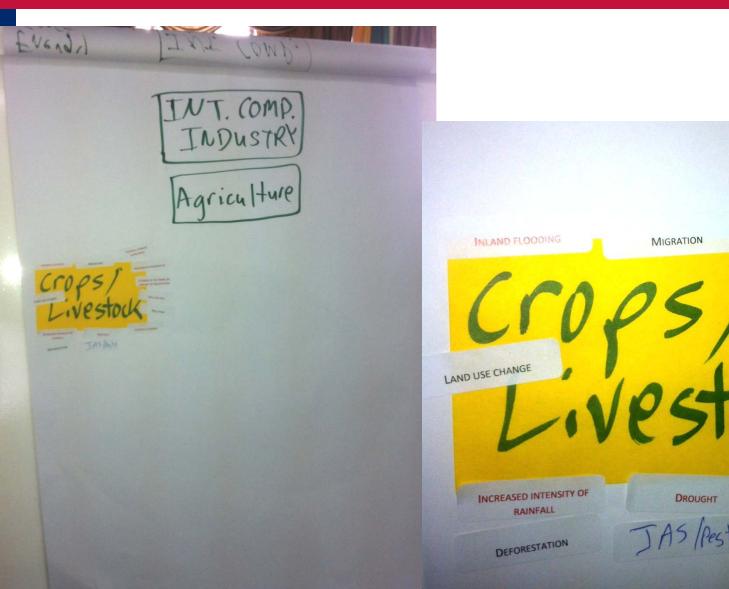


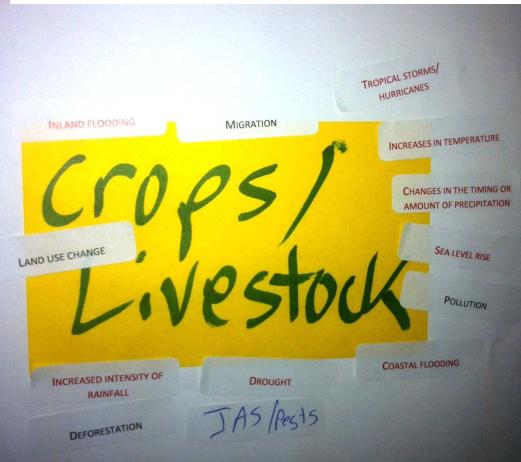


TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR JAMAICA



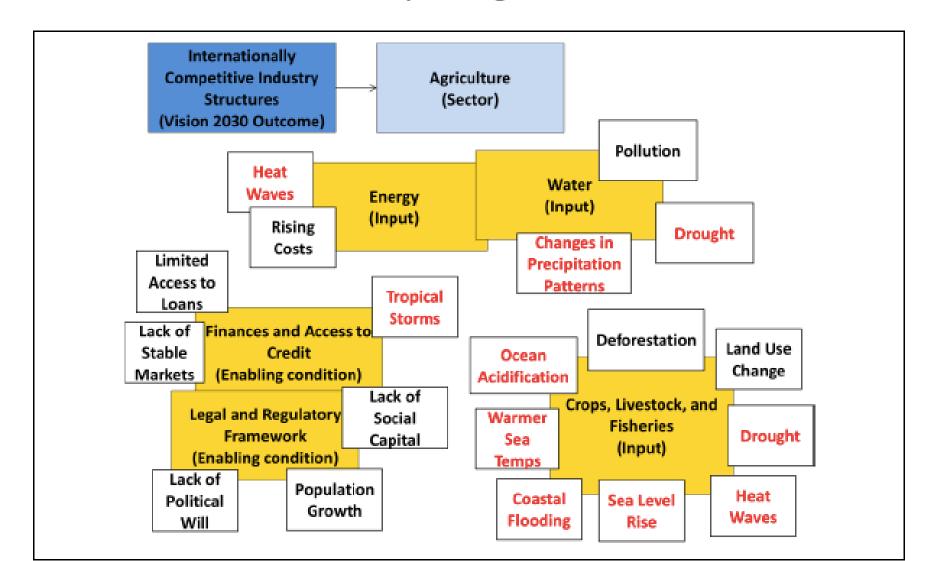






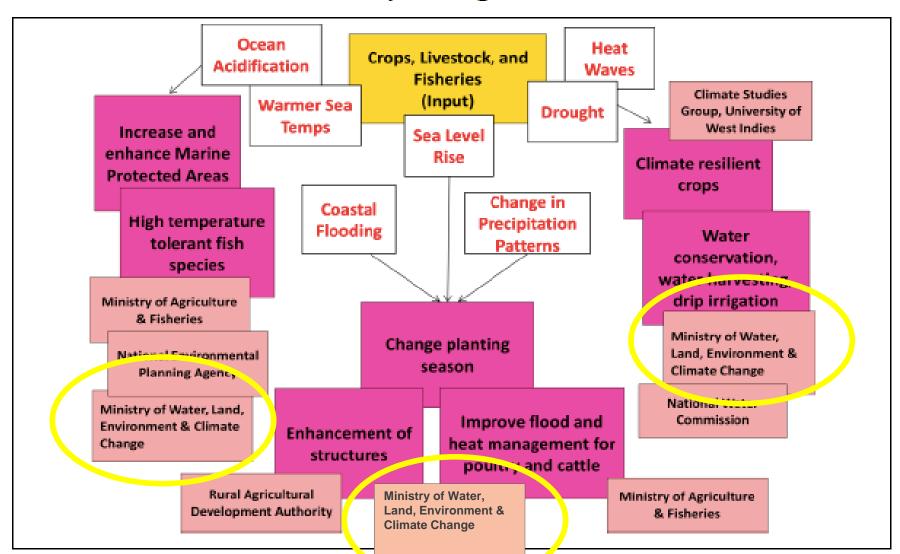


#### Example for Agriculture





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### NAP PROCESS IN JAMAICA: NEW APPROACH

- Policy framework for mainstreaming adaptation into other ministries' strategies
- No longer a single policy Climate woven into Sector Policies owned by sector ministries
  - Established Climate Change Focal Points in 26 ministries and departments
- No longer the responsibility of just one ministry
- Addresses both adaptation and mitigation
- Focus on multidisciplinary approaches
- Focus on science and information for decision making



# INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT → BUDGET COMMITMENT

Policy Needs Identified

Mission/key responsibilities

Who Depends on You? Whom do you depend on?

Inputs Enabling conditions

**Risks and Impediments** 

Climate Non-climate

#### **Solutions**

Policies enable actions to reduce climate stresses
Policies to enable actions to reduce emissions
Policies to reduce non-climate stresses
Policies to promote co-benefits

Policy Designed



#### 12 SECTOR WORK PLANS

### Priorities identified by Gov. of Jamaica

- Underway:
  - Forestry- USAID
  - Agriculture USAID
  - Fisheries (5Cs/EU funded)

#### •Planned:

- USAID Transport, Energy, Waste, Finance
- PPCR/IDB- Water, Tourism, Coastal Resources, Human Health and one other
- PPCR/IDB- plans for select local communities in a vulnerable watershed
- PPCR/World Bank Health facilities



National adaptation planning (NAP) growing in importance

### Adaptation Committee Recommendations:

- Generate interest in, demand for and leadership of the NAP process at the national level
- Make available support for the NAP process better known
- Improve coordination, collaboration and coherence among bilateral and multilateral agencies and institutions





## Goals & Objectives

To enhance bilateral support for the NAP process in developing countries by:

- Improving coordination and collaboration among bilateral development partners
- Supporting enhanced leadership on adaptation at the national level in developing countries
- Facilitating learning and exchange on the NAP process



