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## Report from JAMAICA as affected country Party



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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

**CONS-O-1**

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

**Global target**

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

**National contribution to the global target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

17

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

**Voluntary national target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

30

Year

2018

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Information events**

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	3000
2013	6	3800
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events**

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	240	210000
2013	240	266000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Sources of information**

Ministry Department and Agencies Public Relations Officers, Media House Statistics

Population Census

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

This communication strategy is now to be addressed in the Aligned NAP

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	65	25
2013	70	25
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

Social Development Commission's CSO Listing. GoJ MDA listing, Ministry of Education  
 The listing from the Social Development Commission is still not fully received to fully validate the figure for functional CSOs

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium %

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes  No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Documents such as the Draft Sustainable Land Management Policy speak to institutional strengthening and capacity of existing CSOs and a clear path to development of new CSOs and the provision of incentives for the increased participation of STIs in DLDD programmes and projects. In addition the Vision 2030 National Development Plan which is Jamaica's Development Plan promotes:

1. Effective Governance (National Outcome 6)
2. A technology enabled society (National Outcome 11),
3. Sustainable Management and Use of Environmental and Natural Resources (National Outcome 13)

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-0-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	23	13
2013	23	13
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Social Development Commission and Ministry of Education

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%  
3

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

The Vision 2030 Jamaica Plan (Education Subsection) speaks to the overall promotion of education in all spheres of society inclusive of environmental management (to include sustainable land management). These strategies (as shown in National Outcome 13) are inclusive of the development of efficient and effective governance structures for environmental management
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**CONS-0-5** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes  No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes  No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015   
 2016-2017   
 2018-2019   
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

The approval process (inclusive of the availability of funds) and the lack of institutional and human resource and institutional capacity to plan and implement programmes.

Sources of information

Draft NAP and the Vision 2030 Jamaica Development Plan

**CONS-0-7**

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

**Global target**

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

**National contribution to the global target**

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

The Focal Point for the UNCCD works with the Focal Points for Climate Change and Biodiversity to bring harmonization to environmental activities.

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

Ad Hoc Meetings between the Focal Points

Provide any complementary information as needed:

National Focal Points for Environmental Conventions

**Sources of information**

**CONS-0-8** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD **≥ 60 %** **2018**

**National contribution to the global target** Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes  No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

**Voluntary national target** When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD? 2014-2015  2016-2017  2018-2019  No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Sources of information**

Draft NAP

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes  No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

The existence of the Drought Management Committee, Forestry Management Committee and Water Resources Committee provide monitoring in their respective areas notwithstanding the absence of a National Coordinating Committee, which is to be established under the NAP alignment process.

**Knowledge-sharing systems**

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system: National Spatial Plan  
 Internet link: www.nepa.gov.jm/nsp/Project%20Overview.ppt  
 Estimated number of users per year: 5600000

Name of the system: National Environment Protection Agency  
 Internet link: http://www.nepa.gov.jm/  
 Estimated number of users per year: 5600000

Name of the system: Forestry Department  
 Internet link: http://www.forestry.gov.jm/  
 Estimated number of users per year: 4800000



Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Name of the system:	Ministry of Water Land Environment and Climate Change
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.mwh.gov.jm/">http://www.mwh.gov.jm/</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	5500000

Name of the system:	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.moa.gov.jm/AboutUs/index.php">http://www.moa.gov.jm/AboutUs/index.php</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	5550000

**CONS-0-10**

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

**Global target**

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

**CONS-0-13**

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

**National contribution to the global target**

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

Jamaica is a Member of Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) Task Force

**Sources of information**

PISLM Reports

**Voluntary national target**

If at the time of reporting there are no DLDD-specific capacity-building plans, programmes or projects implemented in your country, when does your country plan to have them in place?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Qualitative assessment**

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

**CONS-O-14**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Experience from current IMF agreement along with consultations with bilateral funding agencies and national creative initiatives, will be used to develop an IFS and IIF

Sources of information

Ministry of Finance

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**CONS-O-16**

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

The capacity to access bilateral and multilateral funding support is limited

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors?      Yes       No

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	JMD - Jamaican Dollar	0
2013	JMD - Jamaican Dollar	496700000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes  No

Sources of information

- Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining
- Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Ministry of Land, Water, Environment and Climate Change

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year %  Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

The Draft NAP indicates some of the technological goals required but specific targets have not been quantified.

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Some of the technological goals set out in the Draft NAP included the provision of modern irrigation systems (inclusive of policy and legislative incentives), early warning systems, land information systems and technology training for farmers.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity  
(tick only one of the boxes below)

- |        |                            |                            |                            |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| UNCCD  |                            | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |                            |
| CBD    | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |                            |



Relevant Activity Code  
(RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

Research Information campaigns Advocacy/Mainstreaming Natural capital accounting Land degradation monitoring Reporting 

Enabling Activities

Capacity building Governance and institutions Policies, strategies and regulations Economic valuation of land use/change options Incentives and market-based mechanisms Resource mobilization Development assistance 

Land Degradation Prevention

Adaptation to climate change Natural resource conservation Enhancing ecosystem resilience Sustainable land and natural resource management Sustainable production Sustainable consumption 

Restoration and recovery

Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration Ecosystem rehabilitation Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation Land restoration/reclamation Emergency response Relocation/rescue/relief operations Strategic and  
operational objectives  
targetedIndicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed  
by the funded activityStrategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems Strategic objective 3: global benefits Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education Operational objective 2: policy framework Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge Operational objective 4: capacity-building Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer 

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## Reporting process-related issues

## Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	JMD - Jamaican Dollar	2000000
2013	JMD - Jamaican Dollar	2000000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	1	4
2013	1	4
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

Insufficient human and technical resources

## Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No 

## Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes  No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Unable to indicate Financial Flows. due to the fact that any attempt to insert data, results in a loss of previously entered information resulting in the need for a new input of information.

## Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Kevin St. Croix Morrison
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