JAMAICA Competitiveness Enhancement Program III (JA-L1014)

Means of Verification for Third Operation

| **Objective** | **Conditions** | **Means of Verification** | **Status of Conditions as of January 2014** |  |
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| **Status** | **Evidence** |
| **I. Macroeconomic Sustainability** | | | |  |
|  | Maintenance of an appropriate macroeconomic policy framework | Stand-By agreement with the IMF approved by IMF management and Independent Macroeconomic Assessment approved by IDB management. | * IMA approved by IDB management in September 2013. |  |
| **II. Competitiveness Implementation Framework** | | | |  |
| To promote a sustainable forum for public-private dialogue to improve competi-tiveness. | Forum holding regular meetings  The priority Activities of the second year of the Competitiveness Agenda have been carried out  Monitoring and coordination mechanisms have been set in place and the Secretariat is monitoring Forum Agenda**.**  Partnership for Jamaica agreement signed by Government, Private Sector, Trade Unions and Civil Society | Formal communication from the President of JAMPRO to Bank Representative transmitting:  Formal communication from the Partnership Coordinator of the JfJ submitting evidence of the agreement. | The NCC meets on an on average of every two months basis. Last meeting was held in September 2013. The NCC has developed an agenda of priority actions for reform and is currently doing follow up with all the relevant stakeholders.  Partnership for Jamaica agreement signed on July 31, 2013. Organizational structure in place and meetings are taking place  DOCS Received:  - Letter from S. Michelle Fredrerick Johnson, Ma  nager , dated April 2013 of the Partnership Secretariat atttaching evidence of the meetings held by the NPC and the NCC  1. Minutes from the National Partnership Council Meetings  2. Monthly Reports, October 2012, February 2013  3. Revised Draft Organizational Chart  4. NCC Agenda 2013-2015  5. NCC Reports  Letter from Arlene Nelson, in behalf of Amb Purshell Whiteman dated January 14th, 2014 submitting the signed Partnerships for Jamaica Agreement.  Letter from Diane Edwards, President of JAMPRO, dated January 15, 2014 submiting evidence of the Forum holding regular meetings and carrying out monitoring activities. | [**IDBDOCS-#38151839-NationalPartnershicouncilMinutes and AgendaletterApril2013**](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38151839/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38151861-Microsoft Word - Social Partnership Minutes 2011Jan12](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38151861/1)[..\](file:///C:/Users/claudiast/Documents/Jamaica%202012/JA-L1014/JA-L1014/Means%20of%20Verification/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Social%20Partnership%20Minutes%20Dec%208_%202010.pdf)  [IDBDOCS-#38368730-PFJAgreement\_signedcopy\_2013July31](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38368730/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38368723-IDB Letter Partnerships for Jamaica](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38368723/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38424601-Letter-NCC\_JCEP\_Jan 2014[2]](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38424601/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38424651-Abbreviated Update on the Business Environment Reform Agenda-Report to PFT -Jan 16[1]](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38424651/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38424688-NCC Agenda - 2013-2015-FINAL VERSION 15-DEC 2013[1]](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38424688/1) |
| * NCC continues to have regular meetings. * Priority activities of the Competitiveness Agenda are moving forward and are being monitored * Technical Secretariats of both PfJ and NCC in place. * Partnerships for Jamaica agreement signed on July 31. Organizational structure in place and meetings taking place |  |  |
| **III. Tax and Expenditure Reform** | | | |  |
| A. Reduce distortions in the current tax systems | Satisfactory progress in implementing legislative initiatives to reduce distortions in tax system, including but not limited to: | Formal communication from F.S. Ministry of Finance and Public Service (MoF&P) transmitting orders promulgating: | DOC Received:  - Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, CD, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3 2011 and the Report on the Amalgamation of Payroll Taxes dated 20 January 2011 accompanied by the new consolidated Filing Form SO 1 which was gazetted on 15 Nov. 2010 | [IDBDOCS-#38152035-3.03(f)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective III(A)\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152035/1)  [..](file:///C:/Users/claudiast/Documents/Jamaica%202012/JA-L1014/JA-L1014/Means%20of%20Verification/LoanComplianceEvidence/._3.03(f)(b)-Amal%20Meeting%20Notes%2018%20April%202011%20Amended.doc)[IDBDOCS-#38151990-Meeting Notes April 2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38151990/1) |
| * Corporate Income Tax (CIT) rationalization | Formal communication from the F.S of the MoF&PS submitting the Ammendement of the Income Tax of July 2013 | Provisional Tax order that amended temporarily the Income Tax Act as of July 2013 in which the PIT and CIT were harmonized at the rate of 25% for unregulated companies.  Docs received:  Letter from the F.S of the MoF&PS dated January 15th submitting the Amendment  of the Income Tax | * [IDBDOCS-#38369255-Letter from FS Regarding Financial and Tax Legislation](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369255/1) * http://www.japarliament.gov.jm/attachments/339\_The%20Income%20Tax%20(Amendment)%20Act,%202012.pdf |
| * Amalgamation of Labour Taxes. | ( (ii) Official communication from the P.S of Ministry of Finance submitting evidence on the implementation on Phase I and Phase II rationalization of payroll taxes approved by the MoF&P. | Consolidation of Payroll taxes and Statutory Deductions – Currently corporate entities are able to file online returns and remit payments for the six payroll deductible taxes. The the tax forms were redesigned to accommodate filing on a single form to cover all tax types was completed in January 2011.  A sole form for filing income taxes and payroll taxes operational in August 2013.  DOCS Received:   * “Report on the Amalgamation of Payroll Taxes” prepared by Tax Policy Division Unit MoF&P 20 January 2011 * Notes for Payroll Tax Amalgamation Meeting (4 April 2011) * Notes for Payroll Tax Amalgamation Meeting (18 April 2011) * Letter from the MoF&P stating the amalgamation of Phase I and Phase II is in effect and attaching the approved Phase II form | * [IDBDOCS-#38369255-Letter from FS Regarding Financial and Tax Legislation](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369255/1) * [IDBDOCS-#38152058-3.03(f)(c)-Integrated Final Draft Report Amal24012011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152058/1)   [IDBDOCS-#38383602-tax form and income act](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38383602/1) |
| * Tax policy modelling being utilized | Formal communication from PIOJ submmiting evidence that the model is being utilized. | Tax Modeling – A second round of training on the CGE Model with the PIOJ / MoFP staff was completed as at July 2010. The PIOJ has advised that the GAMS software and appropriate licenses for usage with CGE Model has been secured as at August 2010.  DOC Received:   * Letter from Gladstone A. Hutchinson, Director General, PIOJ to Ancile Brewster, Rep IDB dated April 26, 2011 describing how the CGE Model has been and continues to be utilized for (i) the analysis of the implications of the harmonization of CIT and PIT rates, (ii) to inform some of the tax prescriptions in the recently published GIS, and (iii) impact analysis of a substantial change in the GCT rate structure which informed a recent Cabinet Submission. | [**IDBDOCS-#38152078-3.03(g)-Letter signed dd 26-4-2011 to IDB re Section 3 of JCEP III Contract**](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152078/1) |
| * Preparation and dissemination of tax expenditure report | Formal communication from F.S of the MoF&P transmitting |  |  |
| - consultant report on Tax Expenditure Budgeting and on training of officials | The training on the tax expenditure model was carried out during 2010.  DOC Received:  - Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting evidence that the Tax Expenditure Report has been prepared and disseminated via: the consultant’s report, the Tax Expenditure Statements 2007-2009 | [**IDBDOCS-#38152134-3.03(h)(ii)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective III(A)\_JCEPIII\_03June2011**](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152134/1) |
| - evidence that the tax expenditure report had been disseminated | The Tax Expenditure Report has been approved and published in the web page of the MoF&P.  Last publication was carried out in 2013 was published in the MoF&P website. | <http://www.mof.gov.jm/sites/default/files/publications/Jamaica's%20Tax%20Expenditure%20Statement%20(2012).pdf>. |
|  | * New methodology for collection of income tax information approved. | Formal communication from the F.S of the MoF&P transmmiting:   * Approval of the initial design of the tax form * Initiation of the consultation process with stakeholders | The Tax Expenditure consultant conducted a Seminar (September 2010) with representatives of the Tax Policy and Tax administration Divisions at MoF&P on the redesign of the tax forms with particular emphasis on data collection to facilitate tax expenditure budgeting. The consultant also presented samples of redesigned CIT and PIT forms.  -DOCS received  Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting evidence that the new methodology for collection of income tax information has been approved via new tax forms.  Letter from the FS of the MoF&P, dated January 15 submtting the evidence of the income tax form that is now operational. | [IDBDOCS-#38152123-3.03(h)(i)-TaxExpdGoJ -Huttton Mission Report - 20101102](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152123/1)   * [IDBDOCS-#38369255-Letter from FS Regarding Financial and Tax Legislation](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369255/1)   [IDBDOCS-#38383602-tax form and income act](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38383602/1) |
| B. Simplifi-cation of tax administration. | Remaining tax collection simplification benchmarks achieved, including but not limited to:   * Adjustment on the implementation of Electronic Drop Box to pick up official receipts. * Operation of e-payment kiosks * Broadening the Application of the third party collection project * Risk Analysis of the forensinc data mining intelligence in operation. | Formal communication from Financial Secretary. MoF&P transmitting progress report on implementation of: | Docs Received  Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting evidence that Electronic Drop Box is operational, E-Payment Kiosks are being of upgraded and that E-Payment/filing Portal is in operation and software continuously being upgraded, Third Party Collection Project is at stage of putting out tenders, and FDIU is operational and collecting back taxes | [IDBDOCS-#38152167-3.03(k)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective IV\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152167/1) |
| 1. Electronic Drop Box and adjustements in implementation. | Electronic Drop Box - Currently the service is being promoted based on the survey findings and being fine-tuned on the basis of any procedural changes emanating therefrom. These are currently in operation but their use is not being appropriately advertised. **Collection:** FY 06/07 - $1.0B; FY 07/08 - $1.2B; FY 08/09 - $1.45B; **Transactions:** FY 06/07 – 4,662; FY 07/08 – 6,268; FY 08/09 – 6,399. | [IDBDOCS-#38152159-3.03(j)(a)(b)(c)(d)-VerificationOfElecDropBoX\_E-payKiosks\_ThirdPartyColl\_FDIURiskAnalysis\_April-Dec2010](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152159/1) |
| 1. Operation of E-Payment Kiosks. | E-Payment Kiosks - E-payment portal is now 12th in terms of collection up from 30th previously. The existing computer software and hardware is being upgraded. This has been funded by the Ministry of Mining and Telecommunications ICT project. As at March 2010, self-employed individuals and corporate entities now have the ability to electronically file their Income Tax Returns. To access the electronic filing option, persons are required to complete an Application for Electronic Filing Account Registration form, which is available online at [www.jamaicatax.gov.jm](http://www.jamaicatax.gov.jm) or at any Tax Office. The new online system also allows businesses to electronically make quarterly income tax payments. Individuals and self-employed persons are also able to electronically file their Education Tax Returns and make payments for NIS and Education Tax. However this additional investment required for this area has been hampered by a paucity of resources. |  |
| 1. Broadening the Third Party Collection Project. | Third Party Collection Project - This process has been completed and already there has been a partial roll-out through Paymaster Outlets Island wide.. |  |
| 1. Risk Analysis of the forensic data mining intelligence | FDIU – The Forensic Data Investigation Unit was established in April 2009. and continues to be operational.. |  |
| **IV. Reduction of Budgetary Burden for State Owned Enterprises** | | | |  |
| C. Expenditure Rationalization. | Elimination of government budget support for at least one state-controlled enterprise  Cabinet approval for institutionional framework for PPPs | Formal communication from F.S. MoF&P transmitting: | DOC Received:   * Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting evidence on progress on divestment of agricultural properties, media reports on Air Jamaica, negotiations on divestiture of Alumina Company are ongoing and restructuring / divestiture of GoJ entities. | [IDBDOCS-#38152167-3.03(k)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective IV\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152167/1) |
| 1. notification of full divestment of Sugar Industry 2. Statement of MoA to Parliament on the divestiment of Sugar Industry | As at July 30, 2010 GOJ has divested its remaining stakeholding in the local sugar industry to Complant Sugar International Limited. – OPM statement on “J$8b Sugar Divestment Agreements Signed Between Government and Chinese Investors” issued 2 August 2010 and “Statement to the House Of Representatives on the proposed divestment of Frome, Monymusk and Bernard Lodge sugar estates.  DOC Received:   * Statement to the House of Representatives on the Proposed Divestment of Frome, Monymusk and Bernard Lodge Sugar Estates made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on July 13, 2010 | [IDBDOCS-#38152176-3.03(k)(i)-STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DIVESTMENT July 13 2010](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152176/1) |
| 1. Report on the progress of the divestiture of Air Jamaica | The operations of Air Jamaica were transferred to Caribbean Airlines (CAL) in April 30, 2010. CAL l acquired the airline's fleet and route rights and will open a new hub at Kingston's Norman Manley International Airport..  DOCS Received:   * Air Jamaica Press Release stating “Caribbean Airlines / Air Jamaica Deal Finalized” – May 27, 2011 * Trinidad Express Newspaper article “Dookeran signs off on CAL, Air Jamaical deal” May 27, 2011 | [IDBDOCS-#38152190-3.03(k)(ii)-Air Jamaica Press Release on Signing of CAL-Air J Deal\_27May2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152190/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38152197-3.03(k)(ii)-Dookeran signs off on CAL, Air Jamaica deal\_27May2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38152197/1) |
| 1. Formal Communication from the F.S of the MoF&P submitting evidence on Cabinet Approval for Institutional Framework for PPPs | .Letter from the F.S of the MoF&P.S. dated January 15, 2014 submitting the approved Institutional Framework for PPPs. | * [IDBDOCS-#38369255-Letter from FS Regarding Financial and Tax Legislation](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369255/1)   [IDBDOCS-#38305361-Privatisation Policy 07052012](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38305361/1)  http://dbankjm.com/files/tion\_of\_a\_Public-Private\_Partnership\_Program.pdf |
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| **V. Improving Access to Finance and Financial Market Development** | | | |  |
| A. Reform of the secured transac-tions frame-work. | Interim secured transaction benchmarks achieved in building consensus on legislative reforms to enable secured transactions framework (Security Interests in Personal Property Bill) and creation of central registry of pledged assets including but not limited to:   * Drafting instructions approved by Cabinet * Evidence of consultation of stakeholders * Enacting of the Security Interests in Personal Property Act * Awarennes Campaign launched. * Insolvemcy Bill Tabled in Parliament | Formal communication from M F&P providing: | * Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting evidence on (i) Cabinet approval for enactment of new legislation for a secured transaction framework and issuance of drafting instructions to the CPC, and (ii) STR legal consultant’s report documenting numerous consultation with stakeholders | [IDBDOCS-#38154633-3.03(l)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective V\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38154633/1) |
| (i) Issuance of drafting instructions approved by Cabinet | A final draft of the Cabinet Submission on Secured Transaction Legislation was prepared by MIIC for review by PIOJ on Oct. 7, 2010.  The MoF&P notified the PIOJ that “Cabinet by Decision No 42/10 dated Nov. 15, 2010 gave approval for (i) the enactment of new legislation for a secured transactions framework, and (ii) the issuance of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel…” – Letter dated 29 Nov. 2010 from MoF&P B. Wilks to J. Cox.  Security Interests in Personal Property Act Tabled in Parliament in June 2013 and a Joint Select Committee was appointed. The Bill was passed in the Lower House of Parliament in December 2013  The Awareness Campaign has taken place during 2013    DOC Received:  Letter from Financial Secretary, signed by Mrs. Bridgett Wilks, to Joseph Cox, Consultant, PIOJ, dated Nov. 29, 2010 stating that Cabinet Decision No. 42/10 dated November 15, 2010 gave approval for (i) the enactment of new legislation for a secured transactions framework, and (ii) the issuance of drafting instructions to the Chief Parliamentary Counsel…” | [IDBDOCS-#38155023-3.03(l)(a)-Signed Letter from Bridgett Wilks Re Cab Dec 42-10\_29Nov2010](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38155023/1) |
| (ii) Evidence of consultation with stakeholders | The process of consultation has continued with the Consultants meeting with all the major stakeholders. MIIC hosted a Seminar on Secured Transactions on Wednesday July 21 with the Consultants and senior members of select Public sector agencies. Represented at the seminar were MIIC, MoF&P, Companies Office of Jamaica, Ex-Im Bank, BOJ and MIDA.  DOC Received:  - Memo dated Nov. 16, 2010 from Allen Welsh, consultant, to Claudia Stevenson, IDB (JCEP team leader), transmitting Jamaica Secured Transactions: Final Report. The Report documents the numerous meetings held with stakeholders on the Secured Transaction Reform issue. | [IDBDOCS-#38155052-3.03(l)(b)-Final Report -- Welsh](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38155052/1) |
|  |  | (iii) Copy of the Security Interests in Personal Property Actl | Draft Bill was prepared during 2012, including consultations with stakeholders. The Bill was tabled in Parliament in June 2013 and enacted in December 2013.  DOCs Received:  Official communication from the President of JAMPRO, dated January 15, 2014 submitting copy of the Security Interests Personal Property Act. | [IDBDOCS-#38369438-Letter from NCC re JCEP-JA-L1014](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369438/1)  <https://www.orcjamaica.com/uploads/SIPP%20PRESS%20AD.pdf>  <http://www.japarliament.gov.jm/attachments/341_Securities%20Ineterests%20in%20Personal%20Property%20Act%202013.pdf> |
|  |  | 1. Awareness Campaign has been launched | DOCs Received:  Official communication from the President of JAMPRO, dated January 15, 2014 submitting evidence that the awareness campaign has been launched. | [IDBDOCS-#38369438-Letter from NCC re JCEP-JA-L1014](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369438/1) |
|  |  | 1. Tabling of the Insolvency Bill | Drafting instructions for the Insolvency Bill were issued in June 2013 and a first draft for the Insolvency Law has been developed. The Bill was tabled in Parliament in December 23, 2013.  DOCs Received:  Official communication from the President of JAMPRO, dated January 15, 2014 submitting evidence of the Tabling of the Insolvency Act in Parliament. | [IDBDOCS-#38369438-Letter from NCC re JCEP-JA-L1014](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369438/1)  <http://www.nsippregistry.gov.jm/>  <http://www.japarliament.gov.jm/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=337:bills-tabled-new&catid=5:bills&Itemid=46> |
| B. Creation of Credit Bureaus. | Remaining benchmarks for fully funtioning framework for tegulation and supervision of credit bureaus achieved : |  | The Credit Reporting Act and regulations were enacted in 2011.  Public Awareness Programme is being carried out.  Policy Guidelines issued  As of January 2011, the BOJ supervision has been formed with dedicated staff members.  Two licenses for Credit Reporting Operators have been awarded and one started Operation in 2013  DOCS Received:   * Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, CD, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting Credit Reporting Act and accompanying regulations, * - Letter from the Director General of PIOJ submitting evidence of the implementation of the Credit Reporting Framework in Jamaica by the BoJ | [IDBDOCS-#38155073-3.03(m)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective V\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38155073/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38160741-BankofJamaicaCreditReportingUpdate](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160741/1) |
| * Credit Reporting Bill enacted. * Regulations for Credit Reporting. | Formal communication from MoF&P with the declaration of the effectiveness date of the Bill. | The Credit Reporting Act received the Governor General’s assent in August 2010 after being ratified by both Houses of Parliament and was in effect as December 2010. Regulations were passes as January 2011  DOCS Received:   * The Credit Reporting Act, 2010 (Act 27 of 2010)   Credit Reporting Regulations Resolution 2010 as posted in the Jamaica Gazette Supplement Vol. CXXXIV No. 4A of January 14, 2011 | [IDBDOCS-#38160700-3.03(m)(a)-The Credit Reporting Act 2010](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160700/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38160697-3.03(m)(a)-Credit Reporting Regulations\_14Jan2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160697/1) |
| * Bank of Jamaica has implemented the Action Plan for Supervision of Credit Bureaus | Formal communication from Deputy Governor of BoJ (FISD) submitting evidence on the implementation of the Action Plan for the Supervision of Credit Bureaus. | The Bank of Jamaica is in charge of the supervision of credit bureaus and the Media Public Education programme on Credit Bureaus has started. The guidelines for Credit Reporting are in place and two licenses for Credit Bureaus have been awarded. One Credit Bureau is operational since March 2013.  DOC Received:   * Letter from Mrs. Gayon Hosin, Deputy Governor, Financial Institutions Supervisory Division, BoJ to Mr. Joseph Cox, Program Manager Jamaica Competitiveness Enhancement Program, PIOJ dated 15 February 2011 transmitting the “Action Plan Summary: Implementation of Regime for Licensing and Regulation of Credit Bureaus in Jamaica—Update as at 15 February 2011 on Developments since Report Dated 16 July 2010” | [IDBDOCS-#38155087-3.03(m)(b)-Bank of Jamaica - Action Plan Summary Two](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38155087/1) |
|  | * Two licences for Credit reporting awarded and one Credit Bureau Oparating. | Formal communication from the Director General of the PIOJ | DOCs Received  Letter from the Director General of PIOJ dated September 2013 submitting evidence of the implementation of the Credit Reporting Framework in Jamaica by the BoJ stating the progress with the awarding of licenses and operation of Credit Bureaus. | [IDBDOCS-#38160741-BankofJamaicaCreditReportingUpdate](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160741/1) |
|  | * Awarennes Campaing Implemented |  |
| C. Facilitating Eletronic Transactions. | Benchmark achieved for implementation of legal, regulatory and institutional framework for use of mobile devices for financial transactions, including but not limited to:   * Consultation with stakeholders * Elaboration of appropiate policy framework * Initiation on the Implementation of Pilot Project for provision of payments to PATH beneficiaries and consensus reaching activities initiated. * Assesment on regulations for Addresing anti-money laundering for m-banking completed * Guidelines for Electronic Payment of Retail Services , including provisions for anti-monery laundering issued.. | Formal commmunication from the Financial Secretary transmitting: | DOCS Received:   * Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, CD, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 transmitting the final report of the mPay consultants, the draft Mobile Banking Regulatory Framework, evidence that a working committee has been established to fast track implementation of M-Banking, the final report on the cost-benefit analysis of using M-Banking, and documentation of government officials who have benefitted from Capacity Building Initiatives. | [IDBDOCS-#38160898-3.03(n)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective V\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160898/1)[pcdocs://IDBDOCS/38160911/1](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160911/1) |
| * Evidence of consultation with stakeholders | A set of international experts on regulatory issues for dealing with money laundering in m-banking had meeting with stakeholders and will produce a document on best practices and recommendations for Jamaica.  DOC Received: - Jamaica Regulatory Overview: Final Deliverable Version 1.4 Prepared for The Inter-American Development Bank Date: 08/05/2011, by mPay Connect. -- Report contains a listing of stakeholders consulted and responds to all comments received from Financial Institutions Supervisory Division of BoJ that were raised in letter dated 21 July, 2011from Gayon Hosin, Deputy Governor FISD, and in earlier correspondence | [IDBDOCS-#38160911-3.03(n)(a)-Jamaica Regulatory Overview Final Deliverable on June 13 2011 vers 1.3](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160911/1) |
| * Policy Framework | A draft policy document entitled the Mobile Banking Regulatory Framework has been drafted and circulated for discussion.  DOC received:  Guidelines to a Mobile Banking Regulatory Framework for Jamaica. Letter from Financial Institutions Supervisory Division of BoJ that were raised in letter dated 21 July, 2011from Gayon Hosin, Deputy Governor FISD, and in earlier correspondence | [IDBDOCS-#38160919-3.03(n)(b)-Mobile Banking Regulatory Framework\_Final](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160919/1) |
| * Evidence on the initial steps on the implementation of the pilot project including, but not limited to: (i) cost –benefit analysis, regulatory assesment for prevention of money laundering and (ii) capacity building for government officials. | A Working Committee has been established to fast track the implementation of M-Banking. A pilot to facilitate conditional cash transfers (PATH), NIS pensions and student has been initiated with consultation with stakeholders after the issuing of the Electronic Payment Guidelines.  A cost/benefit analysis of the implementation of a pilot project was completed.  DOC received: - Plan of Action for M-Banking – Revised version of original plan submitted in Dec. 2009.  The Cost Benefit Analysis for the pilot project was finalized in, 2010.  DOC received:   * Consultant’s report: “Electronic Social Welfare Payments – The Modality of the Mobile Phone”, Prepared for the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the Inter-American Development Bank, by Dr. Michael Witter December 17, 2010 | [IDBDOCS-#38160929-3.03(n)(c)-Final report3 - Electronic Social Welfare Payments](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160929/1) |
| Formal communication from the Deputy Governor, BoJ, confirming that assessment of needed regulations has been completed . . | Report on assessment of mobile banking regulations completed and approved by BoJ  DOC received  Letter from Gayon Hosin, Deputy Governor, Financial Institutions Supervisory Division, Bank of Jamaica, to Joseph Cox, Programme Manager, Jamaica Competitiveness Enhancement Program, Planning Institute of Jamaica, dated 21 July 2011 stating full acceptance of consultants’ report pending minor, unsubstantial adjustments. Ms. Hosin’s letter commends the report and confirms its “…great assistance in determining the strategy that should engaged to ensure the appropriate regime for Jamaica is established | .[IDBDOCS-#38160936-3.03(n)(d)-BOJMobBnkgJamaicaRegOverviewGayonHosinVoBo(21july11)](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38160936/1)  http://www.boj.org.jm/uploads/news/guidelines\_for\_electronic\_retail\_payments\_services\_-\_1\_february\_2013.pdf |
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|  | National Payment Systems in Effect | Formal communication from F.S. MoF&P transmitting legislation published by the Gazette. | National Payments System Legislation: Parliament approved “The Payment Clearing and Settlement Act, 2010”.  DOCS Received  - Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, CD, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 attesting that the “National Payments System is in Effect”   * Copy of “The Payment Clearing and Settlement Act, 2010”   Copy of: The Jamaica Gazette Supplement, Vol CXXXIV No. 32A “The Financial Administration and Audit Act: The Financial Management Regulations 2011, Resolution | [IDBDOCS-#38161624-3.03(o)(i)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective V\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161624/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38161637-3.03(o)(i)-The Payment Clearing and Settlement Act 2010](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161637/1) |
| Formal communication from Deputy Governor, BoJ transmitting report on the progress on the implementation of the system. | The BoJ has made full implementation for state owned securities as a first stage and has made the required investment in equipment and strenghening of institutional capacity.  DOC Received:   * BoJ “Brief: Status of Payments System Reform Project” (31 Janauary 2011 and letter of transmittal to Bank Rep. in Kingston from Livingstone Morrison, Deputy Governor BoJ dated 8 Feburary 2011. (Brief documents successful implementation of phase 1 of NPS reform project and initiation of preliminary work regarding planned phase 2.) | [IDBDOCS-#38161684-3.03(o)(ii)-PaymtsSystmRefrmProjTransmissnLtr(8feb11)](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161684/1) |
| E-payment Regulations in Effect | Formal communication from F.S. MoF&P transmitting copy of the approved Financial Administration and Audit (FAA) Act including E-payment regulations | The Revised Financial Administration and Audit (FAA) Act Ministries and Departments) Regulations 2009 including E-payment regulations were completed in February 2010  DOCS received:   * Letter from Financial Secretary, Wesley Hughes, CD, to IDB Representative, Ancile Brewster, dated June 3, 2011 attesting that the E-payment Regulations are in effect.   Copy of: The Jamaica Gazette Supplement, Vol CXXXIV No. 32A “The Financial Administration and Audit Act: The Financial Management Regulations | [[IDBDOCS-#38161696-3.03(p)-Letter from Financial Secretary re Objective V\_JCEPIII\_03June2011](file:///C:\\Users\\claudiast\\Documents\\Jamaica%202012\\JA-L1014\\JA-L1014\\Means%20of%20Verification\\LoanComplianceEvidence\\3.03(p)-Letter%20from%20Financial%20Secretary%20re%20Objective%20V_JCEPIII_03June2011.pdf)](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161696/1)  [f](file:///C:\\Users\\claudiast\\Documents\\Jamaica%202012\\JA-L1014\\JA-L1014\\Means%20of%20Verification\\LoanComplianceEvidence\\3.03(p)-Letter%20from%20Financial%20Secretary%20re%20Objective%20V_JCEPIII_03June2011.pdf)  by |
|  | Guidelines for Electronic Payment of Retail Services, including Anti-Money Laundering provisions regarding mobile services are in effect.. | Formal communication from the BoJ submitting the the Guidelines for Electonic Payment of Retail Services | DOC received:  Letter from the Senior Director of the Senior of the Payment System of the Bank of Jamaica, submitting the approved guidelines | [IDBDOCS-#38381381-MOV- BOJ Electronic Retail Payments system[1]](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38381381/1)  http://www.boj.org.jm/uploads/news/guidelines\_for\_electronic\_retail\_payments\_services\_-\_1\_february\_2013.pdf |
| D. Facilitating credit to MSMEs | White Paper Policy for MSMEs approved by Cabinet | Official Communication from the PIOJ submitting the approved Policy Paper. | MSME and Entrepreneurship Policy was approved Cabinet in 2013. | [IDBDOCS-#38383715-Letter from PIOJ on the MSME policy[1]](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38383715/1)  <http://www.miic.gov.jm/PDF%20Files/MSME%20&%20ENTREPRENEURSHIP%20POLICY%20(7th%20DRAFT)%20-%20JAN.%202012.pdf> |
|  | Legislation for recognition of business registration forms enacted | Official Communication from the Preident of JAMPRO submiting the Companies (Amendment) Act 2013 for the Recognition of the Business Registration Form | Companies (Amendment) Act for the Recognition of the Business Registration Form enacted in December 2013.  DOCs Received:  Official communication from the President of JAMPRO, dated January 15, 2014 submitting evidence of the Tabling of the Insolvency Act in Parliament | [IDBDOCS-#38369438-Letter from NCC re JCEP-JA-L1014](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38369438/1)  <http://www.japarliament.gov.jm/attachments/341_The%20Companies%20(Amendment)%20Act,%202013.pdf> |
| **VI. Reduction of business costs through expedited land titling** | | | |  |
| Strengthening land property rights | Remaining benchmarks achieved to strengthen land property rights, including:  Actions for reducing registration and land titling costs.  Reductions in fees, commisions and duties for land transactions by 5% compared to the 2008 baseline  PPP to implement the LAMP II recommendation in execution | Formal communication from P.S.  OPM transmitting report describing:  - Reduction in costs for title applicants in LAMP areas compared to non LAMP areas  - Reduction in time required to process applications  - Parishes covered by LAMP  - Percent of land area now under LAMP  - Number of titles issued in 2007, 2008 , 2009 and 2010  - Evidence of the PPP agreement between the Korean Cadastrial /Survey Corporation KCSC, Geoland Titling and the Government of Jamaica for pursuing 12,500 titles. | The Korea Cadastral Survey Corporation (KCSC), has signed an agreement with Geoland Title Limited, a Jamaican land management company, for the rapid expansion of the Land Administration and Management Programme (LAMP). LAMP 2 was launched on July 1, 2010. Phase II of the initiative will entail major expansion of LAMP's activities in St Elizabeth, Clarendon and Manchester.  January 14, 2014, ,all the parishes in the island have been declared LAMP, with the exception of Saint Elizabeth, Clarendon and Manchester that are part of LAMP II. Under LAMP I, two thousand three hundred and sixty one (2,361) new titles have been registered for the period between 2011 and August 2013. Under LAMP II, four hundred and seventy (470) new titles have been issued. An extension of the PPP agreement between Korea Cadastral Survey Corporation, Geoland Jamaica and LAMP was signed in February 2013.  DOC Received  - Letter from the P.S of the Ministry of the Ministry of Land, Water and Climate Change submitting the updated information on the progress of LAMP.  **-** Letter from Onika Miller (Ms.), Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister to Ancile Brewster, Representative, IDB dated 14 April 2011 transmitting the evidence of the reduction in cost and time of land property rights.  DOC Received:  - OPM Ministry Paper No. 81/2010 dated Oct. 5, 2010 containing Required data on cost reductions and Progress Report and National Land Agency Report on Land Titling and Registration dated Feb. 3, 2011 | [IDBDOCS-#38161743-3.03(q)-OfficialCopyLtrTransmsn(14apr11)](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161743/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38161737-3.03(q)-LampRpt&OPMpaper#81(14apr11)](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161737/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38161723-3.03(q)-LAMP-CurrntOpsAdditnlData](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38161723/1)  [IDBDOCS-#38381966-LampReport2013](PCDOCS://IDBDOCS/38381966/1) |