

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 17 OCTOBER 2017

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 October 2017:

1. Contract;
2. Annual Report;
3. Board Appointment;
4. Jamaica's hosting of Regional Meetings;
5. Implementation Agreement for the China-Aided Western Children's Hospital Project;
6. Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health from the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS);
7. Agreement Between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Argentine Republic on the Engagement in Remunerated Activities by Dependent Relatives of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Staff of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts; and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Nuclear Medicine Redevelopment Project – University Hospital of the West Indies

Cabinet approved the award of a contract in the sum of \$124,358,203.38 to Chin's Construction Limited to execute the Nuclear Medicine Redevelopment Project at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI).

The Nuclear Medicine Redevelopment Project is being undertaken to improve the nuclear medicine services and the diagnostic and disease management capacity of the UHWI.

2. Annual Report

Cabinet considered Annual Report of the Pesticides Control Authority for the Financial Year 2013/2014.

The Report will be tabled in Parliament at a later date.

3. Board Appointment

Entertainment Advisory Board

Cabinet approved the following appointments to the Board, with effect from 17 October 2017 and up to 12 June 2018 when the tenure of the Board will expire:

- (i) the appointment of current member Mr. Howard McIntosh as Chairman; and
- (ii) the appointment of Mr. Newton Amos as a member.

4. Jamaica's Hosting of Regional Meetings

(i) Jamaica's hosting of an Inter-Parliamentary Workshop in Collaboration with ParlAmericas and UN WOMEN, Kingston, Jamaica

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of an Inter-Parliamentary Workshop in January 2018, in collaboration with the Inter-American Parliamentary Organization (ParlAmericas) and the United Nations Women (UN WOMEN) Multi-Country Office in the Caribbean.

The workshop will entail an inter-parliamentary dialogue which will focus on preventing gender-based violence and promoting healthy masculinities through the sharing of best-practices.

(ii) Approval for Hosting the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) 35th Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

Cabinet approved Jamaica's hosting of the United Nations (UN) Food and Agricultural Organization's (FAO) 35th Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) during the period 5 to 8 March 2018.

The Conference will cover topical areas currently affecting the LAC region, such as: Climate Change Adaptation and Management; Natural Resources Management; and the challenges and prospects for food and nutrition security.

5. Implementation Agreement for the China-Aided Western Children's Hospital Project

Cabinet approved the execution of the Implementation Agreement for the China-Aided Western Children's Hospital Project between the Government of Jamaica (acting through the Ministry of Health) and the People's Republic of China (acting through the Agency for International Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce of China).

The Implementation Agreement was drafted in the context of the Agreement for Economic and Technical Cooperation signed by both countries, and outlines the obligations of the Parties (Jamaica and China) with respect to the implementation of the project, including financial obligations.

6. Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health from the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS)

Cabinet gave approval for the Ministry of Health to secure further technical assistance from the United Nations Office of Project Services, with respect to a needs assessment study for the upgrade and expansion of five hospitals in Jamaica; and the preparation of a project document and project charter and the provision of a design review for the China-Aided Western Children's Hospital Project.

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is an operational arm of the United Nations, supporting the successful implementation of its partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. UNOPS provides project management, infrastructure and procurement services with a focus on sustainability and

national capacity development.

7. Agreement Between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Argentine Republic on the Engagement in Remunerated Activities by Dependent Relatives of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Staff of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts

Cabinet approved the Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of the Argentine Republic on the Engagement in Remunerated Activities by Dependent Relatives of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Staff of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts.

The Cabinet also approved the signature of the Agreement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

The Agreement will allow, on the basis of reciprocity, dependent family members of diplomatic, consular, administrative and technical staff of the diplomatic or consular mission of one Party, who are officially accredited in the territory of the other Party, to engage in remunerated activities, in accordance with domestic legislation in the respective countries.

8. Reports

(i) Report on Ministerial Travel to Japan by a Delegation led by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information which reported on the visit to Japan by a delegation led by the Minister of Education, Youth and Information during the period 8 to 15 July 2017.

The report advised that the purpose of the visit was to hold discussions with senior government officials with the objective of securing a grant for establishing a new high school and to strengthen bilateral relations between Jamaica and Japan through increased trade and education cooperation. The report further advised of discussions held with private sector officials and senior officials of the Japanese Government on matters including past, current and future bilateral cooperation and partnership activities in education, coffee production, and energy.

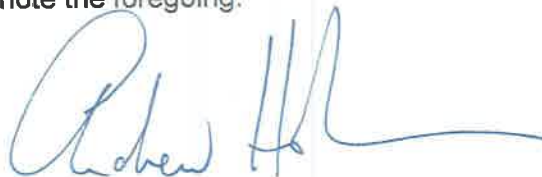
(ii) Update on the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Government of Jamaica, World Bank Group and Inter-American Development Bank Global Conference on Jobs & Inclusive Growth: Partnerships for Sustainable Tourism; Jamaica

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Tourism on the status of planning for Jamaica's hosting of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Government of Jamaica, World Bank Group, and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Global Conference on Jobs & Inclusive Growth: Partnerships for Sustainable Tourism, scheduled for 27 to 29 November 2017.

The report highlighted the main activities undertaken since the previous Cabinet Decisions in order to advance the planning of the conference, including the formal

engagement of the Jamaica National (JN) Group as the Conference Manager and the establishment of the Conference Secretariat; the major conference partners; sponsorship; the confirmed speakers; the conference programme; and the conference themes of *The Future of Tourism in the Caribbean Region, Innovative Partnerships, and Public-Private Partnership Investment Project Opportunities* for the first, second and third days, respectively.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

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Andrew Holness, MP

Prime Minister

November 2017