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Presentation Outline

- ✍ Country's information
- ✍ Development Gateway Initiatives

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JAMAICA

- ✍ Population :- 2.7 Million
- ✍ Area :- 4,411 Square Miles
- ✍ Tourism is the major Industry
- ✍ Religion
 - 96% Christianity
 - 4% Other (Rastafarianism, Muslim, etc)
- ✍ Sports :- Football, Cricket, Basketball
- ✍ Entertainment :- Music (Reggae Music)



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- ✍ Jamaica is 885.1 km (550 miles) south of Miami, Florida, and 144.8 km (90 miles) south of Cuba.
- ✍ The island is the third largest in the Caribbean.
- ✍ The Blue Mountain Peak at 2,250 m (7,402 ft), is the highest point on the island.
- ✍ Jamaica has a tropical climate. We have no seasons. Daytime temperatures hover around 32.2 degrees Centigrade (90°F), with the nights being about 9 degrees cooler.



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Kingston is the capital of Jamaica and its major commercial centre. It is located on the south coast of the island. Together with the adjoining suburb of St. Andrew, it covers approximately 258.9 sq. km (100 square miles). Kingston's natural Harbour is the seventh largest in the world.



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✍️ Jamaica is known through
– Reggae Music

Bob Marley



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Products



**Blue Mountain
Coffee**



Bauxite



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 Sports



Reggae Boyz



Merlene Ottey

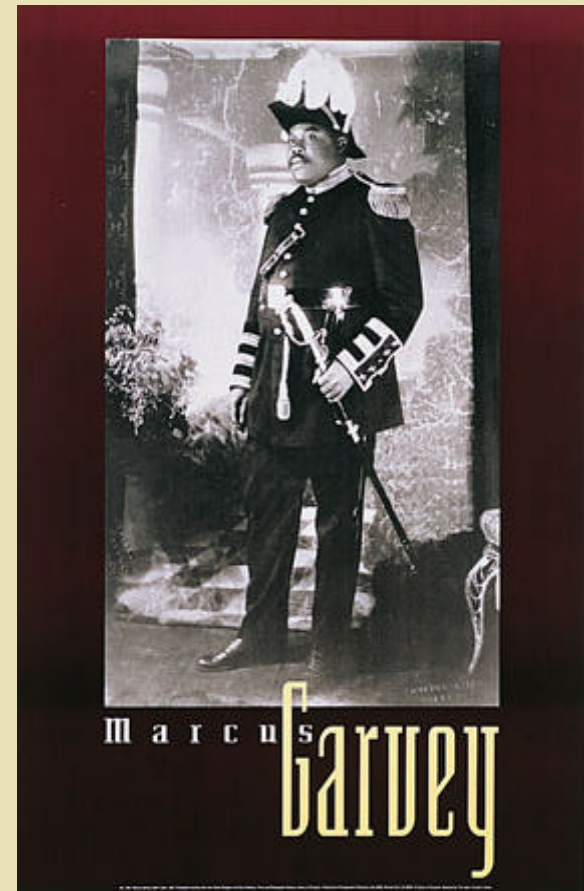


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People

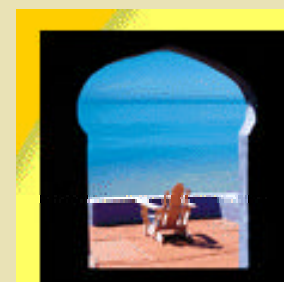


Michael Manley



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Tourism



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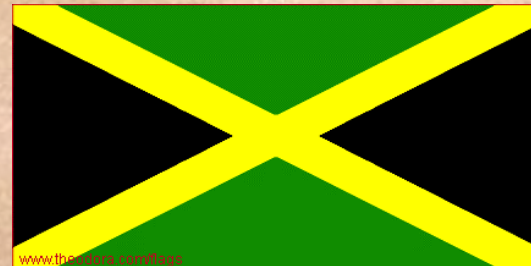
✍ Major Achievements

- Host of the 2002 World Junior Games
- Host of the 2003 World Netball Championships
- Most Improving Country in ICT
- Voted Best Destination in Tourism for many years
- Voted most Friendly People by Travel Agents for many years



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Jamaica Land We Love



Jamaica's Development Gateway





Country Gateway for Jamaica

- ✍ This, which will serve as a mega site, will enable Government to realize its goal of sustainable development and poverty alleviation.
- ✍ A meeting place for development stakeholders.
- ✍ The main goal is to place Jamaica in the forefront of the English speaking Caribbean using ICT to facilitate economic development



Objectives

- ✍ Mobilizing Investments
- ✍ Facilitating Technical Assistance
- ✍ Increase possibilities for project financing, particularly for underdeveloped and underserved areas of Jamaica.



Strategies to be Employed

- ✍ Mobilizing resources for poverty alleviation and initiatives to reduce regional inequities.
- ✍ Support the economic planning process;
- ✍ Promote Trade & Investment
- ✍ Use in Education
- ✍ Promote Patriarchal Development
- ✍ Information Hub



Resources

- ✍ The World Bank, through InfoDev, has given a grant for the development of a Business Plan over a six (6) months period. The plan will include an assessment of the prerequisites needed for the establishment of the gateway and an analysis of the elements needed for its sustainability, organizational structure and funding.



Implementing Agency

✍ The Central Information Technology Office (CITO), has been designated as the coordinating office for the National Strategic Plan and will manage the grant and facilitate the construction, management and sustainability of the Gateway

You can visit the gateway at
www.jamaicagateway.org

A collection of historical artifacts is displayed on a light-colored surface. On the left, a portion of a wooden chessboard with a checkered pattern and several chess pieces is visible. Below the chessboard, there are two ornate medals with star-shaped centers and intricate designs. One medal has a red ribbon, and the other has a blue ribbon. A pair of round, gold-rimmed glasses with thin temples lies in the center. In the bottom left corner, a circular compass with a white face and black markings is partially visible. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Jamaica's ICT Position

As at March 1, 2003



Jamaica's ICT Position

- ✍ The liberalization of Jamaica's Telecommunications sector was realized on March 1, 2003.
- ✍ Before that, one company, C&W, owned a monopoly in voice and data communications.
- ✍ Three (3) years ago, Wireless Telephony was liberalized. Again ending a C&W monopoly. The result was the introduction of 2 additional wireless telephone providers (Digicel & Centennial).



Jamaica's ICT Position

- ✍ Status can be described as Developing.
- ✍ Government Currently working on an e-commerce Policy Paper.
- ✍ Training in telecommunications has started (CIT, CISCO, Microsoft)
- ✍ Government looking to atomize agencies. (Tax & other payments online / application forms also automated)
- ✍ Many Internet Providers
- ✍ Many businesses and government agencies building websites



Jamaica's ICT Position

- ✍ Within another 3-4 years there will be greater strides.
- ✍ Two major Projects to be administered within the next 3-5 years.
- ✍ Jamaica is the leading ICT country in the English speaking Caribbean.



Jamaica's ICT Position

Major Achievements

- Internet Speeds of up to DSL, T1, etc proportions.
- More than 3,000 Specially Trained ICT Personnel.
- Computer widely available (duty and tax free).
- Some Basic and Primary Schools equipped with Computer Labs.
- All High Schools have computer labs.
- More than half the population (estimated 1.4 million) use cell phones.
- Entire island has cell phone coverage.
- Internet Kiosks Available at most Post Offices.

Jamaica's ICT Position

✍ It has been predicted that within the next 5-10 years, Jamaica would be on par with some of the leading ICT countries of the world.





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