



THE FLAME
Keeping the Diaspora FIRED UP

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The People's National Party's Newsletter Keeping the Diaspora FIRED UP

Welcome to the holiday edition of The Flame: the PNP Diaspora Newsletter.

The support for the People's National Party that is running through Jamaica is electrifying. For those of us in the Diaspora, we urge you to follow social media to watch the Candidate Presentations, Road Tours and Parish Meetings and feel the energy and catch the vibe! Time Come Now!

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Diaspora Region

Holiday Greeting from
Leader Golding

85th Annual Conference
Reflections

The Most Honorable
Portia Simpson-Miller's
Administration
Achievements

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM PARTY LEADER, MARK GOLDING



As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate the holiday season, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the vital role that our Jamaican family overseas plays in the ongoing development and growth of our beloved country Jamaica.

The Jamaican Diaspora is integral to the destiny of our nation. I therefore support your active involvement in our nation's advancement and am committed to finding effective ways of including the Diaspora in our national development and governance.

We should find the bipartisan will to expand the Senate to include Diaspora representation so that our democracy benefits from the wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience you will bring to the Parliament.

I am also keen on involving members of the Diaspora on public boards where your expertise will contribute significantly to the much-needed strengthening of the governance of public institutions.

I am aware that many of you face tedious and costly bureaucratic hurdles when attempting to undertake philanthropic support for Jamaica. Time come to cut through the red tape to make it easier for you to make positive contributions to our society at home.

I wish to pursue the establishment of a Jamaican Diaspora Development Fund to serve as a catalyst for financing new economic opportunities in Jamaica. With a robust and transparent governance structure, the Fund will enable you to participate in investments to support positive change and sustainable development here at home.

As we approach the end of the year, I extend warm wishes to you and your families that this holiday season brings joy and peace in the company of your loved ones, and for the coming year to be filled with blessings and new opportunities.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes!





INTRODUCING THE DIASPORA REGION

The People's National Party took the unprecedented step of permitting membership in the Party to those Jamaicans who live outside of Jamaica. The 84th Annual Party Conference in 2022 ratified a resolution to open membership to Jamaicans who do not reside in Jamaica. This was a long time coming and designed to embrace the many supporters of the PNP who live around the world.

The 85th Annual conference in September, 2023 also expanded the Party's current six regions to include the Diaspora Region. This will give members of the Diaspora an opportunity to serve their Party through membership as well as in leadership and organizational capacities. The Diaspora Region is sub-divided into six zones and each zone is further sub-divided into divisions. Regional, Zone and Division conferences will be held each year where representatives to the Party's National Executive Council (NEC) will be chosen.

SAVE THE DATE: Diaspora Region information virtual meeting, Saturday, January 13, 2024. More info to follow.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DIASPORA OF THE 85TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On September 17, 2023, Chairman of the People's National Party, Dr. Angella Brown-Burke opened the 85th Annual Conference and acknowledged the at capacity attendance at the National Arena Jamaicans came from East, West, North, and South to send a clear message that "Time Come! Time Come Now! Jamaicans from all over the Diaspora flew in to experience the awe inspiring atmosphere of the 85th Annual Conference.

Long time PNP supporter Attorney Dawn Warren from New York was thrilled, "as a Diasporan Comrade, I was quite enthralled by and given new hope having attended the 85th annual PNP conference. This was not my first and definitely not my last conference with God's help. I now wait in excited anticipation of seeing Mark Golding as PM of Jamaica. He and his team will bring intellect, integrity, insight, dedication and a true sense of caring for the growth and development of Jamaica and its people."



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 85TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



PNP HISTORY

THE MOST HONOURABLE PORTIA SIMPSON-MILLER'S ADMINISTRATION ACHIEVEMENTS



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Jamaica quickly regained the confidence of the international community and signed an Extended Fund Facility with the IMF in 2013. With this, Jamaica was able to pass nine consecutive quarterly reviews and was able to re-enter global capital markets and secure the lowest interest rates ever.

- A. Jamaica became increasingly attractive to both local and foreign investors.
- B. The debt to GDP ratio was reduced.
- C. Our Net International Reserves increased to \$1.91 billion in 2015.
- D. Inflation was significantly reduced from 9.5% in 2013 to 6.4% in 2014/15.
- E. Jamaica moved up in the Global Competitiveness Index and ranked 64 out of 146 nations in the 2014 Forbes Best Countries for Business Report.
- F. The PNP reopened all the sources of credit that had virtually dried up under the JLP.
- G. The World Bank's Doing Business 2015 report showed an improvement in Jamaica's ranking.
- H. Jamaican businesses benefited from the lowest interest rates in decades.



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PORTIA RESTORED JAMAICA'S PRIDE OF PLACE AND RESPECT ON THE WORLD STAGE

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THE VISITS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA, PRIME MINISTER CAMERON, JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER ABE AND PRINCE HARRY WERE MAJOR INDICATORS OF THE STRENGTH OF JAMAICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND THE RESTORED RESPECT OF JAMAICA AS A LEADER IN THE CARIBBEAN.

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3 SOCIAL HARMONY AND INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER **SIMPSON-MILLER O.N.**

PORTIA

- a. Portia implemented the Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP), which provided employment for thousands of Jamaicans.
- b. A massive programme of infrastructure development with billions pumped into road infrastructure.
- c. The new North-South Highway was built under Portia Simpson Miller



PNP Annual Conference

"The only way that we are going to see a better Jamaica is if we get a liberator in Jamaica House... One that the Jamaican people will be proud to call leader, not for what is on his foot, but for what is in his head"

– Dr Pauline Foster



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EVENTS AROUND THE DIASPORA

The Jamaica National Movement, . New York, Inc., founded by the late George Lee, Mayor of Portmore, St Catherine and incorporated November 21, 1984 in the State of New York invites supporters of the PNP, 18 years and older to our monthly meetings every First Sunday in Brooklyn.

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